

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND USE

February 18, 1997 Hearing Room C

9:00 A.M. Tape 18

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Veral Tarno, Chair

Sen. Bob Kintigh, Vice-Chair

Sen. Ginny Burdick

Sen. Ted Ferrioli

Sen. Bill Fisher

Sen. David Nelson

Sen. Thomas Wilde

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mark Volmert, Administrator

Nancy Masee, Administrative Support

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**SB 209 Public Hearing and Work Session**

**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.**

| <b>Tape/#</b>                               | <b>Speaker</b>  | <b>Comments</b>   |
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| <b>TAPE 18, A</b>                           |                 |   |
| 005   | Chair<br>Tarno  | Calls meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and opens public hearing on SB 209.     |
| <b><u>SB 209<br/>PUBLIC<br/>HEARING</u></b> |                 |   |
| 006   | Mark<br>Volmert | Committee Administrator, gives background on SB 209.                        |
|   |                 | Director, Division of State Lands (DSL), gives background of the Division's |

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| 007 | Paul Cleary   | role in management of forestry land along with the Oregon Department of Forestry(ODF) ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).  |
| 060 | Cleary        | Continues background on forest products. Forest products include logs, poles and piles. SB 209 will allow direct sale of forest products with an appraised value of \$25,000 or less; sales of products valued at over \$25,000 would continue to require public advertising and oral auction with sealed bid.   |
| 066 | Sen. Fisher   | Asks if the proximity of land parcels is a factor in determining sale of the forest products on smaller adjacent parcels.  |
| 073 | Cleary        | Explains their intent is to clean up the small "stringers" of adjacent parcels that would not justify coming in and doing a separate full blown sale.  |
| 076 | Sen. Kintigh  | Comments that the amount of \$25,000 is a very low value for 40-acre parcels   |
| 086 | Cleary        | Clarifies that his 40-acre example was not completely forested and the timber was primarily lodge pole pine. Comments that if it was commercial value timber, it would be managed under the Forestry Department or DSL by public auction. Amendment provision is to sell forest products, logs, poles, piles, not including peeler cores, under value of \$25,000 and to change the definition to forest products. |
| 094 | Sen. Ferrioli | Asks if DSL will then have the authority for sales under \$25,000; also are we talking about forest products of special forest products such as mushrooms, bark, food products, etc.   |
| 107 | Cleary        | Responds the definition is products limited to products obtained from a fallen tree, not forest grown vegetation.  |
| 110 | Sen. Ferrioli | Asks if agency is equipped to deal with these other forest products.   |
| 112 | Cleary        | Says they can issue licenses to harvest other kinds of forest products, but this authority would be for timber products.   |
| 114 | Sen. Ferrioli | Comments on other forest products being of value and asks why it is not included in the definition of forest products.   |
| 130 | Cleary        | Comments DSL can issue licenses on other products.   |
| 133 | Sen. Ferrioli | Asks about entering into stewardship agreements, for example, Christmas tree harvesting assists managing pre-commercial thin and the grooming of natural stands.   |
| 148 | Cleary        | Responds that they have stewardship agreement capability.  |
| 152 | Sen. Wilde    | Asks how they arrived at the \$25,000 figure.  |
| 146 | Cleary        | Responds that they mirrored the statutory authority that the Department of Forestry had.   |
| 161 | Sen. Nelson   | Asks about peeler cores.   |
| 179 | Marte Graham  | Business Manager, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) supports SB 209, gives background on forest products sales. Advertising and public auction of  |

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|   |              | small sales has been costly and ineffective. <b>(EXHIBIT B)</b>  |
| 196                                       | Graham       | Gives background on the Oregon Department of Forestry's stand in support of this issue.  |
| 199                                       | Sen. Fisher  | Asks about retaining the bid process.  |
| 216                                       | Graham       | Explains due to the scattered small stands, it would be cost prohibitive for the DSL. Responds about sale of product being okayed by the ODF.  |
| 223                                       | Sen. Fisher  | Asks how the \$25,000 value is determined.   |
| 228                                       | Graham       | Responds the market tracking of these products is followed. ODF keeps track of these; there is an inspection of the site and an appraisal. Depends on the product whether there is an appraisal if there is a value over \$500; a visual inspection is conducted, then an appraisal. |
| 250                                       | Chair Tarno  | Closes public hearing on SB 209.<br>Opens work session on SB 209.  |
| <b><u>SB 209<br/>WORK<br/>SESSION</u></b> |              |  |
| 251                                       | Sen. Kintigh | <b>MOTION: Moves SB 209 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>  |
| 251                                       |              | <b>VOTE: 7-0</b>   |
|   | Chair Tarno  | <b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.<br/>SEN. FERRIOLI will lead discussion on the floor.</b>   |
| 255                                       | Chair Tarno  | Closes work session on SB 209.<br>Adjourns meeting at 9:24 a.m.  |

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - SB 209, written testimony, Paul Cleary, 2 pp.**

**B - SB 209, written testimony, Marte Graham, 1 p.**

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