

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

February 24, 1997 Hearing Room E

1:00 P.M. Tape 27

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Leslie Lewis, Chair

Rep. Frank Shields, Vice-Chair

Rep. Michael Fahey

Rep. Dennis Luke

Rep. Mark Simmons

Rep. Jim Welsh

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Mike Lehman

STAFF PRESENT:

Judith Gruber, Policy Analyst

Marjorie Taylor, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 2611 Work Session

SB 136 Work Session

SB 187 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 27, A		
004	Chair Lewis	Calls the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.
<u>HB 2611</u> <u>WORK</u> <u>SESSION</u>		
	Chair	

005	Lewis	Opens the work session on HB 2611.
007	Judith Gruber	Policy Analyst, summarizes actions taken on HB 2611 since the public hearing.
015	Chair Lewis	Expresses appreciation to the Department of Environmental Quality for writing a requested letter in support of HB 2611.
019	Rep. Luke	MOTION: Moves HB 2611 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 5-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 2 - Welsh, Lehman
032	Chair Lewis	The motion CARRIES. REP. JOSI will lead discussion on the floor. (Rep. Welsh votes AYE later.)
040	Chair Lewis	Closes the work session on HB 2611.
<u>SB 136</u> <u>WORK</u> <u>SESSION</u>		
041	Chair Lewis	Opens the work session on SB 136.
044	Judith Gruber	Policy Analyst, states that there has been no new action since the public hearing.
055	Rep. Fahey	MOTION: Moves SB 136 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
058	Rep. Luke	Asks if SB 136 only relates to an agreement between states and has nothing to do with the dismantling of Trojan Nuclear Power Plant.
063	Mike Grainey	Assistant Director, Office of Energy. Answers affirmatively.
		VOTE: 6-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 - Lehman
	Chair	The motion CARRIES. REP. FAHEY will lead discussion on the floor.
076	Chair Lewis	Closes the work session on SB 136.
080	Rep.	MOTION: Requests unanimous consent that the rules be SUSPENDED

	Fahey	to allow REP. WELSH to BE RECORDED as voting AYE on HB 2611.
084	Chair Lewis	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
<u>SB 187 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
085	Chair Lewis	Opens the public hearing on SB 187.
103	Judith Gruber	Policy Analyst, summarizes provisions of SB 187.
119	Ed Woods	Manager of the Vehicle Inspection Program, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Indicates that SB 187 solves a small problem in statute so that golf cart and all terrain vehicle owners in the Portland and Medford areas will be exempt from emissions testing. Development of testing equipment for these vehicles would not be cost effective for the number of vehicles needing the service. DEQ believes that the vehicles do not have a great effect on air quality (EXHIBIT A).
140	Rep. Luke	States that in the past, DEQ has indicated that major sources of pollution come from non-motor vehicle sources.
143	Woods	It is true that golf carts and all terrain vehicles are non-motor sources.
144	Rep. Luke	Asks if non-motor sources are exempted from testing, will the air sheds be expanded.
151	Woods	Vehicles driven on the road need to be tested, but non-road engines are subject to federal regulations.
161	Chair Lewis	Requests information about the impact of golf carts and all terrain vehicles on the environment.
183	Rep. Luke	States that most all terrain vehicles won't be used in the Portland area so requests impact information for other areas of the state.
195	Woods	Indicates that a very small number of golf carts have requested vehicle emissions testing.
203	Rep. Luke	Expresses concern about removal of testing requirements since the straight gas engines emit the most pollutants into the air.
213	Chair Lewis	Closes the public hearing on SB 187.
218	Chair Lewis	Adjourns the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SB 187, Written Testimony, Ed Woods, 2 pp.