

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

May 28, 1997 Hearing Room D

8:30 A.M. Tapes 120 - 121

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:

SB 990 Work Session

HB 3159 Work Session

SB 383 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 150 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 688 Work Session

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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 120, A		

005	Chair Montgomery	Calls meeting to order at 8:40 a.m., opens work session on SB 990. Thanks Sen. Mae Yih for her hard work on SB 688 explains that there needs to be some work done during the interim on SB 688 and SB 814.
<u>SB 990</u> <u>WORK</u> <u>SESSION</u>		
030	Janet Adkins	Policy Analyst, explains SB 990, the -1 amendments, (EXHIBIT E) and the hand engrossed version (EXHIBIT F) to committee and audience.
040'	Rep. Lokan	Asks if the bill will require signs to notify drivers that they are coming in to a work zone.
052	Larry Christenson	Oregon Department of Transportation, responds that the signs are one way to notify drivers in advance that they are entering a work zone.
070	Adkins	Clarifies wording in SB 990.
075	Rep. Lehman	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 990-1 amendments dated 05/21/97.
080	Chair Montgomery	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIEDUCATION
085	Rep. Vice- Chair Lehman	MOTION: Moves SB 990 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
095		VOTE: 5-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 2 - Markham,Wells
	Chair Montgomery	The motion CARRIES. REP. ROBERTS will lead discussion on the floor.
090	Chair Montgomery	Closes work session on SB 990, opens work session on HB 3159.
<u>HB 3159</u> <u>WORK</u> <u>SESSION</u>		
099	Adkins	Explains HB 3159 and the -2 amendments to committee and audience (EXHIBIT G) .
125	Mike Sherlock	Oregon Traffic Safety Instructors Association, testifies in favor of HB 3159. Explains that he has been working on this bill all session.
145	Chair Montgomery	Asks if he has been working on the other driver's education bill.
150	Sherlock	Responds that he has only worked on this bill.
		Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), responds that there

155	Ed Marges	have been some changes in the wording of the bill.
144	Rep. Markham	Asks how much money is put toward driver's education funding from drivers license fees.
165	Marges	Responds.
178	Rep. Roberts	States that he does not have a problem paying a fee attached to his driver's license. Explains that driver's education doesn't teach about driving in the snow or other adverse conditions.
190	Marges	Responds.
199	Rep. Wells	Asks who may offer driver's education classes and where that wording is in the bill.
205	Tim Derfelt	Oregon Traffic Safety, responds. Explains that ODOT approves the driver training programs.
240	Rep. Roberts	Asks about line ten in HB 3159, explains that private programs have driving simulators.
257	Rep. Markham	Asks about dollar figures to teach each student how to drive.
267	Marges	Responds.
271	Vice-Chair Lehman	States his concern about private driver's education programs and asks if he can he open a private driving school.
290	Marges	Responds that if a student goes to a private program he or she is responsible to pay for that class.
300	Vice-Chair Lehman	Asks for clarification on where the funding comes from for public schools drivers education programs.
305	Marges	Responds.
310	Vice-Chair Lehman	Asks if this bill requires public schools to teach driver's education
330	Marges	Responds it is up to each school district to decide.
335	Rep. Lokan	States her concern for where the funding comes from.
370	Chair Montgomery	Asks if the one FTE is going to be transferred to education
380	Marges	Responds that he is unaware of an FTE being transferred to education
390	Adkins	Asks about fee increase for drivers licenses.
400	Marges	Responds that there is no fee increase.
TAPE 121, A		
010	Vice-Chair Lehman	Testifies that he can not support this bill.
015	Rep. Lokan	Agrees with Vice-Chair Lehman.
020	Chair Montgomery	Closes work session on HB 3159, opens public hearing on SB 383.
SB 383		

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
025	Adkins	Explains SB 383 and the -2 and -3 amendments (EXHIBIT H,I) to committee and audience.
050	Jessica Harris	Legislative Assistant, Sen. Hamby's office. Testifies in favor of SB 383, explains that using headlights will decrease traffic accidents.
071	Rep. Jim Hill	District 5, testifies in favor of SB 383 with the -3 amendments. Explains that the reflectors are temperature sensitive. They turn color when the temperature drops below the freezing level.
083	Rep. Lonnie Roberts	District 21, explains that black ice is frozen fog. Testifies that commercial drivers can use these reflectors as safety tools. If drivers see that it is below freezing they can slow down and be prepared for icy conditions.
110	Rep. Wells	Explains that he has suggested some amendments that must be adopted before he will support the bill.
122	Chair Montgomery	Explains that he has -3 amendments.
127	Rep. Roberts	Asks if Department of Motor Vehicles Services will at least give this a try.
135	Rep. Hill	Explains that he rolled his car seven times when traveling through the gorge.
145	Rep. Wells	Asks for more clarification about the fiscal impact.
160	Sen. Marylin Shannon	District 15, testifies in favor of SB 383.
180	Sen. Gary George	District 2, explains about fruit trees and indicators he used in the fruit tree fields to tell if the temperature was below freezing. Explains that Highway 240 goes right by his farm. Explains that he is missing trees on his farm from cars sliding off the road and into his farm.
230	Sen. George	Explains that he looked at posts along Highway 240 and that the posts already have holes drilled in them and that they could be used to save money. Explains that he is tired of having cars sliding onto his farm and wiping out his trees. Asks that maybe the reflectors be tried in some areas to see if they work.
260	Rep. Markham	Asks if Sen. George has used the Bluestar.
265	Sen. George	Responds no.
270	Marges	Explains that these devices should be tried to see if they work. States that the Bluestars can be easily stolen and sometimes inaccurate depending on location. States that scientifically they don't work (EXHIBIT A).
325	Vice-Chair Lehman	Asks about the number of fatalities.
330	Marges	Responds.
332	Rep. Wells	Asks about the fiscal impact.

337	Marges	Responds that he does not have the figures.
342	Joan Plank	ODOT, responds to Rep. Wells' question.
350	Chair Montgomery	Asks if these reflectors can be installed without having to make them law.
365	Marges	Responds that it can be done without it.
375	Rep. Roberts	Explains that he is upset about the budgeting and giving money to ODOT.
TAPE 120, B		
010	Ken Evans	Bluestar, testifies in favor of SB 383 (EXHIBIT B,C). Reads from segments of written testimony about the reliability of the Bluestars.
060	Evans	Continues reading about the preliminary report in regard to the reliability of the Bluestar. Explains that the pavement lags behind the air temperature. Explains that the pavement warms the air. Explains the need to use the Bluestars properly.
110	Evans	Explains that there should be a ten to twenty percent reduction in traffic accidents if the Bluestars are used
112	Chair Montgomery	Asks if any other states are using Bluestars.
115	Russ Beabe	Bluestar, responds that he is not aware of any other states using Bluestars.
150	Beabe	Explains that people don't need to slow down if the pavement is dry just because it is below freezing.
151	Larry Christenson	ODOT, explains about the use of head lights in adverse weather (EXHIBIT D).
175	Chair Montgomery	Explains that we are in public hearing on SB 383.
180	Vice-Chair Lehman	Asks if the bill is more important than the amendments.
185	Harris	Responds that the bill is more important.
190	Vice-Chair Lehman	Responds that he is ready to move the bill.
195	Chair Montgomery	Closes public hearing on SB 383, opens work session.
SB 383 WORK SESSION		
195	Rep. Wells	Asks if there is a fiscal impact on SB 383.
200	Harris	Responds.
213	Christenson	Testifies about the fiscal impact on SB 383.
218	Rep. Lehman	MOTION: Moves SB 383 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

250	Chair Montgomery	VOTE: 5-1 AYE: 5 - Josi, Lehman, Lokan, Markham, Montgomery NAY: 1 - Wells EXCUSED: 1 - Roberts
	Chair Montgomery	The motion CARRIES. REP. LOKAN will lead discussion on the floor.
255	Chair Montgomery	Closes work session on SB 383, opens public hearing on SB 150.
<u>SB 150</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u>		
	Burton Weast	Fire Chiefs' Association, testifies in favor of SB 150. Explains about the technology of the traffic devices. Explains about his communication with ODOT and the studies that were done. Explains that there were some amendments introduced on the Senate side and they were adopted education Testifies that he is not aware of any opponents.
270	Chair Montgomery	Closes public hearing on SB 150, opens work session.
<u>SB 150</u> <u>WORK</u> <u>SESSION</u>		
290	Rep. Lehman	MOTION: Moves SB 150A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
295		VOTE: 6-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 - Roberts
	Chair Montgomery	The motion CARRIES. REP. LEHMAN will lead discussion on the floor.
325	Rep. Josi	Explains how much he has enjoyed working with the House Committee on Transportation.
330	Chair Montgomery	Closes work session on SB 150, adjourns meeting.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SB 383, written testimony, Ed Marges, 1 p

B - SB 383, written testimony, Ken Evans, 1 p

C - SB 383, written testimony, Ken Evans, 33 pp

D - SB 383, written testimony, Larry Christenson, 3 pp

E - SB 990, -1 amendments, Janet Adkins, 1 p

F - SB 990, hand engrossed, Janet Adkins, 2 p

G - HB 3159, -2 amendments, Janet Adkins, 12 pp

H - SB 383, -2 amendments, Janet Adkins, 2 pp

I - SB 383, -3 amendments, Janet Adkins, 2 pp