

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

March 18, 1997 Hearing Room 343

1:00PM Tapes 37-38

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. John Lim, Chair

Sen. Joan Dukes, Vice-Chair

Sen. Bill Fisher

Sen. Gary George

Sen. Avel Gordly

Sen. Veral Tarno

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jim Stembridge, Administrator

Julie Havel, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Information Session

Oregon Film & Video Office

HB 2124 A Public Hearing

HB 2142 A Public Hearing

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 37, A		
005	Chair Lim	Calls meeting to order at 1:06pm and opens information session.

<u>INFORMATION SESSION - OREGON FILM AND VIDEO OFFICE</u>		
013	David Hudson	Member, Oregon Film and Video Board, gives overview of organization (EXHIBIT A), and introduces David Woolson, Executive Director, Oregon Film and Video Office.
052	Woolson	Explains objectives, policies, and accomplishments of Oregon Film and Video Office.
100	Woolson	Explains the average film costs 30-million to make, and an additional 15-million to promote. States Oregon's film industry is currently thriving, with high wage jobs. Highlights areas in Oregon that have benefited as locations for Hollywood movies.
116	Woolson	Outlines office's strategic plan.
166	Woolson	Explains current budget is \$906,000 and explains 3/4 of the new jobs that will be created over the next ten years will be in the field of digital media, and encourages committee's support for it's continued viability.
183	Chair Lim	Asks if they have attracted private financing with the industry.
187	Woolson	Explains they work with the private sector in terms of educating, but not directly with the company for services. But they hope to form partnerships with the private sector in the future.
195	Chair Lim	Asks if we can bring in larger professional sound stages into this state and reap the economic benefits from them.
200	Woolson	Explains the problems associated with sound stages, but states they are still interested in exploring the possibilities here, despite being denied funding during the last session.
220	Chair Lim	Asks if they are being audited.
225	Woolson	States they have not yet, but are planning to be sometime in the next biennium.
244	Sen. Fisher	States he appreciates Woolson's visit to his office before this meeting because it was very informative.
248	Hudson	Directs committee's attention to page six for a summary of the office's success in terms of dollars and revenues it generates around the state.
261	Chair Lim	Closes information session and opens public hearing on HB 2124 A.
<u>HB 2124 A - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
		Oregon Economic Development Department, gives overview

254	Tom Brumm	of Job Training Partnership Act and its relation to the Office of Community College Services and testifies in favor of the bill (EXHIBIT B).
327	Chair Lim	Asks how long negotiations have been going on for this.
333	Brumm	Explains they've been talking about this for a couple of years, but the effort really gained momentum in early 1996.
339	Roger Bassett	Office of Community College Services, testifies in favor of HB 2124 A, and states the problem with past attempts to consolidate has been based in distrust among the players involved, and now that level of trust has been achieved, and every player is involved in an interagency agreement regarding this issue.
TAPE 38, A		
006	Bassett	Continues testimony in favor of moving toward a single plan and a single set of policies.
017	Chair Lim	Asks what happens in remote areas if they are not able to attend the community colleges where the programs are held.
026	Brumm	Explains the actual job training of dislocated or disadvantaged workers is provided by a variety of different providers in the communities. Usually it is a community college, but a lot of different other providers are frequently contracted with as well.
032	Bassett	Adds the benefits of this new structure include a closer relationship between smaller rural areas and county commissioners.
044	Chair Lim	Closes public hearing on HB 2124 A and opens work session on HB 2124 A.
<u>HB 2124 A WORK SESSION</u>		
052	Jim Stembridge	Committee Administrator, explains conflict amendment between this bill and HB 2085 (EXHIBIT C). Explains the conflict amendment itself would say if HB 2085 becomes law, then section 10 of this act would be repealed.
073	Sen. Dukes	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2124-A2 amendments dated 3/17/97.
	Chair Lim	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
071	Sen. Dukes	MOTION: Moves HB 2124A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 6-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
	Chair Lim	The motion CARRIES.

		SEN. DUKES will lead discussion on the floor.
087	Chair Lim	Closes work session on HB 2124 A and opens public hearing on HB 2142 A.
<u>HB 2142 A - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
163	Betty Pongracz	Oregon Economic Development Department, introduces Joni Low, League of Oregon Cities, and testifies in favor of HB 2124 A (EXHIBIT D).
203	Pongracz	Continues testimony, outlining how the bill would benefit the department.
211	Sen. George	Asks if the money gets repaid.
	Pongracz	Explains much of it does get repaid, but much of it is in the form of grants, in order to keep costs down to the recipient.
230	Sen. George	Asks if recipients have to go to voters for approval.
238	Pongracz	Explains they can go to voters for approval to repay it, or they can pledge fees from their water or sewer system depending how they plan to generate the loan repayments.
255	Chair Lim	Asks for clarifications on how a community decides whether it gets a grant vs. a loan, and why the amount given in grants was so much higher than the loan amounts.
291	Pongracz	Explains it depends on how much the communities need to in order to get to the point where they can apply for major financing, and they are analyzed on a case by case basis, depending on their level of need. States the assistance could be in the form of a grant, a loan, or some of each.
310	Chair Lim	Asks for clarification regarding figures and the apparent differences in the past budget vs. the one proposed for the next biennium.
325	Pongracz	Explains, and states they know they will never meet the total need.
339		Question and answer session held on the fact that the money is given on a first come first serve basis, but some communities do get cut out.
350	Sen. Tarno	Asks why they raised the population level to 15-thousand.
374	Pongracz	Explains the department recommended the raise so that those communities with a higher population but who still have that need could also be eligible for assistance.
TAPE 37, B		
007	Chair Lim	Shares his concerns about the money running out once one community takes a big chunk out of it and leaves many others out.

013		States she believes they can assist 20 to 25 different communities with this money.
	Chair Lim	Asks for her guidance regarding the 500,000 dollar limit award
031	Pongracz	Explains he is right, the certain amount of money only goes so far.
043	Sen. Gordly	Asks for clarification between who receives a grant vs. who receives a loan in the technical assistance program.
048	Pongracz	Explains they look at their ability to borrow and analyze criteria based on need, their ability to repay and other factors.
072	Joni Low	League of Oregon Cities, testifies that the league supports this bill (EXHIBIT E), and states Chair Lim's concerns are well-founded. Explains the Special Public Works Fund and Water Fund are especially needed in and helpful to the smaller rural communities.
081	Chair Lim	Closes public hearing on HB 2142 A and opens work session on HB 2142 A.
<u>HB 2142 A - WORK SESSION</u>		
102	Jim Stembridge	Committee Administrator, explains the amendment to this bill that was passed in the House.
110	Sen. Tarno	States his only concern is with the population increase.
122	Sen. Dukes	Asks about how the community's bond system is affected.
130	Stembridge	Explains it allows them to combine the existing programs.
161		Discussion held on population limits and how many more cities will be eligible since the change was made.
156	Stembridge	Asks if larger cities better ability to repay is what often determines them that they qualify more for loans, and the smaller communities with less ability to repay would be more likely to receive the grants.
196	Betty Pongracz	Confirms that that is part of the criteria they consider.
209	Chair Lim	MOTION: Moves HB 2142A be sent to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
214		VOTE: 5-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. EXCUSED: 1 - Dukes
	Chair Lim	The motion CARRIES. SEN. LIM will lead discussion on the floor.
241	Chair Lim	Closes work session and adjourns meeting at 2:17pm.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Oregon Film & Video Industry Briefing & Strategic Plan, David Hudson, 53pp.

B - HB 2124 A, Oregon Community Colleges Job Partnership Program data, Tom Brumm, 15pp.

C - HB 2124 A, proposed -A2 conflict amendment, staff, 1p.

D - HB 2142 A, written testimony, Betty Pongracz, 5pp.

E - HB 2142 A, written testimony, Joni Low, 1p.
