

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 24, 1997 Hearing Room D

8:30 AM Tapes 30-31

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Bob Montgomery, Chair

Rep. Tim Josi

Rep. Jane Lokan

Rep. Bill Markham

Rep. Lonnie Roberts

Rep. Larry Wells

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Mike Lehman, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Adkins, Policy Analyst

Debi Parker, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 2454 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 30-, A		
	Chair Montgomery	Calls meeting to order 8:32.
	Janet Adkins	Policy Analyst, gives overview of bill and makes committee aware of various information provided to them.
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020	Butch Harbaugh	Legislative Director, BikePac of Oregon. Provides (EXHIBIT A) packet of information for each representative and record. Gives testimony in support of repeal of helmet law.

113	Rep. Roberts	Asks an Oregon ticketing question.
130	Rep. Josi	Asks about the constituents concern over accidents being a burden to society.
140	Harbaugh	Answers Rep. Josi's concern.
180	Louise Cline	Mother of injured son gives testimony against HB 2454 (EXHIBIT B)
230	Cline	Continues testimony.
270	Cline	Continues testimony.
271	Rep. Wells	Asks Mrs. Cline how many people do you think would wear helmets voluntarily?
285	Michael Boggs	Motorcyclist, gives testimony on education being crucial to safety. Comments on the considerations that need to be given to motorcyclists because of industry. Cable guardrails, triple trailers that put a risk to motorcyclists.
355	Lt. Glenn Rader	Oregon State Police (EXHIBIT C) gives testimony in opposition to measure.
390	Lt. Jerry Palmer	Oregon State Police, states opposition to measure and gives personal view. Cites examples of motorcycle accidents.
TAPE 31, A		
002	Palmer	Continues testimony.
050	Rep. Wells	Question over "Approved" helmets.
062	Rader	States there is a lawsuit pending over this issue by ABATE and it would be inappropriate to discuss this at this time.
075	Ed Marges	Oregon Department of Transportation, gives testimony against this measure. (EXHIBIT D)
093	Rader	States that he opposes this measure, and believes that helmets will become a matter of convenience or lack thereof.
104	Rep. Lokan	Questions the total fatalities figures. States that the figures give the impression that the helmet did not reduce fatalities.
190	Katrina Hedberg	Oregon Health Division , Deputy State Epidemiologist, (EXHIBIT E) provides testimony opposing the measure.
287	Rep. Roberts	64% motorcycle vs. car accidents the car is generally at fault. Questions whether helmeted drivers aren't also assuming medical costs.
324	Hedberg	Answers yes.
395	Marges	States that 55% of fatalities are in their first year of driving.
404	Terry Schaefer	Motorcyclist, in favor of this measure
TAPE 30, B		
002	Joanne Fairchild	RN, Legacy Emanuel, WA. Gives opposition comments and (EXHIBIT F) written testimony on this measure.

106	Rep. Wells	Questions motorcyclists insurance coverage.
129	Jack Fassel	Motorcyclist, (EXHIBIT G) Presentation in support of this measure.
189	Fassel	Continues testimony.
225	Rep. Wells'	Question regarding insurance coverage.
236	Fassel	Answers Rep. Wells concerns.
243	Sam Hochberg	Portland, Oregon, presents (EXHIBIT A)
396	Hochberg	Continues presentation.
TAPE 31, B		
001	Larry Schack	Portland, OR gives testimony in support of measure. Also states grievance with police officers over harassment over helmet violations given to motorcyclists in Fossil, OR. These were unwarranted and he would like relief from the committee in reference to this.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - HB 2454, written testimony, Butch Harbaugh and BikePac, 47 pp

B - HB 2454, written testimony, Louise Cline, 4 pp

C - HB 2454, written testimony, State Police, Lt. Glen Radar, 7 pp

D - HB 2454, written testimony, Ed Marges, 2 pp

E - HB 2454, written testimony, Katrina Hedberg, 4 pp

F - HB 2454, written testimony, Joanne Fairchild, RN, 1 pp

G - HB 2454, written testimony, Jack Fassel, 2 pp