

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER POLICY

January 16, 1997 Hearing Room D

3:00 P.M. Tapes 1 - 2

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Ken Messerle, Chair

Rep. Tim Josi, Vice-Chair

Rep. Jo Ann Bowman

Rep. Tony Corcoran

Rep. Steve Harper

Rep. Jeff Kruse

Rep. Jim Welsh

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MEMBER EXCUSED:

VISITING MEMBER: Rep. Bob Jenson

STAFF PRESENT:

Pat Zwick, Policy Analyst

Rebecca M. Nickel, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Organizational Meeting

Department of Agriculture - Agency Overview

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 1, A		
004	Chair Messerle	Calls meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

006	Chair Messerle	Discussion of Committee Rules (EXHIBIT A)
008	Rep. Kruse	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules.
010	Chair Messerle	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
014	Chair Messerle	Asks members to introduce themselves and give their backgrounds.
016	Rep. Harper	Introduction
028	Rep. Corcoran	Introduction
050	Rep. Kruse	Introduction
063	Rep. Josi	Introduction
082	Rep. Bowman	Introduction
092	Chair Messerle	Introduction of Rep. Bob Jenson (District 57) as a visiting member.
094	Rep. Jenson	Introduction
105	Chair Messerle	Introduction and discussion of issues which may be before the Committee during the 1997 Session.
124	Pat Zwick	Comments and introduction of committee staff.
140	Chair Messerle	Discussion of future committee adherence to rules.
<u>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - AGENCY OVERVIEW</u>		
152	Bruce Andrews	Director, Department of Agriculture, presents overview of Dept. of Agriculture.
183	Chair Messerle	Asks Rep. Welsh for introduction.
185	Rep. Welsh	Introduction and comments.
196	Andrews	Slide presentation - General Overview (EXHIBIT B)
246	Andrews	Slide presentation - Agricultural Employment
290	Andrews	Slide presentation - Water Issues and Agriculture (EXHIBIT C)
		Slide presentation - Divisions of Department of Agriculture

301	Andrews	(EXHIBIT D)
351	Andrews	Slide presentation - Food Safety
401	Andrews	Slide presentation - Product Inspection
TAPE 2, A		
016	Andrews	Slide presentation - Pest and Weed Control
046	Andrews	Slide presentation - Irrigation Issues
096	Andrews	Slide presentation - Livestock and Hybrid management programs
134	Andrews	Slide presentation - Economic Impact
165	Andrews	Slide presentation - Agriculture in Oregon (EXHIBIT E)
178	Chair Messerle	Asks Director Andrews for discussion on SB 1010 (1993 Legislative Session) and how it will relate to this committee and to the Department of Agriculture.
181	Andrews	Discusses SB 1010 and its history and purposes.
210	Andrews	Reviews Clean Water Act (introduced in 1972) and how states and the EPA are being asked to respond to complaints and enforcement. Also discussed the creation and inclusion of the 303-d list (a section of the Clean Water Act) which requires states to identify those waterways which do not meet clean water standards (pollutants, dissolved oxygens, and/or temperature).
252	Andrews	Concludes discussion of SB 1010 requirements and effects on Dept. of Agriculture.
266	Chair Messerle	Asks if Director Andrews has any staff he would like to introduce.
268	Andrews	Introduces Phil Ward, Assistant Director for Natural Resource Policy and department's legislative liaison.
274	Chair Messerle	Invites questions from other Committee members.
276	Rep. Bowman	Asks for explanation of "Team Oregon."
279	Andrews	Defines "Team Oregon" as a coordination between the Department of Agriculture, the Port of Portland, and state and local economic development departments in the area of international trade.
295	Rep. Kruse	Asks for discussion on Food and Product Safety Division and the amount of federal funding.
305	Andrews	Discusses FDA contracts and the funding which is used for those programs. * General Fund

		* Federal Funding * Fees
316	Rep. Kruse	Asks for explanation of funding of the exotic/hybrid programs.
320	Andrews	Discusses department's fee structure regarding permits and his opinion regarding future permit oversight.
332	Rep. Kruse	Requests information regarding commodity commissions and funding.
340	Andrews	Offers brief overview of the 29 Commodity Divisions (including one which is attached to the department) and their funding and regulation.
345	Rep. Kruse	Asks which priority areas would be considered if additional funds were included in the budget.
349	Andrews	Responds that those priorities are listed in the SB 1010 Program.
352	Rep. Kruse	Asks if additional funds for the Healthy Streams Initiative are available and if expenditure will be to fund basin plans or specific projects.
360	Andrews	Discusses responsibilities under the Clean Water Act and how it relates to the Healthy Streams Initiative.
380	Rep. Kruse	Asks for discussion on participation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Watershed Councils in the implementation of future programs.
389	Andrews	Discusses SB 1010 Implementation. (EXHIBIT F)
411	Rep. Josi	Asks for discussion on enforcement.
414	Andrews	Responds that the Department will be taking an interest in enforcement as the legal responsibility is on agencies rather than landowners.
TAPE 1, B		
017	Chair Messerle	Asks committee if there is further discussion and closing comments
027	Chair Messerle	Adjourns meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Rules for the House Committee on Water Policy, staff, 2 pp.

B - Dept. of Agriculture Agency Overview, Pamphlet, Bruce Andrews, 24 pp.

C - Testimony on Important Water Issues Facing Oregon Agriculture, Bruce Andrews, 2 pp.

D - Dept. of Agriculture Agency Overview, Pamphlet, Bruce Andrews, 2 pp.

E - Dept. of Agriculture Agency Overview, Pamphlet, Bruce Andrews, 2 pp.

F - Dept. of Agriculture Agency Overview, Pamphlet, Bruce Andrews, 2 pp.