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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PARKS**

**February 27, 1997 Hearing Room 137**

**3:00 PM Tapes 17 - 18**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Sen. Gary George, Chair**

**Sen. Bill Dwyer, Vice-Chair**

**Sen. Joan Dukes**

**Sen. Verne Duncan**

**MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Veral Tarno**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Glen Stonebrink, Administrator**

**Brad Harper, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**SB 377 Public Hearing**

**SB 430 Public Hearing**

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<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 17, A</b>		
003	Chair George	Convenes meeting at 3:12 PM.
<b><u>SB 377 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
010	Glen Stonebrink	Committee Administrator. Explanation of Sen. Kintigh's support of amendments to the bill he has sponsored: SB 377.
022	Robert Meinen	Director, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD). Submission of written materials ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ). Discussion of informal adopt-a-park program administered by OPRD. Gold & Silver Falls, Coos Bay & McBay Rock have experimented with adopt-a-park concept. Discussion of specific, but partial, adopt-a-park programs in state parks, including "campground hosts."
085	Meinen	OPRD supports SB 337 and suggests three amendments.
098	Stonebrink	Question regarding specific terms suggested under amendments.
100	Meinen	Further discussion of proposed amendments.
122	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding impact on hypothetical "for-profit" group.
135	Meinen	Agrees with proposed change.
140	Chair George	Agrees that proposed change matches underlying policy.
145	Meinen	Discussion of proposed amendment.
150	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding specific expenditures.
160	Meinen	Agrees that agreements must be flexible.
168	Sen. Dwyer	Comments regarding importance of not discouraging participation at any level.
172	Meinen	Discussion of costs.
183	Sen. Dwyer	Supports flexibility.
187	Sen. Duncan	Question regarding allocation of commitments.
195	Meinen	Explanation of purpose of amendment.
201	Sen. Dwyer	Suggestion for contributors.
207	Chair George	Question regarding existing programs.

210	Meinen	Discussion of background of current programs and Sen. Kintigh's original measure.
226	Chair George	Question
229	Meinen	Response regarding corporate interests in program.
242	Rich Peppers	Representing Oregon Public Employees Union (OPEU). Submits written materials ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ). Neutral toward SB 377 and supportive of volunteerism, but not without concerns.
267	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding OPRD.
272	Peppers	Discussion of concerns regarding quality standards, liability, worker displacement, and potential additional funds to coordinate volunteer programs.
356	Chair George	Question to Meinen regarding current standards for volunteers.
365	Sen. Duncan	Agrees OPEU's concerns are legitimate.
368	Meinen	Discussion of current practices regarding volunteer standards, including signed agreements.
415	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding liability issues.
<b>TAPE 18,A</b>		
018	Meinen	OPRD provides workers' compensation insurance for volunteers.
022	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding liability for park users.
025	Meinen	Discussion of liability issues and park hazards.
046	Sen. Dwyer	Comment regarding liability limits. Question regarding displacement of workers.
050	Meinen	OPRD has binding agreements with OPEU to relocate any displaced employees.
073	Sen. Duncan	Question regarding whether parks to be closed are only ones to be considered for program.
080	Meinen	Parks facing closure are best candidates.
091	Chair George	Question regarding specific language of SB 377.
101	Sen. Dwyer	Suggests that OPRD and OPEU work together on drafting amendments.
105	Sen. Dukes	Question regarding past experiences with similar programs.
110	Sen. Dwyer	Comment regarding transportation funds.
113	Sen. Dukes	Discussion of transportation issues.
125	Meinen	Comment regarding adopt-a-highway program.
135	Chair George	Discussion of measure's intent.

140	Peppers	Supports committee's suggestions.
148	Sen. Duncan	Question regarding on-site caretaker program.
154	Meinen	Discussion of caretaker concept.
190	Chair George	Comment regarding research into other states park funding programs.
210	Edward Johnston	Citizen of Toledo, Oregon. Proposes placing parks under county government control. Discussion of South Jetty Park costs. Supports adopt-a-park, but has concerns regarding use of funds.
249	Chair George	Question to Meinen regarding Johnston's proposal.
255	Meinen	Discussion of past agreements with county governments to administer state parks.
271	Sen. Dwyer	Suggestion to allow counties to adopt parks under SB 377.
287	Johnston	Concerns regarding lost tourism, but supports SB 377.
295	Meinen	Discussion of South Jetty Park.
325	Sen. Duncan	Question regarding displaced employees at county administered parks.
330	Meinen	Discussion of that particular agreement.
349	Johnston	Comment regarding local efforts to improve South Jetty Park.
387	Chair George	Question regarding horse riding issues.
392	Johnston	Response
<b>TAPE 17,B</b>		
020	Chair George	Comment
022	Sen. Dukes	Suggests that OPRD hold commission meeting in Lincoln County to address South Jetty Park issue.
036	Chair George	Comment regarding South Jetty Park.
039	Johnston	Discussion of future development of South Jetty Park.
053	Meinen	Comment
056	Chair George	Closes public hearing on SB 377 and opens public hearing on SB 430.
<b><u>SB 430 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
060	Stonebrink	Explanation of SB 430's sponsor, Sen. Fisher, position on measure.
065	Meinen	OPRD does not support SB 430. Submission of written materials ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ). Greatest camp site complaint surrounds late night noise. Believes that most parks can accommodate handicapped individuals with on-site electrical hook-ups. Individual who

		requested bill was concerned with federal park system where electrical hook-ups are less common. Concerns that measure could be abused.
125	Meinen	Discussion of alternative language if committee feels SB 430 is necessary.
167	Sen. Dukes	Question regarding potential for unavailability of campsite with electricity.
176	Meinen	Discussion of possible remedial measures.
180	Sen. Dukes	Question
182	Meinen	Response
195	Sen. Dukes	Comments regarding federal parks policy discouraging accommodation. Desire to avoid similar problem in Oregon parks.
213	Meinen	OPRD policy to accommodate handicapped individuals. Issue is a high priority with OPRD.
238	Chair George	Closes public hearing and directs committee to discuss introduction of committee bills.
<b><u>DISCUSSION OF FUTURE COMMITTEE BILLS</u></b>		
248	Stonebrink	Notes that committee bills must be submitted by next Tuesday, February 4, 1997.
260	Sen. Dukes	Discussion of last meeting's proposals and possible future action.
276	Chair George	Discussion of funding options.
283	Stonebrink	Suggests separate bills addressing each possible option.
293	Sen. Dukes	Discussion of conceptual legislation.
304	Chair George	Comment
312	Sen. Dukes	Supports "place holder" legislation, with regard for constitutional limitations.
330	Stonebrink	Discussion of possible action between now and next Tuesday.
343	Sen. Duncan	Supports proposal.
347	Chair George	Question of Meinen.
349	Meinen	Discussion of legislation pending in House.
367	Chair George	Question regarding "nickel for nature" proposal.
373	Meinen	Response
379	Sen. Dukes	Suggests increasing bottle deposit or redirecting lottery funds. Both

		capable of beginning in Senate.
400	Chair George	Question of Meinen
402	Meinen	Response
<b>TAPE 18,B</b>		
015	Sen. Duncan	Question of Sen. Dukes.
017	Sen. Dukes	Discussion of proposals and recommends Sen. Dwyer draft proposals.
031	Chair George	Question regarding referral to voters.
035	Sen. Dukes	Response
037	Stonebrink	Question of committee
039	Sen. Dukes	Response
049	Chair George	Recognizes Johnston
050	Johnston	Proposes donations rather than fees to fund parks.
071	Sen. Dukes	Suggests that Stonebrink begin with Meinen's list of funding proposals. Question to Meinen.
079	Meinen	Discussion of increasing bottle deposits.
087	Sen. Dukes	Recommends bottle deposit increase, 3% of lottery funds and hotel/motel tax.
096	Chair George	Question
099	Meinen	Comment
104	Sen. Dukes	Response
107	Nan Evans	Representing OPRD. Discussion of proposal.
112	Sen. Dukes	Discusses committee procedure.
119	Chair George	Statement regarding intention to direct committee staff to act on proposals. Discussion of agenda for Tuesday meeting.
130	Meinen	Comment
132	Chair George	Chair adjourns meeting at 4:42 PM.

**Submitted By, Reviewed By,**

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - SB 377, Written Testimony, Robert Meinen, 7 pp.**

**B - SB 377, Written Testimony, Rich Peppers, 2 pp.**

**C - SB 430, Written Testimony, Robert Meinen, 7 pp.**

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