

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

April 12, 1999 Hearing Room B

3:00 PM Tapes 53-54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. John Lim, Chair

Sen. Avel Gordly, Vice-Chair

Sen. Verne Duncan

Sen. Tony Corcoran

Sen. Bill Fisher

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Rives, Administrator

Paula Merritt, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 1242 Public Hearing

SCR 5 Public Hearing and Work Session

SJM 10 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 950 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 951 Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
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TAPE 53, A

000	Chair Lim	Opens meeting at 3:15 p.m. and opens public hearing on SB 1242.
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SB 1242 PUBLIC HEARING

011	Sen. Ted Ferrioli	Senate District 28. Explains SB 1242 and the Oregon Trail. Explains there is no other plan to honor Sacajawea. Comments on plans for a bronze statue to be done in eastern Oregon. Explains this is a timely bill. Would like to bring back the artist and proponents at a later date.
056	Sen. Corcoran	Asks how bill will be funded.
059	Sen. Ferrioli	Explains he is not sure where the funding would come from. Comments on the importance of honoring the native American heritage and the possibility of Economic Development funds.
080	Sen. Gordly	Notes the educational value of this project and making Oregon's children aware of Sacajawea. Makes note of the State Capitol's "gold pioneer" on top of the capitol building at this time and how the children were able to contribute.
095	Sen. Ferrioli	States he will take that idea back to the proponents.
097	Sen. Duncan	Explains what a learning exercise it was for our children to be able to contribute to the gold pioneer on the Capitol building.
115	Sen. Ferrioli	Describes what a sight our "golden pioneer" presents.
122	Sen. Duncan	Comments on his granddaughter's enjoyment of the Capitol's statue.
134	Chair Lim	Comments on a good investment in culture. Asks about the cost of this project.
140	Sen. Ferrioli	States he does not know the cost. States it will be a chance for the state to work with federal partners. There will be substantial dollars appropriated during the Lewis and Clark festivities. This would be an opportunity to work with them.
157	Chair Lim	Suggests that the committee responsible needs to act soon, due to time restraints. Closes the public hearing on SB 1242 and opens public hearing on SCR 5.

SCR 5 PUBLIC HEARING

167	Carol Rives	Committee Administrator. Explains that SCR 5 is a bill that extends a formal invitation to the President of the Republic of Korea to make an official visit to the state of Oregon. This bill has no revenue or fiscal impact. Refers to committee packets. Explains that some grammatical language was changed in the amendments. Reviews the SCR 5-1 amendments. Staff submits (EXHIBIT A) .
217	Chair Lim	Explains that the Korean ambassador to the United States and the American ambassador to the Republic of Korea will be speaking to the Senate Chamber on 4/20/99. Closes public hearing on SCR 5 and opens work session.

SCR 5 WORK SESSION

237 Sen. Gordly **MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SCR 5-1 amendments dated 04/09/99.**

247 Chair Lim **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

248 Sen. GORDLY: **MOTION: Moves SCR 5 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED recommendation.**

VOTE: 5-0

AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.

249 Chair Lim **The motion CARRIES.**

SEN. LIM will lead discussion on the floor.

256 Chair Lim Closes work session and opens public hearing on SJM 10.

SJM 10 PUBLIC HEARING

266 Rives Explains that SJM 10 is a memorial to urge Congress and the President to use all appropriate means to resolve all issues of American soldiers and pilots who are still missing from the Korean War.

293 Ed Hughes Representing the Coalition for Veteranis Issues. Thanks the committee for introducing SJM 10. States there has been confusion about the Korean War. States this bill encourages Congress and the President to use every resource possible to get the answers to families so they may have closure.

332 Sen. Corcoran Asks if there has been an improvement with the United Statesi relations with North Korea to the extent that this may be a more important time to get this information than it was a few years ago.

345 Hughes States Chair Lim may be better able to respond, as he has visited that area recently.

347 Chair Lim Describes the status of international relations with North Korea. States it is time to open this issue again. North Korea has economic needs and may be more receptive. Families of American soldiers want to have answers. Asks if there are any veterans in the room today. One veteran is present and Chair Lim thanks him for his service. Closes public service hearing on SJM 10 and opens work session.

SJM 10 WORK SESSION

400 Chair Lim: **MOTION: Moves SJM 10 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.**

VOTE: 5-0

Chair Lim

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

SEN. DUNCAN will lead discussion on the floor.

423 Chair Lim Closes work session on SJM 10 and opens public hearing on SB 950.

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SB 950 PUBLIC HEARING

011	Rives	Explains SB 950. Has no revenue or fiscal impact. The bill does three things. It designates the month of May each year as Asian American Heritage Month. It encourages the State Board of Education to develop a curriculum to promote the awareness of Asian- Americans in Oregon's history and it requires school districts to give time and instruction during school hours in commemoration of Asian-Americans in American history. Finally, it requires the Commission of Asian Affairs and the Oregon Heritage Commission to coordinate their efforts statewide for celebration of Asian-American Heritage Month.
011	Angela Collis-Dean	Eugene. Supports SB 950. States she has worked to prepare the Asian-American Celebration in Eugene. States this has been a yearly event for 14 years in Eugene. Comments how this has helped Asian visibility. States that Philippine-Americans feel like guests in this country. Asian-American Heritage Month will bring about the visibility that is needed. SB 950 will help break this visibility block.
029	Chair Lim	Thanks Collis-Dean for her contributions.
060	Corcoron	Comments on Asian-American Celebration which he has attended.
065	Collis-Dean	Invites everyone to attend the 15th annual Asian-American Celebration.
076	Peter Leung	Describes his experience as an American citizen. Supports SB 950. Explains The Asian Commission. He states that the Asian -American citizens feel like second-hand citizens. SB 950 will help instill ownership.
082	Cynthia R. Mounts	Douglas County, Roseburg. Supports SB 950. Explains that the Pacific Asian Counsel, a group she started in Douglas County, no longer exists due to poor participation. Explains that Asians are having a difficult time with visibility in community. States that these citizens feel as though they do not belong. States she wanted to be the voice of the Asians in Douglas County and represent the community in hopes that SB 950 will pass.
131	Sen. Fisher	Explains that he has been involved in some of the meetings in Douglas County and that these meetings cover many important interests.

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| 136 | Mounts | Describes the Asian-American Celebration festival in Douglas County and the impact on the county. This celebration brought everyone in the community together. It allows sharing of cultural experiences. |
| 172 | Timmy K. Tso | President, Chinese-American Association of Commerce of Oregon. Explains he supports SB 950. Presents and reads from (EXHIBIT B) . |
| 191 | Chair Lim | Closes public hearing on SB 950 and opens work session. |

SB 950 WORK SESSION

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| 192 | Sen.. Duncan | States his concerns and believes that the Department of Education should have been present. Would like to know their opinion of the impact of trying to put 3a and 3b together, referring to line 11, 3a and b. There may be a problem with legislative mandates in this area. Believes that the Board of Education needs to be involved with a statement. |
| 260 | Chair Lim | States that there will be another public hearing on this bill in the future. States that the committee will wait to hear from the Department of Education. Closes work session on SB 950. |

SB 951 PUBLIC HEARING

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| 215 | Rives | Summarizes SB 951 for the committee. Explains that SB 951 requires that two members of the Commission on Asians Affairs be selected from representatives of the Legislative Assembly. It increases the coordination between Economic Development Department and the Commission on Asian Affairs. It requires that the Commission on Asian Affairs advise and consult the Governor. It requires that a member of the Commission on Asian Affairs also serve as a member of the International Trade Commission. It increases the term of the members of the Commission on Asian Affairs from two years to three years. Currently two members are appointed by the legislature. Presents proposed amendment (EXHIBIT A.) |
| 215 | Chair Lim | Will not have a work session today. There will be a public hearing on this at a later date due to several amendments. |
| 342 | Sen. Fisher | Explains he supports Mounts on this bill. |

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| 003 | Collis-Dean | Past member, Commission of Asian Affairs in Eugene. Supports SB 951. States she has worked to prepare the Asian-American Celebration in Eugene for the past 14 years. States that there was no exposure to the general public in the past. Comments on visibility of Asian Americans in Eugene. States that she officially took a trade mission to the Philippines. Discusses the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). She broached the idea of using the MOU to the International Division of the Economic Development Department and was told that this would cost too much money, that it would take too long to complete and that Oregon had already had experience with this. She contacted Massachusetts to get a copy of their MOU and was told that it was very effective in that state. The International Division told her that this document was not valid because there was no way to gauge how much money was produced by the |
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MOU.

- 053 Collis-Dean Within 4 months of her trade mission she had already exceeded \$26 million dollars of commerce. Her experience on the commission showed her that the MOU opened doors.
- She feels that the Asian commission can provide the Asian thinking that Oregon needs and needs a seat in the International Trade Commission.
- 093 Collis-Dean Explains that the MOU was misunderstood. The state did not think it was a legal document. The commission can provide all things needed for the Asian community.
- 097 Collis-Dean States many dollars can be saved for the community by using the MOU document.
- 110 Mounts Current member, Commission on Asian Affairs. Presents and reads from **(EXHIBIT E)**. States she has been a commission member for less than 1 year. States that she understands the trade and commerce between Oregon and the Pacific Rim. She negotiated with the Umpqua Community Development Corporation, which is a non-profit corporation that gives loans for low-income individuals and will train and license individuals to work. Wants to encourage trade of exports and imports with Asia. Discusses her proposed amendment to the bill. Would like the definition of Asian Americans to be added. Would like to add Syria and Persia as Oregon trade partners. Oregon currently partners with the Pacific Rim only.
- 140 Mounts Submits and reads from **(EXHIBIT D)**.
- 156 Chair Lim Asks Mounts about the meaning of the "Asian" community.
- 189 Mounts Explains the commission as she understands it.
- 190 Sen. Fisher The 5th district stretches up the Pacific Coast and through the entire southern and eastern part of Oregon. The 4th district would represent part of southern Oregon, but extend up into the Willamette Valley to Albany. The people would be getting a heavy representation there and very little in the outlying districts. The other Senate district is the one that goes from Troutdale and covers the northern part of Oregon to Pendleton. Two districts are on the north coast and western part of Oregon. Three of the members would have solid roots in the Willamette Valley. The rest are concentrated in the Portland area.
- 192 Chair Lim Explains he will considers proposal to add Syria and Persia to Oregon trade. Reiterates this is not a work session.
- 231 Sen. Duncan Excuses himself from the meeting. Supports the bill.
- 232 Peter Leung States the problems that Collis-Dean has had in her commission and explains that this is why he is testifying today. Feels upset that there is no one here in this meeting from the Governor's office. He was told that the Governor would not be supporting this bill.
- 242 Sen. Gordly Asks about the conversation that Leung had with the Governor's office.

296	Leung	States he spoke with Annabel in the Governor's office.
298	Chair Lim	Interrupts Leung and asks him to keep on track with the meeting.
300	Leung	Agrees to be more constructive. Believes that in the future the Asian Commission should be able to help the state and believes that the commission should do well, as they want to continue in their work. The Asian Commission is understaffed and has two people to work on this bill. Creation in the past has been a one-way street. States he wants to open dialog so no more problems persist.
301	Shireen Farrahi	Head Researcher, Oregon China Trade Advisory Group. Supports SB 951. Reads from International Trade Commission Biennial Report. Believes having an Asian American on the board will improve communication. Reads from ITC report. States that Oregon needs an Asian representative. Feels Oregon should set a precedent that other Asian communities can follow.

TAPE 54, B

001	Farrahi	States that the International Trade Commission should have an Asian perspective.
57	Vincent Kwong	Chinese American Association of Commerce. Supports SB 951. Explains his interest in SB 951. Presents (EXHIBIT C) . Reads from exhibit.
100	Kwong	Wants two Asian American members on the commission. Makes analogy to show the thinking of the members.
151	Chair Lim	Compliments Kwong on his analogy. States that Governor Kitzhaber has done well for minority groups. States that he is very supportive of all minority groups and Oregonians are grateful for this.
216	Doris Penwell	Economic Development Department. Presents and reads from (EXHIBIT F) . Comments on the duties of the Commission for Asian Affairs. States there is confusion.
217	Sen. Gordly	Comments on page 2 of exhibit. States that she finds this paragraph offensive. Believes that the way in which the information is inserted is a red herring.
260	Penwell	Acknowledges Sen. Gordly's comment and will deliver this message to the members of the International Trade Commission. Reads from the exhibit. States that the commission has not created task forces that are sufficient. Suggests other types of task forces. States that the commission is moving on this. States that work from the department has been focused on Asia and this is from their perspective.
280	Penwell	States they want to be as fair as possible.
327	Chair Lim	States his hopes that the trade commission keep policies and suggests that they speak to the Governor's office in doing this.
334	Sen. Gordly	Comments on page 2 of EXHIBIT F . She believes that this means they have an "opinion." Does not understand the wording of the letter. Suggests openness to

inclusion. States she is reacting to the "tone" of this letter. States that the commission needs to move trade forward to all communities to decide who should be at the table. Wants to see a wide diversity involved. Has hopes that this message will be taken back to the commission.

352 Penwell Thanks Sen. Gordly for her comments.

425 Chair Lim States that he wants the State of Oregon to benefit in these issues. If the state will benefit, he will support it. Closes public hearing on SB 951.

Introduces new staff.

Adjourns meeting at 5:05 P.M.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SCR 5, amendments, staff, 2 pp

B - SB 950, written testimony, Timmy K. Tso, 1 p

C - SB 951, written testimony, Vincent Kwong, 3 pp

D - SB 951, written testimony, Cynthia R. Mounts, 3 pp

E - SB 951, Proposed Amendment to SB 951, Cynthia R. Mounts, 1 p

F - SB 951, International Trade Commission letter, Doris Penwell, 3 pp