

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND USE

January 28, 1999 Hearing Room B

1:00 p.m. Tapes 12 - 13

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Veral Tarno, Chair

Sen. Tony Corcoran, Vice-Chair

Sen. Gary George

Sen. Marylin Shannon

Sen. Thomas Wilde

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Marylin Shannon

STAFF PRESENT: Ray Kelly, Administrator

Diana Bronson, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 31 Public Hearing and Work Session

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 12, A		
005	Chair Tarno	Opens meeting at 1:10 p.m.
<u>SB 31 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
007	Myra Thompson Lee	Department of State Police, Office of Emergency Management. Presents (EXHIBIT A) . Discusses support of SB 31 and explains the costs that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has incurred since 1995.

050	Thompson Lee	Continues testimony. States that Oregon does not have a disaster assistance program of any kind.
104	Jim Swinyard	Oregon Emergency Management Association (OEMA). Presents (EXHIBIT B) . Reads testimony regarding disaster assistance in support of SB 31. States that all of Oregon's counties have declared a state of emergency at least once, except for two counties. States that, prior to 1989, no disaster had amounted to one billion dollars. Discusses why the state should establish a disaster reserve fund to assist state agencies and local jurisdictions.
154	Swinyard	Continues testimony regarding establishing an emergency disaster fund.
209	Hasina Squires	States she represents the Oregon Fire District Directors Association, the Oregon Fire Marshalls, and the Associated Public Safety Communications Officers Association: all of which support SB 31.
223	Chair Tarno	Asks Swinyard for a dollar figure to fill in the blank on page 9 of SB 31.
227	Swinyard	Replies that when the measure was drafted a \$15 million per year figure was used.
259	Gina Firman	Tillamook County Commissioner. Presents (EXHIBIT C) . Reads testimony in support of SB 31. Reiterates that Oregon is now the only state without a disaster relief fund.
329	Tony Hyde	County Commissioner, Columbia County. Speaks of a personal disaster he has been through and supports SB 31. Describes desperation in the time of the flood, being without roads or a communication system.
402	Jon Oshel	Tillamook County Director of Public Works. Presents (EXHIBIT D) . Describes the need for SB 31. States Tillamook County is prepared for big losses due to floods, but needs more assistance.
TAPE 13, A		
003	Jon Oshel	Continues with testimony.
060	Stan Robson	Sheriff of Benton County, Oregon State Sheriffs Association. Testifies that the association is strongly in favor of SB 31.
076	Col. Mike Caldwell	Deputy Director, Oregon National Guard. Gives testimony as to the significant impact the disasters have caused the Guard and gives testimony in support of SB 31.
131	William Elliott	Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission, Oregon Emergency Management.

		Presents (EXHIBIT E) . Testifies in support of SB 31.
166	Bert Kile	American Red Cross State Lead Unit for Disaster Manager. Gives testimony in support of SB 31. Describes the broad range of support.
<u>SB 31 WORK SESSION</u>		
200	Sen. Wilde	Questions Swinyard as to the money amounts estimated in SB 31.
214	Swinyard	States they worked a formula backwards over a period of time. The state and local emergency management agencies would receive 30% of the total amount of \$15 million which equates to approximately \$4.5 million. Explains that out of that \$4.5 million, 15% would fund six regional offices for Oregon emergency management staff. Estimates it will take \$31,000 per county to run a viable program.
242	Chair Tarno	Asks if that is a county match.
242	Swinyard	Answers that it does not include the county match, as some counties have no match. Continues with explanation of funds.
270	Sen. Wilde	States that he wants to make sure that the base allocation is sufficient for all counties.
280	Sen. Wilde	Questions non-profit verbage.
297	Chair Tarno	Asks Swinyard to explain the verbage of being non-profit.
360	Sen. Corcoran	Suggests a motion to vote.
365	Sen. Corcoran	MOTION: Moves SB 31 to the floor WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION as to passage and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means by prior reference.
		VOTE: 4-0 EXCUSED: 1 ñ Shannon
	Chair Tarno	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Diana Bronson, Raymond J. Kelly,

Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 31, Written testimony, Myra Thompson Lee, 5 pp

B - SB 31, Written testimony, Jon Swinyard, 4 pp

C - SB 31, Written testimony, Gina Firman, 1 p

D - SB 31, Written testimony, Jon Oshel, 1 p

E - SB 31, Written testimony, William Elliott, 8 pp

F - SB 31, Written testimony submitted, Ruth Obadal, 1 p