

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ELECTIONS

April 23, 1997 Hearing Room E

4 P.M. Tapes 48 - 49

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rep. Lynn Snodgrass, Chair

Rep. Peter Courtney, Vice-Chair

Rep. Ken Messerle

Rep. Bob Montgomery

Rep. Kitty Piercy

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

Rep. Lee Beyer

Rep. Bill Markham

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Rosemary Wood, Administrator

Valerie Luhr, Administrative Support

Kellie Shoemaker, Committee Clerk

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

HB 3519 Public Hearing

HJM 8 Public Hearing

HJR 30 Public Hearing

HJR 35 Public Hearing

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<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE, 48 A</b>		
	Chair	

005	Snodgrass	Calls the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. Opens public hearing on HB 3519.
<b><u>HB 3519 - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
007	Rosemary Wood	Committee Administrator, reviews the provisions of HB 3519.
015	Bill Sizemore	Oregon Taxpayers United, explains the goal of HB 3519. Submits -1 amendment [ <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ] in order to correct confusion on paid and volunteer signature gatherers.
081	Sizemore	Continues testimony. Asked the Secretary of State if they would support the bill. The Secretary of State responded with the question, "What if a person does want to see the initiative?" Suggestion was made that the Secretary of State will establish a mechanism whereby the initiative petition will be made available to anyone who asks.
109	Rep. Messerle	Comments that he does not have -1 amendments.
110	Rosemary Wood	Comments they just came in and members will have them before the day is over.
112	Len Weisberg	Circulator with Oregon Taxpayers United, testifies in compliance with the testimony of Sizemore. Adds that people who sign petitions never read the petition, they read the ballot title.
121	Rep. Piercy	Comments that people who are signing petitions should be encouraged to read what the initiative is about; and if we are not going to put it on every petition, then it should be readily available. They should not have to go out of their way to access it.
131	Sizemore	When a petitioner is out circulating, it would be a reasonable requirement that they have a copy of that petition with them.
147	Rep. Piercy	Comments that a great number of people do have a knowledge of the measures and spend a great deal of time preparing to go vote.
160	Rick Hanson	Secretary of State's Office, comments on the change in the amendments to use the word "some" in relation to petition signature gatherers. Supports the amendment. However, would currently oppose the bill as is written because we can't ask voters to sign a petition if the text is not available. Text does not have to be attached. Would prefer the committee make the requirement that the text be available.
186	Rep. Piercy	Are there any other concerns you would have in mind?
188	Hanson	The fact that we are here saying we would not oppose the bill if those amendments were made is partially conditioned on the fact that we would refer discussion of initiative reform to take place in the context of other ideas or as a package, instead of being considered in a vacuum.
204	Lawrence Hudetz	Is happy to testify before the committee on HB 3519, will soon be in a position to gather signatures on many environmental issues; the idea of cutting down trees to make some paper that gets thrown away is offensive.

		Supports HB 3519.
247	Rose Marie Opp	Comments in support of HB 3519, wants to save our park lands and city trees. There is a necessity to have one copy of the initiative or referendum instead if one for each sign-up sheet. The document could be designed in a larger type to be with the person who is gathering signatures.
299	Rep. Piercy	Comments this seems to be another Earth Day bill.
293	Opp	Is also interested in changing things in the initiative process; believes that as long as the petition is available, that would take care of the issue.
318	Lloyd K. Marbet	Coalition for Initiative Rights, submits and presents testimony <b>[EXHIBIT B]</b> in opposition to HB 3519 and gives examples of other methods that may function for the idea behind the bill. The coalition has no objections to the -1 amendments.
412	Chair Snodgrass	Calls Sizemore back to the witness table.
415	Sizemore	Called Secretary of State to ask if they would support or oppose, and he said they would oppose it unless there was a provision stating the Secretary of State has the authority by administrative rule to require a copy of the actual initiative be made available to the petitioner. Since that time, the Secretary of State has changed his mind. He would prefer that the provision should be in statute.
<b>TAPE 49, A</b>		
013	Chair Snodgrass	Closes public hearing on HB 3519. Opens public hearing on HJM 8.
<b><u>HJM 8 - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
015	Rosemary Wood	Committee Administrator, reviews the provisions of HJM 8.
021	Nancy Federici	Extends her thanks to the committee on behalf of herself and her family.
023	Rep. Jackie Taylor	State Representative, House District 1, comments in support of HJM 8.
038	Federici	Does not know when she can round up her family.
054	Betsy Johnson	PO Box R, Scappoose, lives in community Tony Federici helped create. Comments in support of HJM 8.
063	Chair Snodgrass	Closes public hearing on HJM 8. Opens public hearing on HJR 30.
<b><u>HJR 30 - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
070	Rosemary Wood	Committee Administrator, reviews the provisions of HJR 30. There are amendments to HJR 30 <b>[EXHIBIT C]</b>

087	Lloyd K. Marbet	Coalition for Initiative Rights, submits and presents testimony [ <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ] in opposition to HJR 30
150	Scott Corwin	Office of Representative Lynn Lundquist, explains why Rep. Lundquist introduced HJR 30.
190	Chair Snodgrass	Asks Corwin if they presented the -1 amendments.
192	Corwin	No, believes that was a committee draft.
195	Chair Snodgrass	Please let the speaker know about the amendments.
197	Corwin	Will do so. Looks forward to working with interested parties in dealing with changes.
206	Chair Snodgrass	Closes public hearing on HJR 30. Opens public hearing on HJR 35
<b><u>HJR 35 - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
212	Chair Snodgrass	There is no one here to testify on HJR 35. Closes public hearing on HJR 35. Declares the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.
		Testimony [ <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ] from Anne Hill, Oregon Public Employees Union, on HJR 30 becomes part of the record.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - HB 3519, amendments, Bill Sizemore, 1 p.**

**B - HB 3519, written testimony, Lloyd Marbet, 2 pp.**

**C - HJR 30, amendments, staff, 1 p.**

**D - HJR 30, written testimony, Lloyd Marbet, 2 pp.**

**E - HJR 30, written testimony, Anne Hill, 1 p.**