

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

March 21, 1997 Hearing Room D

8:30 AM Tapes 54 - 55

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Bob Montgomery, Chair

Rep. Tim Josi

Rep. Jane Lokan

Rep. Lonnie Roberts

Rep. Larry Wells

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Lehman

Rep. Markham

STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Adkins, Policy Analyst

Debi Parker, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 3163 Public Hearing - Invited Testimony

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 54, A (Tape #53 not used)		
003	Chair Montgomery	Opens meeting and public hearing on HB 3163 at 8:35am.
<u>HB 3163 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
005	Roger Martin	Executive Director of the Oregon Transit Association. Here as a member of the flexible funding coalition. Expresses appreciation of Oregon's statewide transportation system. Would like committee to

		find funding to support statewide transportation systems.
046		Explains that he is specifically concerned about funding for the elderly and disabled.
100		Discusses the access fee which will include the household fee of \$2 a month, an employer fee of \$1.60 per month per employee.
120	Rep. Josi	States his agreement with Roger Martin.
149	Frank Brawner	Executive Director of the Oregon Banker's Association.
176		Discusses rapid growth and lack of funding to build infrastructure. Agrees with ideas for flexible funding, and supports the outlined access fee.
236	Rep. Josi	Discusses Oregon's ranking nationwide in the rate of gasoline taxes.
274	Brawner	Explains poll that asked if people supported highways, high speed rail and transportation for the elderly. The result was that 50 percent supported the above means of transit.
331	Rob Drake	Mayor to the city of Beaverton. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT B) . Explains the challenges to the transportation system in Beaverton.
400		Discusses the importance of providing transportation for elderly and disabled members of the population.
405	Susan Brody	Vice-Chair of the Oregon Transportation Commission. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT C) . Here to testify in support of HB 3163.
TAPE 55,A		
006		Discusses high speed rail corridor. Explains business plan for the improvement of passenger rail service.
060		Discusses the support for high speed rail.
080	Robert Pike	Attorney and President of Environmental Access. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT D) . Discusses the Americans with Disabilities act and the resulting advantages to people with disabilities.
126		Discusses the make-up of Oregon's population and the percentage of it that are seniors or disabled.
161		Stresses importance of flexible funds for transportation.
170	Mary Lou Ritter	Director of Area Agency on Aging in Washington County. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT E) .
194		Explains that Oregon ranks 15th in the nation for having a population of elderly. The population over 85 is the fastest growing population in Oregon.
235		Explains that \$34 million is needed for special transportation funding.
253	Rep. Wells	Will senior citizens support increased funding of transportation?
		Does not know if seniors would support tax increase but they are in

257	Ritter	support of keeping the kicker tax.
266	Rep. Lokan	Will your written material show where the funding is going?
281	Ritter	Explains that they are in the process of outlining how new money would be spent.
283	Ken Armstrong	Executive Director of the Ports Association. Primary message is that they support increase in gas tax to finance maintenance and transportation funding.
324		Support addressing statewide freight mobility needs with existing or new transportation.
329	Peter Williamson	General Manager of the Port of St. Helens. Supports HB 3163.
375		Explains how the funding of freight routes supports existing infrastructure.
420		Believes that the flexibility discussion should include freight mobility for the handicapped and the disabled.
TAPE 54, B		
010	Rep. Wells	Where are specific funds for the ports going to go?
016	Williamson	Some projects are port specific, but some projects only affect ports but benefit transportation in general.
024	Armstrong	Explains that they would like dedication of specific dollars to freight projects.
040	Rep. Roberts	Explains the importance of freights.
046	Greg Baker	Manager of the Port of Hood River. Explains that in rural economies freight is their lifeline.
080		Explains the needs they face in their county.
088	Rep. Roberts	Is \$20 million what you need or what you're spending?
094	Williamson	That is the financing we need.
112	Alan Willis	Port of Portland. In the planning process it is easy to think that we are asking for money for ourselves. It is the access to and from ports that is the government's responsibility.
140	Susie Lesens	Port of Portland. Provides written testimony(EXHIBIT F). Explains how trade has kept Oregon's economy healthy.
190		Explains that there are not enough resources to address the most basic needs. Believes that the impact on this funding problem impacts local counties.
210		Discusses project improvements that are improving freight mobility.
207	Lee Johnson	Owner and President of Jet Delivery Systems. Discusses the problems they face as an expanding company.
266		Explains the high taxes he pays as a businessperson. Explains they would support higher taxes if it were put towards specific bottlenecks.

332		Provides examples of problems his company has in transporting goods.
349		Explains the obligation to taxpayers to spend money wisely. Believes that the taxes on trucks are too high.
393	Chair Montgomery	Explains the immediate opportunity funds available for transportation projects.
415	Lisa Naito	Metro Counselor. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT G) . Explains the need for a flexible transportation system.
438		Believes that Oregon is a national model for linkage of land-use planning with transportation projects and coordination between the state and county.
458		Explains that they are trying to do planning to reduce traffic congestion and environmental problems.
467		Discusses poll taken about tri-county problems. Results indicate people's concern about traffic congestion.
TAPE 55,B		
082	Naito	Discusses concerns about how these services will be funded. Brought information about the cost of reducing congestion.
098	Rep. Wells	Do you have any idea what level of funding is going to be acceptable for a gas tax?
104	Naito	A five and five would really address the needs. The gas tax is important.
121	Chair Montgomery	Chair adjourns meeting at 10:10.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A -HB 3163, written testimony, Frank Brawner, 4pp.

B - HB 3163, written testimony, Rob Drake, 3pp.

C - HB 3163, written testimony, Susan Brody, 2pp.

D - HB 3163, written testimony, Bob Pike, 5pp.

E - HB 3163, written testimony, Mary Lou Ritter, 4pp.

F - HB 3163, written testimony, Alan Willis, 3pp.

G - HB 3163, written testimony, Lisa Naito, 14pp.