

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 26, 1997 Hearing Room D

8:30 AM Tapes 32 - 33

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Bob Montgomery, Chair

Rep. Mike Lehman, Vice-Chair

Rep. Tim Josi

Rep. Jane Lokan

Rep. Bill Markham

Rep. Lonnie Roberts

Rep. Larry Wells

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Adkins, Policy Analyst

Debi Parker, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Public Hearing on HB 2454

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 32, A		
001	Chair Montgomery	Opens meeting at 8:33 and public hearing on HB 2454.
<u>HB 2454</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u>		
008	Janet Adkins	Policy Analyst, reviews provisions of the bill and refers to (EXHIBIT A) .
		District 8, opposes HB 2454. Introduces Mary Allis Ford, former

040	Rep. Ryan Deckert	Representative of District 8, and Dr. William B. Long, Legacy Emanuel Hospital.
055	William B. Long	Chief of Shock Trauma Program, Legacy Emanuel Hospital. Begins his presentation (EXHIBIT B).
105	Long	Continues presentation.
157	Mary Allis Ford	Opposes HB 2454. Shares several tragedies regarding the bill.
207	Ford	Continues testimony.
238	Tom Ford	Security Guard Supervisor, a student of secondary education in teaching science with strong volunteer background. Gives testimony in opposition to the measure.
288	Ford	Continues testimony.
341	Pat Henderson	Resides Independence, Oregon. Gives testimony in support of HB 2454 (EXHIBIT C).
391		Continues testimony.
TAPE 33, A		
041	Mark Watts	Paramedic, a motorcyclist. Supports HB 2454. Gives testimony according to his experiences and encourages more safety education for people.
097	Steve Paysinger	Occupational Therapist and Director of Functionally-based Treatment Program, Salem Hospital. Believes the only cure for brain injury is prevention (EXHIBIT D).
147		Testimony continues
155	Rep. Lehman	Confirms the fact regards to Mr. Paysinger's testimony if the brain injuries occurs every 15 seconds by only motorcyclists or including other accidents.
157	Paysinger	Says no.
162	Christopher Viera	Gives testimony in support of the measure.
221	Grant Higginson	M.D., State Health Officer, Deputy Administrator of Oregon Health Division. Opposes the measure (EXHIBIT E).
271		Continues testimony.
322	Rep. Wells	Comments that government needs to consider requiring specific insurance for motorcyclists who refuse to wear helmets.
347	Higginson	Agrees with Rep. Wells.
385	Dwight Hagman	American Motorcycle Association (AMA). Presents AMA's position concerning helmet usage. Believes in freedom of choice.
407	Rep. Wells	Asks if there are many motorcyclists do not have any insurance.
417	Hagman	Answers that the motorcyclists have to have insurance because it is required by state.
TAPE 32, B		

015	Kirsten Hicks	Teacher. Testifies against the measure and mentions stories of "thrill seekers" who ride motorcycle without helmets.
059	Teresa Hepker	Presents testimony in support of HB 2454. States there is limited medical insurance coverage for motorcyclists and problems with life insurance.
089	Rep. Wells	Asks if Ms. Hepker's testimony relates to the issue.
095	Hepker	Says yes. Continues presentation.
109	Hepker	Starts presentation using overhead projector. Mentions mortality rate per 100 accidents, and helmet laws in other states.
159		Questions and discussion on her presentation.
176	Rep. Lokan	Asks Ms. Hepker differences in insurance rates between motorcyclists with and without helmets.
184	Hepker	There are no differences between helmeted and unhelmeted motorcyclists judging from the study by the state of North Carolina.
205	Rep. Lokan	Asks if there is any insurance available which supports motorcyclists.
208	Hepker	She has been working with insurance companies to improve their coverage for motorcyclists, but it is hard.
237	Brian Stovall	Executive of BikePAK. Starts presentation supporting HB 2454.
287		Continues testimony. Mentions there are problems regarding the reports that are issued by Personal Injury Protection (PIP) which states suggested amount of payments for the injuries. Usually, these suggested amount of payments are much lower than insurance coverage. Also, he concerns about motorcyclists' freedom, lives, and happiness.
309		Continues testimony. Believes the helmet law is not effective and is not a solution.
338		Continues testimony. States that the education and peer good pressure are more important to motorcyclists than forcing them to wear helmets.
364	Rep. Roberts	Comments that each individual's experiences and responsibility are very important to this issue.
372	Stovall	Mentions the necessity to educate young people to prevent accidents.
399	Rep. Wells	Asks why the age of 18 years old came up.
407	Stovall	It is a good time to start to educate young people because most of them are trained or getting trained to drive. Therefore, they need adequate education which is focused on safety issues.
TAPE 33, B		
012	Jon Jui	Chairman of the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) committee, M.D. Testifies in opposition to the measure. States that the helmet law is protective and helpful to decrease mortality.
045	Kelly Martin	A private citizen. Presents testimony in support of HB 2454. Emphasizes that motorcyclists should be respected and treated as same as other drivers.

090	Ken Ray	Sales Manager of car dealership. Urges support of HB 2454.
124	Chair Montgomery	Submits letter from Kevin L. Campbell, Association Executive of Oregon Association Chiefs of Police which, opposes HB 2454 (EXHIBIT F) .
132	Chair Montgomery	Adjourns the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - HB 2454, written materials, staff, 1 pp

B - HB 2454, written testimony, William B. Long, M.D., 10 pp

C - HB 2454, written testimony, Pat Henderson, 2 pp

D - HB 2454, written testimony, Steve Pysinger, 2 pp

E - HB 2454, written testimony, Grant Higginson, M.D., M.P.H., 2 pp

F - HB 2454, written testimony, Kevin L. Campbell, 1 pp