

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

April 2, 1997 Hearing Room C

1:15 P.M. Tapes 49 - 50

**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 547 Public Hearing

SJR 26 Public Hearing and Work Session

Informational Meeting: Multi State Highway Transportation Report

SB 714 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 436 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 437 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 1022 Work Session

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<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 49, A</b>		
	Chair	Calls meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. Opens public

003	Shannon	hearing on SB 547.
<b>SB 547 PUBLIC HEARING</b>		
005	Lin Ludwick	Administrator, reviews provisions of the bill.
015	Regina Covington	Dealer Title Service, provides testimony in support of SB 547, issues discussed: * odometer law compliance * customer service relations * Department of Motor Vehicle Services (DMV) relations * DMV pilot program
060	Covington	Continues with testimony on title transactions.
087	Chair Shannon	Asks if she works with new or used cars and how the bill will affect how she does business.
090	Covington	Responds that it will reduce duplication.
095	Sen. Baker	Asks if she is bonded and licensed to handle title documents and if she feels this should be a requirement for all dealers.
097	Covington	Responds that she is not bonded but believes that private business should be bonded and required to link with the state on a daily basis.
105	Sen. Baker	Observes that the bill would allow direct access to DMV computers and asks if the agency supports this.
108	Covington	Responds that she is not aware of the agency's position.
112	Sen. Baker	Comments on direct access so that data could be input directly.
117	Chair Shannon	Comments on increased privatization and states that it would provide for more hookups.
129	Kelly Taylor	Government Relations, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) submits and provides testimony in opposition to SB 547 ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ), issues discussed: * pilot program * errors in issuing plates

		* inventory accounting errors * non-participation from dealers
183	Taylor	Continues with testimony on access to DMV records by private agents.
185	Chair Shannon	Asks if there is anything that ODOT has privatized that has proven successful.
187	Taylor	Describes privatization efforts: * snow park permits * commercial truck driver test licenses
203	Sen. Dukes	Asks if ODOT would agree if the bill would allow a company to bid for services with established standards.
218	Taylor	Agrees that ODOT could set up the criteria depending on what authority they would get toward financial responsibility, bonding, and sanctions.
230	Sen. Dukes	Ask if the dealers who currently perform these services issue license plates.
235	Lana Trivey	Manager, Vehicle Programs, ODOT, describes a pilot test program with car rental companies that are licensed dealers which allows them to issue their own plates for their vehicles.
250	Sen. Dukes	Asks whether rental companies have to maintain their own inventory.
255	Trivey	Responds that program allows only for passenger plates and for new vehicles.
260	Sen. Dukes	Questions whether dealers who contract would become agents of the state.
270	Sen. Dukes	Comments on the possibility for error in issuing the wrong plate or filling out the wrong form and asks if the state would be limited in their right to recover.
275	Taylor	Agrees that it could get snarled.
279	Sen. Dukes	Asks if there were other plates not turned in and if the missing inventory was ever recovered.
280	Taylor	Responds that they did not get all plates returned.
285	Sen. George	Asks if the agency has looked at contracting with a block of dealers.
290	Taylor	Responds they have tried to accomplish this through their pilot program.
		Comments that there is a two-to-five-day turn around

295	Trivey	time and the problem would be in providing inventory for private contractors.
310	Chair Shannon	Asks if they were to have performance bonds could they recover some of the losses.
312	Taylor	Responds that performance bonds would be something they would consider before entering into a contract.
315	Sen. Yih	Asks if the dealers currently process title transactions.
320	Taylor	Responds that the dealers fill out some of the paperwork but they do not issue title transaction.
325	Sen. Yih	Question concerning percentage of DMV title transactions.
338	Sen. Yih	Asks if license plates could be issued at the processing center.
340	Taylor	Responds that they tried to accomplish this through their pilot program and further describes errors encountered.
353	Sen. Yih	Question regarding errors with the pilot program.
370	Chair Shannon	Asks how the bill would affect the dealers who fill out the paperwork.
375	Taylor	Responds that the car dealers would have to address the impact on their services.
379	Chair Shannon	Closes public hearing on SB 547; opens public hearing on SJR 26.
<b><u>SJR 26 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
410	Rep. Bill Markham	District 46, provides testimonial to former Senator Jason Boe.
<b>TAPE 50, A</b>		
045	Rep. Markham	Continues with testimonial.
074	Rep. Lenn Hannon	District 26, provides testimonial to former Senator Jason Boe.
123	Rep. Hannon	Continues with testimonial.
135	Chair Shannon	Asks about the number of times Sen. Boe served as Senate president.
144	Hannon	Responds that he was Senate president four times.
146	John Burns	Former senator, provides testimonial to former Sen. Jason Boe.
184	Burns	Continues with testimonial.
220	Roger Martin	Former representative and senator, provides recognition of Sen. Jason Boe.
	John	Lobbyist, submits proposed amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> )

283	Powell	and provides recognition of former Sen. Jason Boe and recognizes Mrs. Cathy Boe Duncan.
320	Powell	Continues with recognition of Sen. Jason Boe.
380	Brian Boe	Sen. Jason Boe's son, expresses appreciation for the numerous testimonials to his father.
420	John Grassman	State Traffic Engineer, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), submits technical corrections to SJR 26 ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).
<b>TAPE 49, B</b>		
022	Sen. Dukes	Refers to the last section of the bill which reads "...The Legislative Administration Committee is directed to install signs to inform the public of the name of the Jason Boe Memorial Capitol Wings..." and asks who will put up the signs.
025	Grassman	Responds that ODOT would be responsible for putting up the signs.
028	Chair Shannon	Asks if the technical corrections have been incorporated in the proposed amendments.
030	Powell	Responds that the corrections will be incorporated into the proposed amendments when the bill goes to the House.
035	Chair Shannon	Closes public hearing on SJR 26; opens work session on SJR 26.
<b><u>SJR 26 WORK SESSION</u></b>		
040	Sen. Dukes	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SJR 26-2 amendments dated 4/2/97 and that the measure be FURTHER AMENDED on page 2, by "deleting lines 5, 6 and 7".</b>
042	Chair Shannon	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
045	Sen. DUKES	<b>MOTION: Moves SJR 26 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
046	Chair Shannon	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b> <b>SEN. HANNON will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
048	Chair Shannon	Closes work session on SJR 26 . Opens information hearing for the purposes of accepting the Multi-State Highway Transportation Agreement Report.
<b><u>MULTI STATE HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT REPORT</u></b>		
		President, GRL Associates, submits transportation

080	Bob Luce	report and provides organization background ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ).
134	Luce	Continues with transportation report on recommendations.
190	Luce	Continues with transportation report on the STAR 2000 program.
199	Chair Shannon	Asks if any other states are sending resolutions to Congress asking for support of STAR 2000 program.
205	Luce	Identifies other states that are drafting resolutions and requesting early passage of the bill.
213	Chair Shannon	Closes informational meeting; opens public hearing on SB 714.
<b>SB 714 PUBLIC HEARING</b>		
215	Sen. Dukes	Provides testimony in support of SB 714, issues discussed: * benefits to the state * wharf exemptions
255	Dave Brewer	Represents Astoria IOW Local 50, submits video tape and provides narration in support of SB 714 ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ).
292	Chair Shannon	Asks if the white ship in the video is an American ship.
293	Brewer	Identifies it is an American ship.
301	Sen. Dukes	Reviews provisions of the bill.
324	Paul Cleary	Director, Division of State Lands, submits proposed amendments and presents testimony in support of SB 714 ( <b>EXHIBIT F</b> ).
340	Ken Armstrong	Director, Oregon Public Ports Association, provides testimony in support to of SB 714.
365	Jon Krebs	Manager, Port of Astoria, mirrors Mr. Armstrong's testimony in support of SB 714.
367	Sen. Yih	Question concerning transporting goods from one ship to another.
398	Sen. Yih	Question concerning product transfers.
410	Sen. Yih	Asks to identify the river infrastructures.
412	Armstrong	Identifies it as everything that is on the river and associated with the river.

<b>TAPE 50, B</b>		
010	Sen. Yih	Asks what would be considered an infrastructure on the river.
012	Armstrong	Identifies docks, tug, and barge companies.
019	Chair Shannon	Closes public hearing on SB 714; opens work session on SB 714.
<b><u>SB 714 WORK SESSION</u></b>		
<b>025</b>	<b>Sen. Dukes</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 714-1 amendments dated 4/2/97.</b>
026	Sen. Yih	Asks what the bill does.
029	Paul Cleary	Director, Division of State Lands, explains purpose of the proposed amendments.
<b>030</b>	<b>Chair Shannon</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
<b>030</b>	<b>Sen. Dukes</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 714 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
<b>032</b>	<b>Chair Shannon</b>	<b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - Baker</b>
<b>035</b>	<b>Chair Shannon</b>	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b> <b>SEN. DUKES will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
040	Chair Shannon	Closes work session on SB 714; opens public hearing on SB 436.
<b><u>SB 436 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
085	Jim Markee	Amalgamated Transit Union, provides testimony and submits proposed amendments to SB 436 ( <b>EXHIBIT H</b> ).
092	Sen. George	Asks about the fiscal impact statement of the bill.
095	Markee	Responds that the fiscal impact statement was provided for the original bill and not the proposed amendments.
087	Al Shannon	Director of Pupil Transportation, responds that the original bill did not indicate a contractor-to-contractor situation so the fiscal impact does not apply to the amendments.
095	Sen. Yih	Asks if there are revised fiscal impact statements.
100	Shannon	Responds that he does not believe that there would be a fiscal impact to school districts with the way the

		proposed amendments are written.
105	Sen. Dukes	Explains that bill can be passed out and that a fiscal impact statement will be done on the way to the floor.
110	Chair Shannon	Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 436.
<b>SB 436 WORK SESSION</b>		
114	Sen. Dukes	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 436-2 amendments dated 4/2/97.</b>
115	Chair Shannon	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
118	Sen. Dukes	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 436 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
120	Chair Shannon	<b>VOTE: 3-1</b> <b>AYE: 3 - Dukes, George, Shannon</b> <b>NAY: 1 - Yih</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - Baker</b>
124	Chair Shannon	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b> <b>SEN. DUKES will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
130	Chair Shannon	Closes work session on SB 436; opens public hearing on SB 437.
<b>SB 437 PUBLIC HEARING</b>		
130	Jim Markee	Amalgamated Transit Union, provides testimony in support of SB 436.
159	Ronald Heintzman	President, Amalgamated Transit Union, submits and provides testimony in support of SB 437 ( <b>EXHIBIT H</b> ).
190	Chair Shannon	Asks if the buses will carry signs showing new traffic law.
192	Heintzman	Responds that there will be a triangle sign located on the back of the bus.
193	Sen. Dukes	Suggests that the bill should require a bus driver to signal prior to moving out from the curb.
240	Mark Bevington	Bus driver, provides testimony in support of SB 437.
266	Chair Shannon	Closes public hearing on SB 437 and opens work session on SB 1022.
<b>SB 1022 WORK SESSION</b>		
		<b>MOTION: Moves SB 1022 to the floor WITHOUT</b>



293	Sen. Dukes	<b>RECOMMENDATION as to passage and BE REFERRED to the committee on Parks.</b>
293	Chair Shannon	<b>VOTE: 3-0</b> <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b> <b>EXCUSED: 2 - Baker, Yih</b>
294	Chair Shannon	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>
295	Chair Shannon	Adjourns meeting at 3:04 p.m.

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - SB 547, testimony, Kelly Taylor 2 pp**

**B - SJR 26, proposed amendments, John Powell, 2 pp**

**C - SJR 26, testimony, John Grassman, 1 p**

**D - Multi-State Highway Transportation Report, Bob Luce 22 pp**

**E - SB 714, video tape, Dave Brewer - OVERSIZED EXHIBIT**

**F - SB 714, testimony, Paul R. Cleary, 2 pp**

**G - SB 436, proposed amendments, Jim Markee, 1 p**

**H - SB 437, testimony, Ronald Heintzman, 2 pp**

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