

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON PARKS**

**May 15, 1997 Hearing Room E**

**6:00 P.M. Tapes 25 - 26**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Rep. Mark Simmons, Chair**

**Rep. Mike Lehman**

**Rep. Jim Welsh**

**MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Michael Fahey, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Leslie Lewis**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Pat Zwick, Policy Analyst**

**Marjorie Taylor, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Public Hearing**

**Parks Funding Legislative Concepts**

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<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 25, A</b>		
003	Chair Simmons	Calls the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.
		Explains that this will be a public hearing on the -1,-2 and -3 amendments to LC Draft 4389 ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
<b><u>LC 4389</u></b> <b><u>PUBLIC</u></b> <b><u>HEARING</u></b>		
017	Bill Penhollow	Association of Oregon Counties (AOC). Explains their support of the -3 amendments.

		Discusses a letter that was provided for members from Art Schlack who is the land-use advisor for AOC. Explains that State Park siting standards are not consistent with current law. AOC believes that state parks, in developing their plans, should coordinate with the state land use planning process. Comments that they would recommend that the -2 not be incorporated in LC 4389 ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).
062	Chair Simmons	Asks if he is aware that the amendment does not apply in the event that the State Parks uses their condemnation rights.
064	Penhollow	Comments that he is not aware of that, as he just received the amendments.
067	Chair Simmons	Explains that there will be further hearings on this issue.
073	Del Isham	Representing the Oregon Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus (OACVB). Explains that the OACVB is in support of the -3 amendments. They also support HB 2185. Believes that this closes a serious loophole in revenue losses to state parks.
088	Chair Simmons	Comments that notice of amendments was short, and hopes that Mr. Isham will consult with Association members.
093	Bob Meinen	Director of Oregon State Parks and Recreation. Comments that they support the bonding portion on LC 4389. Believes that this is a positive contribution.
		Explains that this is a down payment to the state parks system. Comments that the \$75 million dollar payment is a good start towards the greater problem.
		Comments that they support the concept behind the recycling amendment. The Parks Department has seen a decrease in landfill materials at Silver Falls State Park since they have implemented their recycling program ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).
132	Meinen	Explains that they would like to include the day-use areas as places to put recycling centers. Explains master planning done by the agency; believes that they should have time to discuss their options with cities to come to an agreement.
174	Chair Simmons	Asks Mr. Meinen to explain the master plan process.
178	Meinen	Provides a handout to the committee that explains the master plan process.
		Comments that the Columbia River Gorge is the most regulated area in the State of Oregon because of land use and federal laws.
		Comments that this master plan took two years for approval on the federal, state, and local level. Explains that the process begins with ORS 398.180 which directs the agency to have a master plan process before beginning any state park.
		Describes master plan issues, including: assessing state park plans, looking at state-wide demands, enforced resources, capacity of park for

		public use, damaging resources, and public participation. <b>(EXHIBIT D)</b>
251	Chair Simmons	Comments that the Department of Land Conservation and Development and the Association of Oregon Counties would discuss the issues before any decisions are made.
		Discusses letter from the Department of Land Conservation and Development that was presented to the committee. Explains that the letter does not take a side, but does outline concerns. One concern is plans that were adopted prior to the statewide planning goals. Comments that it is encouraging that they don't take a negative position <b>(EXHIBIT E)</b> .
281	Meinen	Comments that the principles in the amendments are sound and that they are willing to work with all interested parties.
297	Rep. Chris Beck	State Representative, District 12. Comments that he is having amendments drafted to the original LC Draft. Would like to see the bonding ceiling higher, as well as the amount allowed per biennium. He would like to set up grant programs for park districts that would replace the loss of federal funding.
		Explains that this would be a way of parks being involved in the grant process. Supports the idea of a long term dedicated funding source. Comments that bonds do not accomplish this goal.
345	Chair Simmons	Comments that he appreciates the concern and would like to see the amendments once they are introduced.
358	Rep. Randall Edwards	State Representative, District 15. Comments that HB 3586 is similar to LC Draft 4389. Believes that \$75 million is achievable.
<b>TAPE 26, A</b>		
005	Rep. Edwards	Believes that we should be looking at expansion in the parks system, since use is increasing. Explains that we need to continue looking at the long-term for the parks system. Believes that we are paying the price for neglect of our parks system. Comments that we should include an emergency clause, although there are no other major differences.
015	Chair Simmons	Comments that there is concern with having an emergency clause.
023	Rep. Edwards	Comments that the revenue is available, as is the need. We should give the emergency board the authority to grant another \$15 million in this biennium. Explains that we should be putting the money to work.
036	Chair Simmons	Comments that he would like to consider the emergency board as an option.
039	Chair Simmons	Adjourns committee meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - LC 4389, -PA 1, -PA 2, and -PA 3 amendments, Committee Staff, 10 pp.**

**B - LC 4389, Written materials, Art Schlack, 1 p.**

**C - LC 4389, Written testimony, Bob Meinen, 3 pp.**

**D - LC 4389, Written materials, Bob Meinen, 2 pp.**

**E - LC 4389, Written testimony, Bob Rindy, 1 p.**