

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

March 12, 1997 Hearing Room D

8:30 AM Tapes 44 - 45

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:

HB 2453 Informational Meeting

HB 2651 Informational Meeting

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 44, A		
001	Chair Montgomery	Opens meeting at 8:35 a.m.
<u>HB 2453 - INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
005	Janet Adkins	Policy Analyst, provides overview of HB 2453.

014	Rep. Roberts	Asks if someone is present from DMV or State Police.
026	Wayne Schumacher	Co-Chair of the Governor's Motorcycle Safety Advisory Committee. Explains membership and function of the Advisory Committee. Presents testimony in support of HB 2453 (EXHIBIT A) .
080	Schumacher	Continues presentation.
095	Rep. Markham	Asks if this measure will double the amount of Team Oregon's registration revenue.
096	Schumacher	Responds "essentially yes."
098	Adkins	Asks how much tuition is for the course.
101	Steve Garets	Director, Rider Education, Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program. Responds that the program's motorcycles have always been kept and maintained. The average age of motorcycle fleet is ten years old and they expect to be able to keep them in service for 15 years.
106	Rep. Roberts	Comments about maintenance costs and possibility of working with community colleges for motorcycle repairs and maintenance.
109	Garets	Responds that they have spoken with the community colleges about that. Financial situation now is that they can't afford to maintain the motorcycles they have much less buy new ones.
113	Garets	Continues comments. Fees for the course are \$65 for the 17-hour motorcycle rider course, motorcycles included. Cites statistics: * 97 motorcycles in fleet * 15 training locations around the state * 2,700 riders trained last year
118	Rep. Markham	Asks if he is a state employee.
119	Garets	Responds that he works for Oregon State University and contracts through the university and the Department of Transportation to manage the program. Funds are collected at DMV and placed in motorcycle safety sub-account. ODOT Safety Division administers the program through contracts. Presents testimony in support of the measure (EXHIBIT B) .
		Question and answers: * Average age of students is 33; 16% are under 19 years old. * Number of endorsements -- 6,500 new endorsements last year

167	Committee	<p>* Beginning program provided for under 19 year olds</p> <p>* Training conducted within 50 miles of wherever motorcyclists live</p> <p>* Training coordinated through community colleges for valley</p> <p>* Mobile program is provided through OSU for rural communities</p>
203	Ed Marges	Manager, Transportation Safety Section, Oregon Department of Transportation. Mentions that the program is nationally known and has won 31 awards over the past two years. Presents written testimony in support of the measure (EXHIBIT C) .
215	Butch Harbaugh	Legislative Director, Bike PAC of Oregon. Clarifies that fees come from endorsement fees, not registration, and that fees are \$7, not \$3. Presents testimony in support of the measure (EXHIBIT D) .
255	Rep. Markham	Comments about timing of the measure and significance of information as related to other measure.
257	Harbaugh	Responds that this measure is an attempt to show that motorcyclists are a responsible group of people.
268	Rep. Josi	Commends group for success of program.
273	Rep. Lokan	Commends group. Asks if person automatically becomes a member of BIKE PAC when they endorse a motorcyclist.
277	Harbaugh	Responds no.
279	Rep. Lokan	Asks if fees will be raised only for BIKE PAC members.
281	Harbaugh	Responds that this will affect every endorsed motorcyclist in state. Comments that he has not heard anyone express disagreement with the increased fee.
TAPE 45, A		
001	Michael Boggs	Salem resident, testifies in support of HB 2453. Gives personal story of how he was educated to motorcycle safety.
029	Harbaugh	Discusses proposed amendments to include people under the age of 21.
037	Adkins	Comments on existing language in measure.
044	Chair Montgomery	States committee will accept as friendly amendment.
051	Michael Dugger	Portland resident, testifies in favor of the measure. Reports that he and his wife have completed the Team Oregon course. They also took the advanced course together. He has been a rider for over 30 years, and actually learned a lot through the course. Feels the course is well worth the time and effort.

064	Rep. Josi	Asks what were some of the things he learned.
066	Dugger	Responds that some things he learned were: how to make a quick maneuver, how to better handle bike in unexpected situation, and braking. He and his wife enjoyed the course. Instructors were excellent. He encourages other riders to take the course.
087	Rep. Josi	Asks how long the course is.
088	Dugger	Responds the advanced course was one day. Beginner's course was either two days or two weekends. His wife received her endorsement through a course over two weekends. Cost in this state is relatively low compared to other states.
103	Chair Montgomery	Closes informational meeting on HB 2453 and opens informational meeting on HB 2651.
<u>HB 2651 - INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
109	Adkins	Policy Analyst, provides overview. Explains that -3 amendments replace the entire measure.
123	Doug Tindall	Oregon Department of Transportation, states intent of -3 amendments.
145	Rep. Luke	District 34, says issue came to his attention as result of situation where it took a year and a half to get a signs up for sub-division. Currently, people must get on a list at ODOT. This is permissive language that allows cities or counties to do this. (Note: These comments apply to HB 2520.)
176	Committee	Question and answers: * Measure clarifies an attorney general's opinion on residential * It is a basic rule issue * Less than 100,000 is in the existing language
233	Chair Montgomery	Adjourns meeting at 9:20 a.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - HB 2453, written testimony, Wayne Schumacher, 3 pp

B - HB 2453, written testimony, Steve Garets, 2 pp

C - HB 2453, written testimony, Ed Marges, 2 pp

D - HB 2453, written testimony and fact sheets, Butch Harbaugh, 5 pp