CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 3698

June 26, 1997 Hearing Room E

1:00 PM Tapes 02

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Charles Starr, Chair

Rep. Ron Adams

Rep. Kurt Schrader

Sen. Gene Derfler

Sen. Randy Leonard

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Randy Miller

STAFF PRESENT:

Judith Gruber, Administrator

Linda Kowal, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

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Tape #	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 02, A		
		(EXHIBIT A) submitted by Rep. Adams.
005	Chair Starr	Calls the meeting order at 1:28 pm.
		(EXHIBIT B) Director, Department of Corrections. (EXHIBIT C) The bill and amendments as proposed will affect the Dammasch site in Wilsonville and the Shutter Creek Correctional Institution expansion in Coos Bay which do not have a resolution of interest.
		It could potentially affect sites that do have a resolution of interest:
		* the Umatilla site currently under construction

		* the Powder River expansion in Baker City
007		The Milliron site which is the new Junction City site would be excluded under the provisions of HB 3698. In regard to the Dammasch Wilsonville site, it replaces the intake facility that's currently operated in Oregon City. They have a commitment to turn over that facility to Clackamas County in March 2000.
	Dave Cook	The other impact has to do with the female prison population which is expanding at about the same rate as the male population. The women's facility in Salem is at and beyond capacity and the coed facility at the Columbia River correctional facility in the Portland area is more than half female offenders.
		They had anticipated breaking ground spring of 1997 at the Dammasch site and this will push it back another year or more.
052	Rep. Schrader	Asks that he elaborate on the burden this would put on the Clackamas County intake facility.
053	Cook	Responds they have an agreement to turn this facility over in March of 2000. They will continue to work with Sheriff Bradshaw on this and will meet again on Monday.
069	Chair Starr	Asks about the possibility of utilizing parts of the Washington County new facility.
072	Cook	Responds they have not entered into negotiations with others. The intake process requires a different type of staff and a different level of security than a regular jail facility. The larger problem is how to deal with the overcrowding of the female and coed facilities.
081	Rep. Schrader	Asks about the cost associated with a delay of the intake facility. Regardless of who owns the facility, there will be an increased burden with more people coming into Clackamas County.
087	Cook	Responds they pay for the security provided by the Deputy Sheriff and the beds being used. They have reached an agreement with the Sheriff that this would continue. They want a longer intake process based on their need to meet Ballot Measure 17 work programs.
101	Rep. Adams	Clarifies the Baker expansion is probably okay, the Ontario expansion?
104	Cook	Corrects him that is the Shutter Creek expansion in Coos Bay. Ontario is not under consideration here.
106	Rep. Adams	Umatilla would be okay because of the resolution of interest.
108	Cook	Believes the Umatilla site is fine.
109	Rep. Adams	States that Rep. Welsh had mentioned to him in regard to SB 541 that there was an resolution of interest in Junction City, the Milliron site.
118	Rep. Adams	The Clackamas County Commissioners are on record for other uses regarding Dammasch. Asks if the original groundbreaking was set for spring of 1997

		how it stands now.
124	Cook	The original groundbreaking for Dammasch was set for September of 1997. Based on what has gone on, it's been pushed back to spring of 1998 with a 28 - 30 month construction process.
139	Rep. Schrader	Asks what the likelihood of possible sites on other farm ground, which was the original interest of this bill, would be if any of the current sites fall off.
142	Cook	Under this proposal, they potentially would look at soils less than Class I and II. They don't know that a community or a farmer in a community wouldn't step forward and state he is willing to sell his land. This hasn't been their experience in western Oregon but they don't know that wouldn't be true on the east side.
155	Rep. Schrader	Asks besides the delay time, where will the department be if this referendum doesn't succeed.
157	Cook	Responds the same as today. Their intentions would be to site and build the Dammasch and Milliron facility, do the expansion at Powder River and Shutte Creek and the others he mentioned. Their assumption is they would proceed as they have been directed to proceed with the sites selected by the Governor.
189	Chair Starr	Opens a work session.
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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - HB 3698, proposed -10 amendments, Governor's Office, 1 p.

B - HB 3698, proposed -11 amendments, Rep. Adams, 1 p.

C - HB 3698, Memorandum, Dave Cook, 2 pp.