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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PARKS**

**April 10, 1997 Hearing Room C**

**3:00 PM Tapes 34 - 37**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Sen. Gary George, Chair**

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

**Sen. Verne Duncan**

**Sen. Veral Tarno**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**Sen. Joan Dukes**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Glen Stonebrink, Administrator**

**Brad Harper, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**SB 879 Work Session**

**SB 908 Public Hearing**

## SB 931 Public Hearing

## SB 1031 Public Hearing & Work Session

**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.**

<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 34, A</b>		
005	Chair George	Convenes meeting at 3:03 PM. Due to the absence of a quorum, the committee begins meeting as a subcommittee and opens public hearing on SB 931.
<b><u>SB 931 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
025	Bill Penhollow	Representing Association of Oregon Counties (AOC). Overview of county governments in Oregon.
060	Paul Korbvily	Representing Jackson County Parks. Supports partnerships with Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD). Discussion of county parks' practices.
098	Bob Keefer	Representing Lane County Parks. Examples of contracting out assorted parks services. Examples of exchanging parks between counties when economical.
163	Chair George	Quorum being present, the committee is seated. Question regarding the impact or necessity of SB 931 considering current county practices.
195	Penhollow	Discussion of "reversionary clauses."
214	Chair George	Discussion of current legislative efforts.
230	Sen. Duncan	Question regarding comparative management practices.
235	Dob Burluson	Representing Linn County Parks. Discussion of different parks' needs.
260	Korbvily	Comment
285	Penhollow	Discussion of need for stable funding base for ORPD.
293	Chair George	Question regarding prevalence of fees charged at county parks.
300	Keefer	Each park operates differently.
320	Chair	Discussion of legislative intent.

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328	Sen. Dwyer	Comments regarding financial position of Oregon.
340	Chair George	Does not support keeping "kicker" funds.
352	Penhollow	Comment
361	Sen. Duncan	Discussion of funding policy.
393	Chair George	Discussion of priorities.
<b>TAPE 35, A</b>		
025	Sen. Tarno	Discussion of "O & C" issue and need to regain control of those lands.
035	Burleson	State and county parks must cooperate.
043	Chair George	Supports county efforts.
046	Keefer	Accessibility to public is priority.
056	Sen. Dwyer	Discussion of budgeting issues and user fees. Comments regarding impact of Measure 5 and 47 on county government.
089	Bob Meinen	Director, OPRD. Discussion of relationship between OPRD and county governments. Approximately 10 percent of OPRD lands have been turned over to local management. Concern that SB 931 might limit OPRD's flexibility and may not be necessary.
140	Chair George	Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 879.
<b><u>SB 879</u></b> <b><u>WORK</u></b> <b><u>SESSION</u></b>		
150	Sen. Dwyer	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 879-1 amendments dated 4/9/97.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 4-0</b>
		<b>EXCUSED: 1 - Dukes</b>
	Chair George	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
155	Chair George	Question of Bob Meinen.
156	Bob Meinen	Director, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (OPRD). Discussion of estimated impact of SB 879.
231	Chair George	Comment
235	Sen. Tarno	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 879 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 4-0</b>

		<p><b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b></p> <p><b>EXCUSED: 1 - Dukes</b></p>
	<p><b>Chair George</b></p>	<p><b>The motion CARRIES.</b></p> <p><b>SEN. DUNCAN will lead discussion on the floor.</b></p>
240	<p>Chair George</p>	<p>Closes work session and opens public hearing on SB 1031.</p>
<p><b><u>SB 1031 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b></p>		
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<p><b><u>SB 1031 WORK SESSION</u></b></p>		
300	<p>Sen. Dwyer</p>	<p>Question of Bob Meinen.</p>
302	<p>Bob Meinen</p>	<p>Director, Oregon Parks &amp; Recreation Department. Discusses SB 1031.</p>
<b>320</b>	<p><b>Sen. Dwyer</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 1031-1 amendments dated 4/9/97.</b></p>
		<p><b>VOTE: 4-0</b></p> <p><b>EXCUSED: 1 - Dukes</b></p>
	<p><b>Chair George</b></p>	<p><b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b></p>
<b>325</b>	<p><b>Sen. Dwyer</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION: Moves SB 1031 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b></p>
		<p><b>VOTE: 4-0</b></p> <p><b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b></p> <p><b>EXCUSED: 1 - Dukes</b></p>
	<p><b>Chair George</b></p>	<p><b>The motion CARRIES.</b></p> <p><b>SEN. DWYER will lead discussion on the floor.</b></p>
335	<p>Chair George</p>	<p>Closes work session and opens public hearing on SB 908.</p>
<p><b><u>SB 908 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b></p>		

340	Rep. Fahey	Supports SB 908.
383	Jack Battalia	Representing Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission. Opposes SB 908. Submits written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
<b>TAPE 34, B</b>		
050	Steve Nicot	Sen. George's staff. Describes background and intent behind SB 908. Discusses estimated consequences of abolishing Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission, including issues surrounding tribal reservations.
235	Troy Nichols	Senate President Adams' staff. Submits written materials ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ). Supports SB 908 as a means to encouraging the return of professional wrestling to Oregon.
255	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding boxing.
263	Nicot	Discussion of boxing issues.
276	Nichols	Further discussion of profession wrestling issues.
335	Sen. Duncan	Question regarding interested parties.
340	Nichols	Response
343	Sen. Duncan	Question regarding standards.
347	Nichols	Response
354	Nicot	Discussion of wrestling industry and need to address boxing separately.
375	Edward Giovannetti	Opposes SB 908. Believes Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission protects boxers and wrestlers.
415	Chair George	Question
424	Giovannetti	Response
<b>TAPE 35, B</b>		
033	Chair George	Question regarding current status of Oregon's professional wrestlers.
037	Giovannetti	Does not believe that establishment of Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission caused professional wrestling to leave Oregon.
045	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding wrestlers' methods.
060	Giovannetti	Discussion of professional wrestlers.
080	Sen. Duncan	Question regarding need for Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission.
083	Giovannetti	Response
100	Sen. Duncan	Question regarding Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission's executive director.
105	Giovannetti	Response
145	Greg Willeford	Director, Department of Oregon State Police Gaming Enforcement Division (OSP). Submits written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ). OSP opposes SB 908. Believes that the Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission is necessary to uphold public safety. Predicts that professional boxing will increase in the future.

256	Chair George	Question regarding information cited by Willeford.
265	Willeford	Believes that Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission has not caused exodus of professional wrestling from Oregon.
276	Chair George	Question regarding extent of OSP authority over tribal lands.
281	Willeford	Response
285	Chair George	Question
290	Willeford	Discussion of minimum standards.
296	Chair George	Question regarding budgetary policy of OSP and ability to fund Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission.
312	Willeford	Uncertain
319	Chair George	Question
325	Willeford	Response
332	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding illegal fights.
339	Willeford	Illegal fights do occur.
345	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding unsanctioned fights.
350	Willeford	Response
355	Sen. Dwyer	Comment
360	Chair George	Question regarding professional wrestling.
370	Willeford	Regulation necessary.
375	Sen. Dwyer	Discussion of boxing and public policy.
<b>TAPE 36, A</b>		
010	Sen. Duncan	Questions regarding OSP budget.
018	Willeford	Response
022	Sen. Duncan	Comment
025	Gregory Smith	Chair of Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission. Submits written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ). Opposes SB 908. Oregon is a national model for safety and positive values. Abolition of Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission will encourage "blood sports."
089	Chair George	Question regarding prevalence of boxing and wrestling in Oregon.
093	Smith	Response
100	Sen. Dwyer	Question
106	Smith	Response

112	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding other states' standards.
116	Smith	Uncertain
118	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding work load of Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission.
125	Smith	Response
129	Sen. Tarno	Expresses concern that Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission is not active.
135	Smith	Response
147	Chair George	Question regarding ability to contact staff.
155	Smith	Response
168	Sen. Tarno	Requests phone log.
173	Buddy Rose	Professional wrestler. Opposes SB 908. Discusses problems which will arise if Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission is abolished.
222	Chair George	Question
224	Rose	Response
229	Sen. Dwyer	Discusses personal experience of being able to easily contact Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission.
255	Donna Merrill	Representing Children's Trust Fund of Oregon. Submits written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ). Opposes SB 908. Abolition of Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission would deprive Children's Trust Fund of revenue source.
343	Chair George	Question
345	Merrill	Response
368	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding relationship of funding source to trust fund.
378	Merrill	Further discussion of SB 908.
430	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding funding proposal separate from Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission.
<b>TAPE 37, A</b>		
025	Merrill	Supports proposal.
039	Ivan Kafoury	Owner, KXYQ Radio. Supports SB 908. Abolition of Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission would allow professional wrestling to return to Oregon while simultaneously saving money.
064	Steve Stewart	Washington Professional Wrestler. Supports SB 908. Abolition of Oregon Boxing & Wrestling Commission would encourage return of professional wrestling to Oregon and save money.
137	Chair George	Question
		Discussion of past experience with Oregon Boxing & Wrestling

140	Stewart	Commission practices.
161	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding source of disagreement with specific regulations.
163	Stewart	Response
181	Sen. Dwyer	Comment regarding deregulation.
190	Stewart	Response
215	Chair George	Comment
222	Sandy Barr	Promoter, Capital Sports, Inc. Supports SB 908.
259	Sen. Duncan	Question
262	Barr	Response
266	Sen. Duncan	Question
268	Barr	Response
300	Chair George	Closes public hearing and adjourns meeting at 5:39 PM.

**Submitted By, Reviewed By,**

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - SB 908, written testimony, Jack Battalia, MD, 4 pp.**

**B - SB 908, written materials, Troy Nichols, 5 pp.**

**C - SB 908, written testimony, Greg Willeford, 2 pp.**

**D - SB 908, written testimony, Greg Smith, 2 pp.**

**E - SB 908, written testimony, Donna Merrill, 2 pp.**



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