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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

January 17, 1997 Hearing Room C

9:00 AM Tapes 1A - 3A

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bob Kintigh, Chair

Sen. Bill Fisher, Vice-Chair

Sen. Bill Dwyer

Sen. Ted Ferrioli

Sen. Gary George

Sen. Veral Tarno

Sen. Thomas Wilde

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Glen Stonebrink, Administrator

Christin Smith, Administrator

Brad Harper, Administrative Support

Paul Zolezzi, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Informational Meeting

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 1A		
001	Sen. Kintigh	Welcome.
011	Sen. Wilde	Introduction
015	Sen. Tarno	Introduction
017	Sen. Fisher	Introduction
020	Sen. Kintigh	Introduction
023	Sen. Dwyer	Introduction
026	Sen. George	Introduction
031	Glen Stonebrink	Committee administrator. Introduction
034	Christin Smith	Committee administrator. Introduction
038	Stonebrink	Introduces administrative assistants
045	Sen. Kintigh	Distribution of proposed rules.
055	Sen. Ferrioli	Introduction
058	Sen. Kintigh	Discussion of rules.
062	Sen. Tarno	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules dated 01/17/97.
066		VOTE: 7-0
	Chair	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

068	Sen. Kintigh	Audience cautioned against bringing cell phones and beepers into hearing room. Introduces presenter from Department of Environmental Quality.
088	Langdon Marsh	Director of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Duties include monitoring water and air quality. Encourage and regulate waste management and disposal, including hazardous waste and petroleum spills. Oregon DEQ has been delegated many feral regulations. Discussion of future goals on a statewide and local level. Majority of current pollution sources are from individuals. This is addressed through public education.
175	Marsh	Secondary goal of DEQ is protection of public health caused by pollution. Of particular concern are pollutants which exacerbate respiratory diseases. Discussion of new federal regulations regarding emission of fine particulate pollutants.
226	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding areas most likely to be impacted by new federal standards.
235	Marsh	Question deferred until later in presentation.
241	Sen. Kintigh	Question for clarification.
246	Marsh	DEQ believes that dramatic new programs will not be necessary to control pollution under new regulations. Primary source of carbon monoxide pollution due to wood stoves , lawnmowers, etc.
274	Sen. Dwyer	Questions exemption of golf carts from regulation.
283	Marsh	Exemption due to inability to monitor.
288	Sen. George	Question regarding boats and all terrain vehicles.
295	Marsh	DEQ position.
300	Sen. Kintigh	Question regarding how DEQ arrived at various standards.
306	Marsh	Federal laws require inventory for monitoring and establishing air quality standards.
323	Sen. Kintigh	Question regarding monitoring of tractors and farm equipment.
330	Marsh	Vehicles in question have minimal impact on air quality in Willamette valley.
343	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding statistical estimates.
353	Green	Explanation of statistical figures.
372	Sen. Tarno	Question
375	Green	Answer
380	Sen. Wilde	Statistics presented are useful, but not complete.
395	Green	Additional and complex statistical data will be made available.
418	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding period in which statistical data was gathered.
432	Green	answer.
440	Sen. Ferrioli	Question regarding rural pollution versus urban pollution. Are PM10 standards compatible?

463	Green	No increase in PM10 expected due to wildfire contingencies.
TAPE 2A		
035	Sen. Ferrioli	Discussion of air quality standards.
046	Green	Discussion of federal participation, Columbia Gorge.
055	Sen. Ferrioli	Concern regarding rural impact.
063	Sen. Kintigh	return discussion to Marsh's presentation
067	Marsh	Discussion of non-attainment areas. DEQ's approach to air pollution and discussion of vehicle programs in Portland and Medford. Discussion of decrease in carbon monoxide levels in Medford, thereby meeting federal standards despite increase traffic volume. Discussion of SB 186. Air quality presentation finished.
132	Sen. Fisher	Question regarding whether EPA requirements are more or less strict than Oregon standards.
148	Marsh	Discussion of adoption of standards.
167	Sen. Fisher	Seeking clarification regarding Oregon streams.
169	Marsh	Discussion regarding gathering of applicable scientific data regarding salmon survival.
187	Sen. George	Question regarding air quality, vehicle pollution and assessment of statewide pollution levels.
200	Marsh	Explanation of equal protection program and information gathering methods and impact of overall air shed.
231	Sen. Dwyer	Point of clarification regarding stream temperature standards.
244	Marsh	Clarification made.
247	Sen. Kintigh	Shifts discussion to waste management.
253	Marsh	Discussion of "cradle-to-grave" management of waste. Corporate incentives to decrease toxic waste. Reappraisal of toxic use reduction plan and interaction with federal government. Adoption of rules regarding recycling of hazardous waste. Discussion of solid waste program - municipal waste. Levels of waste production increasing, but waste disposal is remaining level due to success of recycling efforts. At 30 percent recycling level, Oregon has best program in nation.
310	Sen. Fisher	Question regarding tonnage.
323	Marsh	Discussion of landfill closures and future expectations.
340	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding solid waste facilities.
347	Marsh	Invites Walter to address question.
356	Walter	Discussion of subtitle (D) permitting requirements.
366	Sen.	Question regarding number of landfills in southern Oregon.

	George	
370	Walter	Addresses size of those landfills.
387	Marsh	Discussion of recycling.
390	Sen. Ferrioli	Discussion of impact of recycling on stream quality. Concern that recovery of recycled material does not correlate to market.
412	Marsh	Will supplement information as necessary.
423	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding paper recycling and profitability.
457	Walter	Explanation of recycling market.
468	Sen. Dwyer	Discussion of past experience with recycling market.
TAPE 1B		
001	Sen. Fisher	Question regarding organics versus inorganics.
012	Marsh	Answers question. Discussion of underground storage tanks. 73 percent of facilities have not complied with regulations.
039	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding exact figures.
044	Walter	Information will be provided - noncompliance mostly involves independent, smaller facilities.
053	Marsh	Discussion of reported leaks in underground tanks and impact on homeowners. Discussion of fourth program - clean up of petroleum tanks. Program identifies sites for clean up. Discussion of orphan site program. Identification of 1800 sites with contamination - 200 have been cleaned up since 1987. Changed methods of risk assessment. Discussion of spills program. 1350 incidents in 1995. DEQ provides technical assistance and enforcement. Program addresses prevention techniques. Discussion of overall purpose behind proposed legislation. SB 146 intended to address toxic production regulations and cost recovery. SB 145 addresses heating oil problem in real estate transactions. SB 144 is follow-on to recycling law - seeks to achieve 50 percent recycling rate by year 2000.
173	Sen. Kintigh	Dismisses DEQ and welcomes Bruce Andrews from Department of Agriculture.
186	Bruce Andrews	Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture. Slide presentation regarding agricultural overview. Discussion of diversity of agricultural resources. Discussion of growth of farm gate value at rate of 8-10 percent over last ten years. Importance of agriculture as state export. Overview of agriculture economy. Discussion of food safety division, weights and measurements, laboratory services, export services.
TAPE 2B		

035	Andrews	Slide show continued. Discussion of quality seals, plant health division, pest control, natural resources, water use, non-point source pollution, field burning program, population impact, animal health and identification division, exotic animals, promotion of economic development, Team Oregon. End of presentation.
260	Sen. Kintigh	Discussion of irrigation.
280	Sen. Fisher	Question regarding materials.
290	Andrews	Materials will be provided.
295	Sen. George	Compliments Department of Agriculture as useful and helpful.
300	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding imported pest infestations on wood products.
310	Andrews	Invites Carolyn Young to address question
318	Carolyn Young	Scientist, Department of Agriculture. Discusses downturn in imported wood materials allowing department to absorb inspection costs better.
335	Sen. Kintigh	Question regarding proposed legislation.
343	Andrews	Department is proposing no legislation this session.
350	Sen. Fisher	Question regarding revenue collection.
358	Andrews	Explanation of fund with overcharge and subsequent settlement.
374	Sen. Dwyer	Statement regarding dispersal of money.
385	Sen. Kintigh	Question regarding investigation into fuel pump fraud
392	Andrews	Invites Mr. Ward to address question
400	Mr. Ward	Discusses 2 percent error in posted octane levels
410	Sen. George	Question regarding aquaculture potential.
424	Andrews	Discussion of expansion of mariculture program.
445	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding octane testing
452	Mr. Ward	Explanation of current practice and future need for standards.
TAPE 3A		
003	Sen. Fisher	Discussion of contaminated gas, questioning need for testing program.
016	Andrews	Explanation of current proposals.
029	Sen. Dwyer	Discussion of gas contamination and danger of over-regulation.
042	Sen. Kintigh	Meeting adjourned.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Oregon Department of Environmental Quality - Map of Regional & Branch offices (2 pages).

B - Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Agency Overview (17 pages).

C - 3 brochures regarding Oregon Department Of Agriculture, Bruce Andrews, ODA (6 pages).

D - Oregon Department Of Agriculture - Oregon's Leading Industry brochure, Bruce Andrews, ODA (23 pages).
