

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

March 10, 1997 Hearing Room C

1:15 P.M. Tapes 34 - 35

**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:**

SB 459 Public Hearing

SB 510 Public Hearing

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<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 34, A</b>		
003	Chair Shannon	Calls meeting to order at 1:24 p.m. Opens public hearing on SB 459.
<b><u>SB 459</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u></b>		
005	Lin Ludwick	Administrator, reviews provisions of SB 459.
016	Sen. Ken Baker	District 14, provides testimony in support of SB 459.

051	Sen. Yih	Asks whether the purpose of the tollway is to pay for the construction of the highway or to control people's behavior during peak traffic times.
058	Sen. Baker	Responds that it could be used for both purposes as they are major congestion issues.
065	Karl Hostika	Chair, Traffic Relief Options Task Force, further describes the purpose of the bill.
075	Sen. Yih	Asks how tollways will be administered.
078	Chair Shannon	Comments on a toll device currently being used in State of California.
092	Sen. Baker	Responds that the bill could authorize someone to build a bridge from Milwaukee, Oregon to Lake Oswego, Oregon.
103	Sen. Dukes	Suggests that bill include language that would address the impact of tollways.
125	Sen. Baker	Responds that he will convey Sen. Dukes' suggestion and adds that the previous tollway legislation did not waive any land use or traffic impact studies.
134	Sen. Dukes	Comments on the tremendous amount of impact it would have on neighborhoods.
148	Sen. Yih	Asks if the Newberg and Dundee tollways have been built.
150	Sen. Baker	Responds that they have not been built and describes the cost that would be involved to complete an assessment and feasibility study.
164	Sen. Yih	Asks about the Tualitan-Sherwood By pass.
169	Sen. George	Responds that there has been much community discussion on the project.
178	June Carlson	Economic Partnerships Unit, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) submits and provides testimony on SB 459. <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> .
220	Carlson	Continues with testimony, issues discussed:  * Traffic Relief Option Study  * authorization of project advancement
272	Sen. Dukes	Asks for clarification that bill would allow for tollway projects within an urban growth boundary and asks if it would address impacts on existing roads.
283	Carlson	Agrees and describes criteria established and included in the bill.
293	Sen. Dukes	Observes that the criteria does not address the shifts in traffic flow and the impact on local neighborhoods.
302	Carlson	Responds that the Traffic Relief Options study proposes to avoid or mitigate negative impacts on neighborhoods.
322	Sen. Dukes	Suggests that language be added to address impact on neighborhoods.
387	Sen.	Comments on the Newberg study survey and asks for the percentage of

	George	citizens who would agree to pay toll fees.
410	Carlson	Does not recall the percentage that would accept the new toll facility and explains that in part it would depend on the toll rate.
<b>TAPE 35, A</b>		
010	Sen. George	Asks to describe ODOT's estimates on toll fees.
014	Carlson	Responds that the estimates taken were very rough and describes the rate per mile estimate as one example.
026	Chair Shannon	Asks the administrator to work with Sen. Dukes to draft amendment language. Closes public hearing on SB 459; opens public hearing on SB 510.
<b><u>SB 510</u></b> <b><u>PUBLIC</u></b> <b><u>HEARING</u></b>		
036	Ted Hughes	Oregon Association of Nurserymen, provides testimony in support of SB 510, issues discussed:  * change in county roads being posted for weight  * fees in variance permits
090	Mike Meredith	President, Oregon Trucking Association, provides testimony in support of SB 510.
124	Sen. Baker	Asks whether variance permits could be purchased a month at a time.
126	Meredith	Responds that permits can be purchased a month at a time.
129	Sen. Baker	Asks if it is the county or the state that is considered to be the road authority.
130	Hughes	Responds that Legislative Counsel used the term "road authority" to include any issuing government.
137	Sen. Yih	Question whether a private contractor should be given authority to issue variance trip permits.
150	Sen. Yih	Comments on a variance permit given in case of overwidth and overweight vehicles and asks how would a contractor know whether the vehicle width and weight allowance complies with the standards.
153	Meredith	Responds that Sen. Yih is referring to technical permits which require special routing and should be under the control of the state or county.
168	Sen. Yih	Question regarding fees collected.
190	Sen. Yih	Comments that if the legislation is a matter of registration fees, there should be no charge.
192	Meredith	Responds that the preparation of permits requires administrative labor.
194	Sen. Yih	Question regarding permit charge amount.
220	Sen.	Comments on Mr. Meredith's proposal for bulk permits.

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230	Meredith	Explains that it was the county commissioner's proposal to assist the nurserymen with their shipping season.
247	Sen. Dukes	Comments that "permit" language could be interpreted as getting one permit for 50 trucks, or getting 50 permits for 50 trucks.
255	Hughes	Responds that the road authority could issue a variance permit and charge them only a dollar for each permit which could still be costly.
260	Sen. Dukes	Suggests giving authority to create a permit which would allow the road authority to issue one permit for more than one vehicle.
266	Sen. George	Asks if permit language could be changed to reflect a permit for a certain operation, including a certain number of vehicles.
270	Hughes	Responds that Sen. George's suggestion refers to a fleet permit which could include a variety of different vehicles and that the road authority would need to make sure that each truck has a permit and not the entire fleet.
275	Sen. Dukes	Suggests that language be rewritten to include issuing bulk permits for trucks that are configured the same way.
291	Chair Baker	Asks the administrator to follow up with ODOT and other users to determine whether bulk permits language could be included.
303	Sen. Yih	Questions regarding permits for the use of safety lights.
364	Chair Shannon	Adjourns meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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Administrative Support Administrator

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - SB 459, testimony, June Carlson, 1 p**

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