

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

April 18, 1997 Hearing Room D

8:30 AM Tapes 84 - 85

**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

Erik Deitz, Administrative Support

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

HB 2098 Work Session

HB 2703 Work Session

HB 3043 Public Hearing and Work Session

HCR 26 Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 2842 Public Hearing and Work Session

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| Tape/#     | Speaker | Comments |
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| TAPE 84, A |         |          |
|            | Chair   |          |

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| 000   | Montgomery        | Calls meeting to order at 8:30 AM, opens public hearing on HCR 26  |
| <b><u>HCR 26<br/>PUBLIC<br/>HEARING</u></b> |                   |  |
| 002   | Janet Adkins      | Committee administrator, explains HCR 26 to committee and audience.  |
| 006   | Rep. Mark Simmons | District 58, testifies in favor of HCR 26.   |
| 023   | Rep. Lehman       | Asks the cost to ride the train to Baker City or La Grande.  |
| 024   | Sen. David Nelson | District 29, responds that it is \$52 round trip to La Grande. Explains the importance of the bill for the need of transportation in the winter. |
| 033   | Rep. Markham      | Asks who owns the tracks in Oregon and Washington.   |
| 055   | Sen. Nelson       | Responds Amtrack owns the tracks on both sides of the boundary.  |
| 061   | Rep. Markham      | Asks if the gas tax helps fund Amtrack.  |
| 062   | Chair Montgomery  | Closes public hearing and opens work session on HCR 26.  |
| <b><u>HCR 26<br/>WORK<br/>SESSION</u></b>   |                   |  |
| 060   | Rep. ROBERTS:     | <b>MOTION: Moves HCR 26 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.</b>   |
|   |                   | <b>VOTE: 6-0</b><br><br><b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b><br><br><b>EXCUSED: 1 - Wells</b>                          |
|   | Chair Montgomery  | <b>The motion CARRIES.</b><br><br><b>REP. SIMMONS will lead discussion on the floor.</b>   |
| 081   | Chair Montgomery  | Opens public hearing on HB 2098  |
| <b><u>HB 2098<br/>WORK<br/>SESSION</u></b>  |                   |  |
| 086   | Adkins            | Explains HB 2098 to committee and audience ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).   |
| 094   | Rep. Roberts      | Asks who put together the -1 amendments.   |
| 095   | Rep. Roberts      | <b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2098-1 amendments dated 04/17/97.</b>   |
|   | Chair             | <b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>  |

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|                                      |                  | <b>REP. SIMMONS will lead discussion on the floor.</b>  |
| 095                                  | Rep. Roberts     | <b>MOTION: Moves HB 2098 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>   |
|                                      |                  | <b>VOTE: 6-0</b><br><b>EXCUSED: 1 - Wells</b>   |
|                                      | Chair Montgomery | <b>Declares the motion CARRIED.</b><br><b>REP. ROBERTS will lead discussion on the floor.</b>   |
| 114                                  | Chair Montgomery | Opens work session on HB 2703.  |
| <b><u>HB 2703 WORK SESSION</u></b>   |                  |   |
| 115                                  | Rep. Roberts     | <b>MOTION: Moves HB 2703 BE REFERRED to the committee on Water Policy.</b>  |
| 115                                  |                  | <b>VOTE: 6-0</b><br><b>EXCUSED: 1 - Wells</b>   |
|                                      | Chair Montgomery | <b>Declares the motion CARRIED.</b>   |
| 130                                  | Chair Montgomery | Opens public hearing on HB 3043.  |
| <b><u>HB 3043 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b> |                  |   |
| 136                                  | Adkins           | Explains HB 3043 to committee and audience.<br>Submits written testimony from Oregon Department of Transportation <b>(EXHIBIT D)</b> .  |
| 142                                  | Peter Williamson | General Manager, Port of St. Helens, testifies in favor of HB 3043. States the inadequacies of the Lewis and Clark bridge because of it's age.  |
| 178                                  | Rep. Roberts     | Asks the age of the bridge.   |
| 184                                  | Williamson       | Responds that the bridge was built in the 1930's. Explains that Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Washington Department of Transportation (WashDOT) will be cooperating on this project. |
| 239                                  | Chair Montgomery | Reads Oregon Revised Statute chapter 81 (ORS) about this topic.   |
| 247                                  | Ken Armstrong    | Representing Public Ports Association, testifies that the amendments and the bill itself provide more flexibility than that section of the ORS.   |
| 265                                  | Rep. Roberts     | Asks how long the bridge will be tolled.  |

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| 276  | Carlson          | Responds about toll bridges and how long it can be tolled. Gives different examples of bridges that have been tolled.   |
| 306  | Rep. Roberts     | States that he supports tolling bridges.  |
| 317  | Carlson          | Explains tolling and gives history on legislation in regard to tolling. Explains how HB 3043 amends ORS 383.  |
| 360  | Rep. Lokan       | Asks about a study that has been done and if WashDOT is sponsoring it.  |
| 372  | Peters           | Responds that WashDOT currently owns the bridge. Explains that the study says that the bridge is in need of some repair and should come down. Since WashDOT owns the bridge the building would be a partnership with WashDOT. |
| 408  | Chair Montgomery | Closes public hearing on HB 3043 and opens public hearing on HB 2842.   |
| <b><u>HB 2842</u></b><br><b><u>PUBLIC</u></b><br><b><u>HEARING</u></b> |                  |   |
| 428  | Adkins           | Explains HB 2842 and the -3 amendments to the committee and audience ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).<br><br>Submits written testimony from 1000 friends of Oregon regarding HB 2842 ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).                               |
| <b>TAPE 85, A</b>  |                  |   |
| 039  | Rep. Chris Beck  | District 12, testifies in support of HB 2842. Explains what an urban growth boundary is. Would like Oregonians to know what urban growth boundaries are. Explains how the signs would be placed.                              |
| 100  | Rep. Markham     | Asks if some people may be upset about having new signs put up.   |
| 109  | Rep. Beck        | Responds that he hopes people will understand about urban growth.   |
| 117  | Rep. Josi        | Asks about the fiscal aspects.  |
| 122  | Rep. Beck        | Responds how the signs might be funded.   |
| 129  | Rep. Josi        | Asks about the replacement of the signs and where the funding might come from.  |
| 138  | Rep. Beck        | Responds and explains there would not be signs on side streets.   |
| 155  | Chair Montgomery | Explains the flexible funding in HB 3163 and that this type of project would qualify.   |
| 167  | Joan Plank       | ODOT, testifies that signs cost money and can be distracting to drivers. Explains that if there are too many signs drivers will become immune to them ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ).   |
| 212  | Rep. Roberts     | Asks how many signs and how much they cost.   |
| 218  | Plank            | Responds 461 signs at \$450 per sign.   |
|  |                  | Association of Oregon Counties, explains that he would like to reduce the impact that these signs would cause. States that he would like to   |

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| 227                                 | Bill Penhollow   | limit the signs to main routes in and out of urban growth areas. Explains that smaller signs and lettering would bring the price down to \$200 per sign.   |
| 277                                 | Penhollow        | Asks that the bill be referred to Ways and Means.  |
| 297                                 | Chair Montgomery | Asks if this bill would be a mandate.  |
| 303                                 | Penhollow        | Responds no it would not be.   |
| 309                                 | David Barenberg  | League of Oregon Cities, testifies about signs being on arterials.   |
| 320                                 | Rep. Lokan       | Asks about the replacing of city limit signs with these signs.   |
| 328                                 | Barenberg        | Responds that when the city limit and the urban growth boundaries coincide that could be done.   |
| 341                                 | Rep. Lehman      | Welcomes Milaco Middle School and explains what the committee is doing with HB 2842. Explains about the urban growth signs. Asks Penhollow the distinction between counties.   |
| 370                                 | Penhollow        | Explains that most of the urban growth areas are within five counties.   |
| 382                                 | Rep. Lehman      | Asks about the need for the signs in different counties.   |
| 396                                 | Penhollow        | Explains how Rep. Beck wants people to know that they are traveling into urban growth areas.   |
| 413                                 | Jon Chandler     | Director of Government Affairs for Oregon Building Industry Association, testifies in support of HB 2842. Explains that very few people know where the boundaries of urban growth areas are located. Explains how important these signs are. |
| <b>TAPE 84, B</b>                   |                  |  |
| 050                                 | Rep. Wells       | Asks if the signs could some way cost less money.  |
| 053                                 | Rep. Markham     | Asks why Land Conservation Development Commission (LCDC) should not make the signs.  |
| 062                                 | Chair Montgomery | Closes public hearing on HB 2842, opens work session.  |
| <b>HB 2842<br/>WORK<br/>SESSION</b> |                  |  |
| <b>063</b>                          | <b>Rep. Josi</b> | <b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2842-3 amendments dated 04/15/97.</b>   |
| 069                                 | Chair Montgomery | Reminds committee where the funds will come from.  |
| 076                                 | Rep. Wells       | States there will be around \$300,000 worth of signs.  |
| 090                                 | Rep. Josi        | Rescinds his motion for the -3 amendments.   |
| 094                                 | Chair Montgomery | Adjourns meeting at 9:40 am.   |

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - HB 2098, -1 amendments, Janet Adkins, 1p**

**B - HB 2842, -3 amendments, Janet Adkins, 1p**

**C - HB 2842, written testimony, M. McCurdy, 1p**

**D - HB 3043, written testimony, June Carlson, 1p**

**E - HB 2842, written testimony, Joan Plank, 1p**