

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

March 10, 1997 Hearing Room D

8:30 AM Tapes 42 - 43

**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:**

Rep. Jane Lokan

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Janet Adkins, Policy Analyst

Debi Parker, Administrative Support

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

HB 2117 Work Session

SB 148 Public Hearing and Work Session

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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 40, A		
001	Chair Montgomery	Opens meeting at 8:30 and opens work session on HB 2117.
<u>HB 2117 - WORK</u>		

SESSION		
014	Janet Adkins	Policy analyst, gives summary of HB 2117. -1 amendments clarify when fee increases take effect.
053	Rep. Markham	Asks for clarification over fee increases for different size vessels.
054	Rep. Josi	Asks for clarification over why this additional fee is needed.
056	Paul Donheffner	Director, Marine Board. Expresses concern over uncertainty of federal funds and of reauthorization. In current budget, they are facing a \$400,000 shortfall in federal funds. Notes that Oregon's fees are lower than any state in the northwest. Explains how additional funds would be used.
	Rep. Montgomery	States his understanding that no new employees would be added.
	Donheffner	Answers that there were additional positions in existing programs.
150	Rep. Montgomery	Remarks that for the record he will not support any additional employees to any state agency. Did not know there were new positions added. However, they were talking about gas tax and he does support additional gas tax for certain programs.
	Rep. Markham	Asks where Marine Board gets gas tax funds. It is his impression that they are committed in trust fund to highway maintenance and construction.
	Janet Adkins	Calculation based on estimated use of gas for boats and that is returned to Marine Board.
172	Rep. Wells	Asks about an additional boat registration fee for the Oregon Lakes Association. Notes that the association is asking for amendment for aquatic weed control and management. Wonders if Mr. Donheffner is aware of this.
	Donheffner	No, he isn't.
191	Rep. Josi	States that he needs more justification before he votes to support this bill. Asks if this would be a windfall and asks for Mr. Donheffner's input.
206	Paul Donheffner	Replies to Rep. Josi they will still have a shortfall of \$864,000 from the federal government over the next two years' budget cycle without this bill.
232	Chair Montgomery	Asks if there is a \$800,000 shortfall.
242	Paul Donheffner	Yes
244	Rep. Roberts	Asks about weed control. Why only tax boats?
251	Paul Donheffner	States that he is not aware of any such request.
277	Rep. Lehman	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2117 to the floor with DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>

277		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b> <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - Lokan</b>
	<b>Chair Montgomery</b>	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b> <b>REP. WELLS will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
<b>SB 148 PUBLIC HEARING</b>		
300	Chair Montgomery	Opens public hearing. Asks Janet Adkins for briefing.
301	Janet Adkins	Reviews provisions of the measure.
310	Kelly Taylor	Oregon Department of Transportation, submits ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ) and testifies in support of SB 148.
362	Rep. Roberts	Questions number of passengers and if this has anything to do with the kind of license.
397	Kelly Taylor	Yes. The number of passengers (16 or over including the driver) indicates the need for a passenger endorsement. It's very simple. It is a federal program that all states have to comply with.
<b>TAPE 43, A</b>		
003	Rep. Roberts	Voices concern over noncompliance issues.
009	Kelly Taylor	Answers concerns of Rep. Roberts.
022	Rep. Roberts	Question regarding employer's responsibility for noncompliance of vehicles.
031	Janet Adkins	Asks what will the practical difference be to a school bus driver.
039	Kelly Taylor	Answers there will be no change to testing procedure; license will indicate what size of vehicle tested
045	Janet Adkins	Does truck or driver out of service comes under same suspension requirements.
046	Kelly Taylor	Replies yes.
049	Chair Montgomery	Asks if the schools have a problems with this measure.
050	Kelly Taylor	Replies no.
053	Rep. Markham	Asks for clarifications on different types of licenses.
	Kelly Taylor	Depends on size of truck, weight combination, passengers, etc. There are three sizes of trucks.
	Chair Montgomery	Closes public hearing; opens work session on SB 148
<b>SB 148</b>		

<b><u>WORK SESSION</u></b>		
	Rep. Lehman	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 148 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 6-1</b> <b>AYE: 6 - Josi, Lehman, Lokan, Markham, Wells, Montgomery</b> <b>NAY: 1 - Roberts</b>
	Chair Montgomery	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b> <b>REP. LEHMAN will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
082	Rep. Montgomery	<b>MOTION: Requests unanimous consent that the rules be SUSPENDED to allow REP. LOKAN to BE RECORDED as voting AYE on HB 2117.</b>
	Chair Montgomery	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
090	Chair Montgomery	Notes that Rep. Roberts asked for an update on overpass screening.
	Rep. Roberts	Reminds the committee that during recent sessions, the legislature has funded screening of the most dangerous overpasses.
	Joan Plank	Director, ODOT. Introduces Jeff Scheick to give report.
104	Jeffrey Scheick	Assistant State Traffic Engineer. Gives status of program started in 1994. At this point screening has been completed on 50 bridges. For fiscal year 1997 planning 23 additional bridges screened. There are approximately 300 overpasses to be screened.
	Rep. Roberts	ODOT is way ahead of schedule. Asks if a priority list for dangerous overpasses was used.
	Jeffrey Scheick	Affirms, screening done in 1994 based on various conditions such as pedestrian traffic, sidewalks, illumination, number of incidences.
	Chair Montgomery	Suggests a priority list is available.
	Chair Montgomery	Asks about cost factor compared to safety factor. Wonders how much more cost is involved.
159	Scheick	Responds \$40 to 50,000 per bridge with an overall cost for 300 bridges is about \$14.75 million . Would be over 13-16 year horizon, honoring the 15 bridges per year commitment.
	Chair Montgomery	Asks if all of the bridges eventually will be screened.
	Scheick	Yes
	Chair Montgomery	Adjourned meeting at 9:16 a.m.

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - SB 148, written testimony, Kelly Taylor, 2 pp**