

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

April 13, 1995 Hearing Room H170  
1:30 p.m. Tape 43-44

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Chuck Carpenter, Chair  
Rep. Gail Shibley, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Michael Fahey  
Rep. Cynthia Wooten

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph Cortright, Executive Officer  
Bobby Sullinger, Committee Assistant

WITNESSES: John Meek, Representative, District 5  
Jim Renner, Executive Director, Oregon Trail Coordinating Council

MEASURES HEARD: HB 2779 -- Allows city or county that is enterprise zone  
sponsor to impose additional conditions on business firms seeking  
precertification and eligibility for property tax exemption -- WS

HB 2966 -- Requires State Parks and Recreation Department to work  
property owners to mark historic trails -- PH

HB 3209 -- Creates Workforce Development Fund funded by  
unemployment compensation taxes -- PH

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statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation marks

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please refer to the tapes.

TAPE 43, SIDE A

001 CHAIR CARPENTER: Brings the committee to order at 1:35 p.m.

HB 2779 -- Allows city or county that is enterprise zone sponsor to impose  
additional conditions on business firms seeking precertification and  
eligibility for property tax exemption -- Work Session

002 CHAIR CARPENTER: Opens WORK SESSION on HB 2779.

004 CORTRIGHT: Overviews Proposed Amendments to House Bill 2779-2 [EXHIBIT  
A].

017 REP. FAHEY: Are these business going to provide minimum wage jobs?

020 CHAIR CARPENTER: We are leaving it up to the enterprise zone sponsor to  
impose additional requirements as they relate to training, day care,  
transportation, and wages.

034 REP. FAHEY: Are wages limited?

037 CHAIR CARPENTER: This legislation would enable a sponsor to address  
wage issues.

041 MOTION: REP. WOOTEN: MOVES to ADOPT HB 2779-2 amendments.

043 VOTE: CHAIR CARPENTER: Hearing no objection the amendments are  
ADOPTED. REP. SHIBLEY is EXCUSED.

048 MOTION: REP. WOOTEN: MOVES HB 2779 to the Full Commerce Committee with  
a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.

049 VOTE: PASSES: In a roll call vote, all members present vote AYE.  
REP. SHIBLEY is EXCUSED.

053 REP. FAHEY will lead discussion on the Full Commerce Committee floor.

056 CHAIR CARPENTER: Closed WORK SESSION on HB 2779.

HB 3209 -- Creates Workforce Development Fund funded by amounts based on  
unemployment compensation taxes -- Public Hearing

062 CHAIR CARPENTER: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on HB 3209.

063 REP. WOOTEN: This bill will have an additional public hearing and work  
session in the full Commerce Committee at a later time.

074 Committee discussion relating to which committee will hold public  
hearings on this bill.

084 CHAIR CARPENTER: I will hold a public hearing on this bill next week.

088 CHAIR CARPENTER: Closed PUBLIC HEARING on HB 3209.

089 CHAIR CARPENTER: Recesses subcommittee at 1:48 p.m.

089 CHAIR CARPENTER: Reconvenes subcommittee at 1:54 p.m.

HB 2966 -- Requires State Parks and Recreation Department to work with property owners to mark historic trails -- Public Hearing

090 CHAIR CARPENTER: Opens PUBLIC HEARING on HB 2966.

091 CORTRIGHT: Overviews Proposed Amendments to House Bill 2966-2 [EXHIBIT B].

109 REP. WOOTEN: I am concerned about funding for this project, and I need additional information relating to the Oregon Trail license plates.

119 REP. JOHN MEEK: The Oregon Trail License plates no longer exist due to legislation from the Transportation Committee.

154 CHAIR CARPENTER: I do not want to put a dollar figure on this measure because it will be referred to the Lottery Subcommittee. Given the budget situation there is a good chance there will not be any funding for this project.

161 REP. SHIBLEY: I want to be supportive. Could the Oregon Trails Coordinating Council focus on and plan for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial without allocating money?

172 REP. MEEK: I am not sure. I know they are primarily funded by donations and memberships.

180 JIM RENNER: Presents testimony in favor of HB 2966 and HB 2966-2 amendments.

231 RENNER: Overviews The Oregon Trail Coordinating Council [EXHIBIT C]

268 REP. SHIBLEY: What would happen if we did not fund the OTCC?

278 RENNER: OTCC would sunset.

279 REP. WOOTEN: Could you overviews the portion of license plate money which is allocated for support of the OTCC?

287 RENNER: The commemorative license plate bill has a surcharge that directs money to the OTCC for administration of developing interpretive facilities on Oregon's 4 national historic trails. Those dollars are invested directly into the trails projects. No administrative fees have been used by OTCC.

295 REP. WOOTEN: How is your administrative overhead funded?

296 RENNER: Our own pocket book?

298 REP. WOOTEN: How does OTCC acquire these funds?

298 RENNER: The balance of funding raised through 1993 to date.

299 REP. WOOTEN: What are your assets.

300 RENNER: They are on a steady decline.

309 REP. WOOTEN: How do you intend to implement the program?

317 RENNER: We plan on working with Oregon Parks and Recreation in a public private partnership to keep administrative cost down.

326 REP. WOOTEN: I believe we have better uses for lottery fund at the moment than allocating money for trails.

344 REP. SHIBLEY: How will the funding allocated in section 3 of HB 2966-2 amendments be used? Is this what you have outlined in [EXHIBIT C]?

356 RENNER: Yes. It shows operating expenses.

357 REP. SHIBLEY: Do you have a plan for spending the funding allocated by the bill?

391 RENNER: I could provide this subcommittee with information relating to the program that would be developed and the reporting mechanisms describing the progress of the program at a later time.

399 REP. SHIBLEY: Do you want another opportunity to propose amendments detailing the program and what the funding will be used for?

406 REP. MEEK: HB 2966-1 amendments had this information in it. It was my mistake that this information was not incorporated in HB 2966-2 amendments.

427 REP. SHIBLEY: Overviews concerns relating to allocating funds for this project.

449 REP. WOOTEN: Do you have legislative support for the funding of this bill?

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004 CHAIR CARPENTER: What is the minimum amount of money that you would need to keep this project alive?

006 REP. MEEK: Responds to committee relating to funding.

021 REP. WOOTEN: I believe the Oregon Trail Coordinating Council will survive without state funding.

026 CHAIR CARPENTER: Closed PUBLIC HEARING on HB 2966.

027 CHAIR CARPENTER: Adjourns subcommittee meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Submitted by

Bobby Sullinger  
EXHIBIT LOG

EXHIBIT A - Proposed Amendments to House Bill 2779-2, Presented by Joseph Cortright, 1 page.

EXHIBIT B - Proposed Amendments to House Bill 2966-2, Presented by Joseph Cortright, 2 pages.

EXHIBIT C - The Oregon Trail Coordinating Council, Presented by Jim Renner,  
4 pages.