

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 10, 1997 Hearing Room C

1:15 P.M. Tapes 12 - 13

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Marylin Shannon, Chair

Sen. Ken Baker, Vice-Chair

Sen. Joan Dukes

Sen. Gary George

Sen. Mae Yih

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Lin Ludwick, Administrator

Nora Carlson, Administrative Support

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**HCR 1 - Public Hearing and Work Session**

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<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Tape 13, A</b>		
001	Chair Shannon	Calls meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.
003	Chair Shannon	Announces that a work session will not be held on SB 56 due to draft language problems and asks the Administrator to explain. Also announces that 2/12/97 meeting will be canceled.
011	Lin Ludwick	Administrator, reviews provisions of SB 56 amendments.
<b><u>HCR 1 - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
060	Lin	Administrator, reviews provisions of HCR 1.

	Ludwick	
090	Keith Leavitt	Division Manager, Oregon Economic Development, provides testimony in support of HCR 1.
130	Leavitt	Continues testimony in support of HCR-1, issues discussed: * effect on Oregon coastal projects * SB 1027 - creation of Ports Advisory Council * contingency plans - proactive solutions
147	Ken Armstrong	Executive Director, Oregon Public Ports Association, presents organization background and testimony in support of HCR-1.
193	Chair Shannon	Asks if Willamette River could be included to the resolution.
203	Leavitt	Explains that the upper portion of the Willamette River is not a part of a federally-authorized channel; getting authorization would be a lengthy process.
217	Chair Shannon	Asks whether he knew of anyone that was working on getting the Willamette River federally authorized.
220	Leavitt	Explains that he did not and further explains permit approval process.
248	Chair Shannon	Question on adding the Willamette to the resolution.
285	Leavitt	Suggests that if amendment is added, language should reflect that it is not a federal navigation project.
316	Armstrong	Asks if there has been any discussion with the Corps of Engineers.
321	Sen. Yih	Question on the current federal funding and the 35% percent cut being proposed.
353	Sen. Yih	Asks whether maintenance dredging is entirely funded by federal funds.
357	Leavitt	Explains that it is 100% percent funded by federal funds, which comes from a user fee on the value of import and export trades.
390	Armstrong	Describes new construction projects that are not 100% federally funded.
417	Sen. Yih	Question on whether other states with higher trade volumes will also meet with 35% percent cuts.
<b>TAPE 13, B</b>		
025	Veral Tarno	Senator, provides testimony in support of HCR-1.
060	Sen. George	Question on the reduction of dredged fleets.
069	Sen. Tarno	Identifies four fleets nationwide.
072	Sen. Yih	Asks for clarification on whether there will be less funding available if excise tax is eliminated.
		Explains that larger states with natural deep water ports are being

076	Sen. Tarno	required to pay excise tax as well as the ports that have to be dredge, which is being challenged in federal court.
102	Sen. Baker	Asks to identify the two ports that did not belong to the Oregon Public Ports Association.
107	Armstrong	Identifies the Port of Coquille and the Port of Alsea.
117	Chair Shannon	Asks what would it take to free up the billion dollars.
122	Leavitt	Explains that there is a proposal to allow trust funds to be taken off budget which would allow for trust funds to be spent for what the money was raised to do.
147	Chair Shannon	Question on what happens to the gravel that is dredged up.
162	Sen. Yih	Asks for clarification that dredging can only be done during two months out of the year.
170	Leavitt	Agrees that there is a certain window of time for dredging, but that it varies depending on when and where the project is being done.
180	Chair Shannon	Closes public hearing on HCR-1 and opens work session on HCR 1.
<b><u>HCR1- WORK SESSION</u></b>		
196	<b>Sen. BAKER:</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves HCR 1 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.</b>
202	Sen. Yih	Asks if the Willamette River is going to be added to the resolution.
205	Chair Shannon	Comments that she believes it cannot be added because it was not a part of the Interim Task Force recommendations.
210	Sen. Dukes	Provides suggestion: to adopt current HCR-1 and hold a public hearing at a later date on the potential of dredging in the Willamette River and if after the hearing the committee feels that it is a good idea, then the committee can write a letter to their congressional delegates.
215	Chair Shannon	Agrees with Sen. Duke's comment and directs the Administrator to schedule a public hearing.
230	<b>Chair Shannon</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. Sen. DUKES will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
248	Chair Shannon	Adjourns meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Nora Carlson, Lin Ludwick,

Administrative Support Administrator

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