

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

May 2, 1997 Hearing Room C

1:00 PM Tapes 74 - 75

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Marylin Shannon, Chair Shannon

Sen. Ken Baker, Vice-Chair Shannon

Sen. Joan Dukes

Sen. Gary George

Sen. Mae Yih

STAFF PRESENT:

Lin Ludwick, Administrator

Paul Zolezzi, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 2453 Public Hearing

HB 2454 Public Hearing

SB 150 Work Session

SB 1024 Work Session

HB 2373 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 74, A		
004	Chair Shannon	Convenes meeting at 1:00 PM and opens public hearings on HB 2453 and HB 2454.
<u>HB 2453 & HB 2454 PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>		
		Introduces himself as representing House District 21. Explains bill

006	Rep. Lonnie Roberts	and discusses motorcycle accident statistics. Discusses actions and amendments from House Chamber.
087	Steve Garrets	Introduces himself as representing the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles and discusses safety issues relating to motorcycle riding.
113	Chair Shannon	Closes public hearings on HB 2453 and HB 2454. Opens work session on SB 150.
120	Chair Shannon	Closes public hearings HB 2453 and HB 2454. Opens work session on SB 150.
<u>SB 150 WORK SESSION</u>		
125	Joan Plank	Introduces herself as representing the Oregon Department of Transportation and submits -6 amendments (EXHIBIT A). Discusses history of -6 amendments. Explains amendments and states support for amendments.
165	Sen. Baker	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 150-6 amendments dated 05/02/97.
	Chair Shannon	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
170	Plank	Discusses device usage priorities and explains preemptive situations.
178	Sen. Baker	MOTION: Moves SB 150 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
180		VOTE: 4-1 AYE: 4 - Baker, Dukes, George, Shannon NAY: 1 - Yih
	Chair	The motion CARRIES. SEN. BAKER will lead discussion on the floor.
245	Chair Shannon	Closes work session on SB 150 and opens work session on SB 1024.
<u>SB 1024 WORK SESSION</u>		
258	Lin Ludwick	Explains SB 1024 and -2 amendments (EXHIBIT B).
277	Sen. George	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 1024-2 amendments dated 05/02/97.
	Chair Shannon	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
280	Sen. George	MOTION: Moves SB 1024 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 4-1

		AYE: 4 - Baker, Dukes, George, Shannon NAY: 1 - Yih
	Chair Shannon	The motion CARRIES.
289	Chair Shannon	Closes work session on SB 1024 and reopens public hearing on HB 2454.
<u>HB 2454 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
300	Butch Harbaugh	Introduces himself as representing BIKE PAC of Oregon and submits (EXHIBIT C) . Explains bill and states support for bill. Discusses past legislation dealing with HB's 2453 and 2454.
TAPE 75, A		
001	Harbaugh	Discusses past ballot measures involving seat belt and helmet issues.
020	Sen. Baker	Discusses past ballot measures dealing with seat belt and helmet issues. Cites voting statistics regarding measures.
055	Brian Stovall	Introduces himself as representing Bike PAC of Oregon and states support for bill. Explains need for bill. Discusses risks associated with riding motorcycles and life in general.
150	Sen. George	Discusses the possibility of requiring snow skiers to wear helmets.
155	Stovall	Discusses other high risk activities that are not mandated to wear helmets.
165	Sen. Dukes	Ask Stovall for statistics regarding injuries associated with non helmet use.
168	Stovall	Discusses Harbaugh's written testimony and relevant statistics. Contrasts past and present motorcycle accident death rates in Oregon.
225	Sen. Yih	Asks why helmet law should be repealed.
228	Stovall	States need for educational programs and freedom of choice. Explains need for rider education.
240	Lin Ludwick	Committee Administrator submits (EXHIBIT D) for the record.
245	Jon Jui	Introduces himself as a 15 year medical doctor currently practicing at Oregon Health Sciences University. States opposition to bill. Discusses motorcycle accident statistics and associated head trauma issues. Provides various anecdotal evidence in opposition to bill.
355	John Ehmer	Introduces himself as a public citizen and states support for bill. Submits (EXHIBIT E) and provides anecdotal evidence in support of bill. Contrasts past and present motorcycle accident statistics.
TAPE 74, B		
001	Ehmer	Continues testimony in support of bill.

060	Steve Paysinger	Introduces himself as representing the Brain Injury Association of Oregon and submits (EXHIBIT F) . States opposition to bill and discusses brain injury statistics. Contrasts past and present head trauma statistics.
164	Chair Shannon	Closes public hearing on HB 2454 and opens public hearing on HB 2373.
<u>HB 2373 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
170	Lana Butterfield	Introduces herself as representing Oregon Professional Insurance Agents and submits (EXHIBIT G) . Explains need for bill and states support for bill. Discusses current statistics relating to teenage vehicle accidents and fatalities.
260	Sen. Baker	States concern that bill does not address problem. States support for original version of bill.
295	Ron Passmore	Introduces himself as representing Oregon Professional Insurance Agents. Explains need for bill and states support for bill.
<u>TAPE 75, B</u>		
001	Sen. Dukes	States concern that bill does not address problem.
033	Kelly Taylor	Introduces herself as representing the Oregon Department of Transportation and states that bill has little fiscal impact on department. Discusses provisional driver license program.
070	Lieutenant Glen Rader	Introduces himself as representing the Oregon State Police and explains current statutes relating to provisional drivers.
075	Chair Shannon	Closes public hearing on HB 2373 and reopens public hearing on HB 2454.
<u>HB 2454 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
085	Ed Marges	Introduces himself as representing the Oregon Department of Transportation and submits (EXHIBIT H) . Discusses past and present motorcycle accident statistics.
156	Lieutenant Glen Rader	Introduces himself as representing the Oregon State Police (OSP) and submits (EXHIBIT I) . States opposition to bill and discusses Oregon helmet law history. Cites motorcycle accident statistics.
178	Sergeant Randy Westbrook	Introduces himself as representing OSP Motorcycle Unit and states opposition to bill. Explains history of motorcycle unit and provides anecdotal evidence in opposition to bill.
225	Sen. George	Asks if any motorcycle police officers have lost their lives due to head trauma in the past five years.
228	Westbrook	States that he does not have that information. Discusses past accidents involving motorcycle police officers.
245	Sen. Dukes	States concern about the diversity of helmets on the market and the need to differentiate between safe and unsafe helmets.
		Discusses OSP's attempt to distinguish between safe and unsafe

260	Rader	helmets.
300	Sen. George	Asks what Rader perceives will be the impact of bill passage.
305	Rader	Discusses California state helmet law. Discusses death rate statistics relating to motorcycle accidents. States that death rates increase without helmet usage.
390	Chair Shannon	Closes public hearing on HB 2454 makes announcements concerning next week's meetings. Adjourns meeting at 2:57 PM.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SB 150 proposed amendments, Joan Plank, 3 pp.

B - SB 1024 proposed amendments, staff, 1 p.

C - HB 2454 written testimony, Butch Harbaugh, 154 pp.

D - HB 2454 written testimony, staff, 1 p.

E - HB 2454 written testimony, John Ehmer, 3 pp.

F - HB 2454 written testimony, Steve Paysinger, 2 pp.

G - HB 2373 written testimony, Lana Butterfield, 18 pp.

H - HB 2454 written testimony, Ed Marges, 2 pp.

I - HB 2454 written testimony, Lieutenant Glen Rader, 3 pp.
