

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

April 23, 1999 Hearing Room B

4:00 p.m. Tape 62

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. John Lim, Chair

Sen. Avel Gordly, Vice-Chair

Sen. Verne Duncan

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Bill Fisher

Sen. Tony Corcoran

STAFF PRESENT: Carol Rives, Administrator

Paula Merritt, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 1307 Public Hearing

SB 1313 Public Hearing

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 62, A		
001	Chair Lim	Opens meeting at 4: 20 p.m. Opens public hearing on SB 1307.
<u>SB 1307 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
012	Carol Rives	Administrator. Explains SB 1307. SB 1307 creates a nine-member interim, Deep Draft Task Force, to be appointed by the Governor. This task force will study the feasibility and the effects of creating a deep draft port near Astoria. This bill directs the task force to study alternatives to dredging the Columbia River from the Pacific Ocean to Portland. It also authorizes the task force to use the services of The Economic Development Department staff to the greatest extent possible.

022	Sen. Joan Dukes	Opposes SB 1307. Dukes believe that SB 1307 is premature. States that her major objection is that a deep draft facility is described as an alternative to dredging the river. Shares that she spoke with the chairman of the Port of Astoria Commission and he assured her that he did not support SB 1307. States that this bill would hinder Portland.
050	Chair Lim	Asks if Astoria has plans for future dredging.
051	Sen. Dukes	Answers that there has been no decision made to do this.
059	Chair Lim	States his concern of the river becoming deeper. He believes that in the future there will be more need for a deeper channel to accommodate larger and larger ships. Suggests that Oregon could lose business to Washington because of this. Emphasizes the need for a study.
073	Sen. Dukes	Answers that there are individuals now looking at the possibilities. Her concern is that there is research to be completed. Mentioned that the Port of Astoria does not have a director at this time but they are close to hiring one. She feels that SB 1307 should be heard again in one or two years.
090	Chair Lim	Stated appreciation of Sen. Dukes' opinion, but believes that Portland may lose business to other states. Mentions the possibility of job loss.
100	Sen. Dukes	Reiterates her feelings that we need to wait for a few years to sort out details.
113	Chair Lim	States that SB 1307 would not bring on dredging. Closes public hearing on SB 1307.
132	Sen. Duncan	States that he would like to have a work session on this bill.
138	Sen. Gordly	States that if a work session is not conducted on this bill, will this be the end of the discussion.
146	Chair Lim	Answers that the committee has two choices.
152	Sen. Duncan	Repeats that he would like a work session.
156	Rives	Comments that a work session is scheduled for April 26, 1999 and the committee can hear testimony at that time.
164	Sen. Dukes	Suggests pulling the public hearing from April 26, 1999 agenda and to post a work session only.

175	Chair Lim	Opens public hearing on SB 1313.
<u>SB 1313 Public Hearing</u>		
189	Chair Lim	Closes public hearing on SB 1313.
200	Sen. Gordly	States her opposition to SB 1313.
218	Sen. Duncan	States his opposition to SB 1313.
223	Chair Lim	Voices his respect for their opinions.
226	Chair Lim	Adjourns meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

No exhibits.