

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

May 7, 1997 Hearing Room D

8:30 A.M. Tapes 102 - 103

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Bob Montgomery, Chair

Rep. Tim Josi

Rep. Jane Lokan

Rep. Lonnie Roberts

Rep. Larry Wells

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Rep. Mike Lehman, Vice-Chair

Rep. Bill Markham

STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Adkins, Policy Analyst

Erik Deitz, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

SB 844 Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 3589 Work Session

SCR 8 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 510 Public Hearing and Work Session

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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 102, A		
005	Chair Montgomery	Calls meeting to order at 8:37 am, opens public hearing on SB 844.

<u>SB 844 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
010	Janet Adkins	Policy Analyst explains SB 844 to committee and audience.
020	Rep. Roberts	Explains his support of SB 844
030	D. Bridges	Boise Cascade, introduces co-worker Seth Peters.
037	Seth Peters	Boise Cascade, testifies in favor of SB 844. Explains that under current law it is difficult to haul dry lumber.
055	Chair Montgomery	Closes public hearing on SB 844, opens work session on same.
<u>SB 844 WORK SESSION</u>		
060	Rep. Roberts	MOTION: Moves SB 844 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
065		VOTE: 5-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 2 - Markham, Lehman
	Chair Montgomery	The motion CARRIES. REP. ROBERTS will lead discussion on the floor.
075	Chair Montgomery	Closes work session on SB 844, opens public hearing on SCR 8.
<u>SCR 8 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
080	Adkins	Explains SCR 8 to committee and audience.
085	John Raichl	Clatsop County Sheriff, testifies in favor of SCR 8.
115	Rep. Roberts	Asks if the Port of Portland was involved in this action.
120	Raichl	Responds yes.
125	George Waer	Columbia River Pilots, testifies in favor of SCR 8. Explains that the weather has a large effect on the maritime industry. Explains that one in five jobs in Oregon depend on the maritime industry.
180	Rep. Roberts	Asks if there is a safety issue.
185	Waer	Responds yes, that without this resolution boaters are at risk.
200	Rep. Wells	Asks about the budgeting for the Astoria weather service.
205	Waer	Responds.
212	Rep. Wells	Asks how the weather station weighs in compared to other issues as

		far as the budget is concerned.
224	Waer	Responds that is a judgment call, explains that the west coast is the first place the weather hits and it is important to know.
242	Chair Montgomery	Closes public hearing on SCR 8 opens work session.
SCR 8 WORK SESSION		
245	Rep. JOSI:	MOTION: Moves SCR 8 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
250		VOTE: 4-1 AYE: 4 - Josi, Lokan, Roberts, Montgomery NAY: 1 - Wells EXCUSED: 2 - Lehman, Markham
	Chair Montgomery	The motion CARRIES. REP. JOSI will lead discussion on the floor.
261	Chair Montgomery	Closes work session on SCR 8, opens work session on HB 3589.
HB 3589 WORK SESSION		
280	Adkins	Explains HB 3589 to committee and audience. Submits written testimony in support of HB 3589 from Karla Angal, Medford Oregon (EXHIBIT B).
300	Rep. Anitra Rasmussen	District 11, introduces HB 3589 and the -1 through 8 amendments to committee and audience (EXHIBIT F).
330	Rep. Roberts	Asks if the students have seen the amendments.
360	Mrs. Martin	Teacher at Ainsworth Elementary School, responds that the students have not seen the amendments.
070	Rep. Roberts	Explains that the -7 and -8 amendments contradict one another.
	Jake Yeager	Student at Ainsworth Elementary School, testifies in favor of HB 3589. States that over two hundred people nationwide die each year from riding in the bed of pick-up trucks.
398	Tyler Kirsch	Student at Ainsworth Elementary School, testifies in favor of HB 3589.
425	Abby Malcahn	Student at Ainsworth Elementary School, testifies in favor of HB 3589. Explains that if the new speed limit bill is adopted that would make it even more dangerous for people to ride in the bed of pick-up trucks.

TAPE 103, A		
030	Rebecca Millnick	Student at Ainsworth Elementary School, testifies in favor of HB 3589.
040	Greg Barton	Student at Ainsworth Elementary School, testifies in favor of HB 3589.
047	Rep. Roberts	Asks about the -1 amendments.
050	Barton	Responds that it would be OK to ride in the bed in a pick-up truck if the vehicle was traveling less than 25 mph.
060	Alicia Adams	Student at Ainsworth Elementary School, testifies in favor of HB 3589, explains that when she is racing in the soap box derby she must wear a helmet so why can people ride in the bed of pick-up trucks without helmets.
075	Loren Larson	Student at Ainsworth Elementary School, testifies in favor of HB 3589. Explains that when people are riding in the bed of pick-up trucks and the truck crashes people are ejected and generally die.
095	Elizabeth Cook	Student at Ainsworth Elementary School, testifies in favor of HB 3589, explains that when riding in the back of a pick-up truck they are exposed to a higher amount of carbon monoxide and its poisonous fumes.
113	Jack Bierwirth	Student at Ainsworth Elementary School, testifies in favor of HB 3589, explains that current law allows people to ride in the bed of a pick-up trucks.
129	Neil Cummings	Student at Ainsworth Elementary School, testifies in favor of HB 3589. Explains that bicycle riders must wear helmets and that it is much more dangerous to ride in the back of a pick-up truck.
146	Ashley Wakefield	Student at Ainsworth Elementary School, testifies in favor of HB 3589, explains that other states have passed similar laws and that the bed of pick-up trucks is for cargo not people.
159	Jimmy Lindsay	Student at Ainsworth Elementary School, testifies in favor of HB 3589, explains that his father is a intensive care unit (ICU) doctor and that if someone is ejected from a pick-up that they can end up in ICU with high medical costs.
173	Christopher Wearn	Student at Ainsworth Elementary School, testifies in favor of HB 3589, explains that there are stiff drunk driving laws and helmet laws for bicycles. States that Oregonians should be concerned for the safety of their drivers.
199	Mrs. Martin	Testifies in favor of HB 3589. Explains that she is capable of bringing more than just the urban outlook to this committee. Explains that most people think that Oregon's seat-belt law includes the beds of pick-up trucks, but it does not.
240	Chair Montgomery	Explains to the students that they are lobbying properly, thanks the students for being here.
250	Rep. Lokan	Asks about people and dogs riding in the back of pick-up trucks.

262	Chair Montgomery	Responds that there is already a bill in this committee covering pets in the bed of the pick-up trucks.
272	Rep. Josi	Asks if there are seats with belts in the bed of the pick-up truck, does that make it all right to ride in the bed.
280	Martin	Responds that it would be all right.
292	Lt. Glen Radar	Oregon State Police Patrol Services Division, testifies in favor of HB 3589 (EXHIBIT C) .
321	Rep. Wells	Asks what the current law is governing this.
335	Lt. Radar	Responds that it is all right to have pets or people riding in the bed of pick-up trucks. Explains that there is no prohibition except for children riding on the sides of pick-up trucks.
370	Rep. Josi	Asks if Lt. Radar supports the -4, -6, -5 and the -8 amendments.
375	Lt. Radar	Responds yes.
418	Rep. Josi	Asks if he supports the city limit and the speed limit amendments.
430	Lt. Radar	Responds that the department would support those amendments.
440	Chair Montgomery	Asks how many officers he has and if there are enough officers to enforce all these laws.
455	Lt. Radar	Responds that there has been a significant reduction in the amount of police officers. Currently there are about 349 patrols officers on the road. That is down from 726, fifteen years ago.
465	Chair Montgomery	Explains the need for more officers.
TAPE 102, B		
030	Helen Liere	Project Director, Child Safety Resource Center, testifies in favor of HB 3589 (EXHIBIT D) . Testifies that she survived a fifty mph head on collision.
080	Liere	Testifies about the fatalities that are caused by people riding in the bed of pick-up trucks. Explains that 22 other states already have this law.
100	Rep. Lokan	Asks if she would like the bill to prohibit anyone from riding in the bed.
110	Liere	Responds that she is willing to start anywhere.
115	Dr. Grant Higginson	Oregon Health Division, testifies in favor of HB 3589. Explains that riding in the bed of a pick-up truck is the number one cause of death in pick-up truck accidents.
145	Jerry Parker	Oregon Department of Transportation, testifies in favor of HB 3589 (EXHIBIT E)
202	Rep. Roberts	States his support of the amendments.
210	Chair Montgomery	Goes down list of amendments to get the committee's opinion.
260	Chair	Continues discussion.

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310	Rep. Wells	States that he does not support HB 3589 or any of the amendments.
325	Chair Montgomery	Explains that the bill should be hand engrossed so the committees can see what it will look like.
340	Rep. Josi	States that the bill does not prohibit transporting workers for commercial uses.
350	Chair Montgomery	Explains that the bill will die if a vote is taken today, would like to bring it back at a later date.
370	Chair Montgomery	Explains that this is a very serious issue and it is not to be taken lightly.
380	Rep. Roberts	Asks to have the -3, -4, and -8 amendments drafted into the bill and have it drafted by Legislative Counsel.
405	Rep. Roberts	Explains to the students that if this bill passes the House it will go to the Senate.
TAPE 103, B		
021	Chair Montgomery	Closes work session on HB 3589, opens public hearing on SB 510.
<u>SB 510 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
034	Adkins	Explains SB 510 to committee and audience.
041	Ted Hughes	Oregon Association of Nurserymen, testifies in favor of SB 510.
067	Rep. Lokan	Asks why any fee needs to be paid.
070	Hughes	Explains that there are signs posted prohibiting traveling on certain roads. A fee needs to be paid if they need a temporary exemption.
086	Adkins	Asks if the permits are issued annually or monthly.
095	Hughes	Responds that they are variance permits and can be done to any specifications.
100	Rep. Wells	Gives his support of SB 510. Explains that trucks pull in from out of state that are too long or too heavy and they need permits to be able to access their drop spots.
105	Chair Montgomery	Closes public hearing on SB 510, opens work session.
<u>SB 510 WORK SESSION</u>		
110	Rep. Roberts	MOTION: Moves SB 510 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
125		VOTE: 5-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.

		EXCUSED: 2 - Markham, Lehman
	Chair	The motion CARRIES. REP. WELLS will lead discussion on the floor.
130	Chair Montgomery	Closes work session on SB 510, adjourns meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Omitted

B - HB 3589, written letter, Karla Angal, 2 pp

C - HB 3589, written testimony, Lt. Glen Rader, 3 pp

D - HB 3589, written testimony, Helen Liere, 3 pp

E - HB 3589, written testimony, Ed Marges, 4 pp

F - HB 3589, proposed amendments, Rep. Anitra Rasmussen, 9 pp