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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PARKS

February 6, 1997 Hearing Room 137

3:00 PM Tapes 13 - 14

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Gary George, Chair

Sen. Bill Dwyer, Vice-Chair

Sen. Joan Dukes

Sen. Veral Tarno

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Glen Stonebrink, Administrator

Brad Harper, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Invited Testimony: Oregon Parks & Recreation Department

- Budget 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 13, A		
003	Chair George	Chair convenes meeting at 3:07 pm.
OREGON PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT: BUDGET OVERVIEW		
010	Bob Meinen	Director, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). Submits written materials (EXHIBIT A).
020	Nancy Rockwell	Representing OPRD. Overview of computerized telephone reservation system. Discussion of previous manual system and potential for expanding current computerized system. Cooperation between Oregon and Washington state park computer reservation systems. Start up costs of approximately \$2 million. Staffing reorganization.
080	Rockwell	Computerized reservation system had first year operating costs of \$1.2 million. Increased volume of campers across state. Discussion of switch from specific site to non-specific site scheduling. Review of first year performance and modifications.
114	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding costs to run call center versus revenue taken in.
118	Rockwell	Response
120	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding payment arrangements.
123	Rockwell	Response
131	Rockwell	Modifications to reservation system. Discussion of computer problems.
163	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding potential to use kiosks for park registration. Department of Employment used as example.
178	Rockwell	Option not explored due to lack of computer base.
183	Sen. Dwyer	Suggestion regarding cooperation with Department of Employment.
192	Rockwell	OPRD will explore possibility.
195	Sen. Dwyer	Comments
205	Chair George	Question for Sen. Dwyer regarding state of technology.
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215	Dwyer	Response
222'	Chair George	Question to Rockwell regarding volunteer staffing of reservation system.
232	Rockwell	Request for clarification.
235	Chair George	Explanation of suggestion.
240	Rockwell	Response
252	Chair George	Further discussion of volunteerism.
268	Rockwell	Response
279	Sen. Dwyer	Statement regarding 11 month reservation policy and camper demand.
303	Rockwell	Need for core staffing base. No new funds necessary in this regard.
327	Sen. Dwyer	Suggestion to place kiosks in rest areas.
339	Sen. Tarno	Recommends placing kiosks at borders of California and Washington.
356	Sen. Dwyer	Comments in support of kiosks.
361	Meinen	Kiosks have potential - interesting idea. Suggests joint effort with tourism.
395	Sen. Dwyer	Comment
TAPE 14,A		
015	Sen. Dukes	Proposes committee bill to develop Chrissie Field.
022	Chair George	Question
023	Sen. Dukes	Idea has merit.
030	Sen. Tarno	Wishes to pursue kiosk option.
034	Meinen	Chrissie Field represents "gateway park" concept. Discussion of south coast projects and "master planning."
061	Sen. Dukes	Question regarding availability of "ICE-T" funding.
067	Meinen	Discussion of highway issues.
072	Sen. Dukes	Further support of "ICE-T" funding option.
078	Sen.	Question regarding limitations on "ICE-T" funding and

	Dwyer	applicability to kiosk idea.
085	Chair George	Comment
088	Meinen	OPRD will follow-up on funding suggestion.
091	Sen. Tarno	Comment
098	Chair George	Chair returns discussion to OPRD overview.
100	Rockwell	Discussion of OPRD computer system.
116	Chair George	Question regarding press release on computer system.
120	Rockwell	Response
122	Sen. Dwyer	Comment regarding IRS computer problems.
127	Rockwell	Discussion of limited duration staffing issues.
134	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding limited duration positions.
139	Rockwell	Explanation
142	Sen. Tarno	Comment
144	Sen. Dwyer	Comment
145	Sen. Tarno	Question
149	Rockwell	Discussion of limited duration issues.
156	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding PERS vesting.
158	Rockwell	Discussion of permanent employee status.
164	Sen. Tarno	Question
166	Rockwell	Response
168	Meinen	Discussion of park facilities statewide. Overview of roads, rebuilding and rehabilitation necessary over next 10 years. Americans with Disabilities Act compliance issues.
207	Meinen	Discussion of information within written materials.
218	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding natural resources investment strategy.
229	Meinen	Discussion of impact on parks if investment strategy is not enacted.
242	Sen. Dwyer	Parks issues tied to fish issues.

244	Meinen	Response
250	Sen. Dwyer	Comment
252	Meinen	Discussion of expansion recommendations.
274	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding National Guard participation in parks renovations.
279	Meinen	Smith Rocks Park discussed as example of Guard participation.
289	Sen. Dwyer	Comments regarding other National Guard projects.
306	Meinen	OPRD has used Guard reserves whenever possible; examples given.
321	Sen. Dwyer	Comment regarding saving money.
326	Meinen	Explanation of coordination of projects. Examples of park funding situations.
343	Chair George	Question regarding user rates for conference rooms.
361	Meinen	Discussion of fees.
387	Meinen	Overview of age of parks buildings and funding issues.
TAPE 13,B		
016	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding upgrading restroom facilities.
020	Meinen	Discussion of lower cost building proposals.
045	Meinen	Continues discussion of necessary investments. Discussion of Governor's natural resources investment fund proposal. Overview of funding level options. Addresses population growth and increased demands on parks.
100	Meinen	Summary of budget request - \$40 million increase. Governor's plan cut \$10 million from this request.
127	Meinen	Need to resurvey Oregon Beach Zone Line.
138	Sen. Tarno	Statement regarding rate of erosion and prevention methods.
150	Meinen	Response
165	Meinen	Discussion of other legislative proposals; including HB 2138, SB 153 and others.
185	Meinen	Submits and discusses list of proposed funding options (EXHIBIT B) .
205	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding bottle deposits.
210	Meinen	Discussion of allocation of bottle deposits.

221	Chair George	Question regarding RV fees.
240	Sen. Dukes	Discussion of transportation funds allocation issues.
252	Chair George	Question regarding bottle deposit proposal.
258	Meinen	Discussion of proposals.
283	Sen. Dukes	Question regarding funds.
285	Meinen	Response
290	Sen. Dukes	Question
293	Meinen	Response
298	Sen. Dukes	Question to Chair George regarding estimated costs.
302	Chair George	Agrees with Sen. Dukes.
307	Meinen	Summary of proposed investment account disbursements.
325	Chair George	Asks Meinen to repeat statement.
335	Meinen	Summary of proposed investment account disbursements.
385	Sen. Tarno	Apologizes for having to leave.
391	Meinen	Comment on future meeting topics.
400	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding downed timber.
402	Meinen	Response
TAPE 14,B		
022	Sen. Tarno	Interested to see exact figures.
026	Meinen	Discussion of principal areas needing thinning.
034	Chair George	Summary of issues discussed today. Question regarding tree population on coast.
037	Sen. Dukes	Comment
043	Meinen	Trees resistant to weather, but damaged more often in use areas. Coast in relatively good shape regarding downed timber.
052	Chair George	Committee will not meet next week, but wishes to meet with OPRD the following week. Chair adjourns meeting at 4:32 pm.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Budget Overview, Bob Meinen, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department (80 pp).

**B - Estimated Revenue Sources, Bob Meinen, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department
(2 pp).**
