

HOUSE GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

Hearing Room
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HOUSE GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Cedric Hayden, Chair
Rep. Lonnie Roberts, Vice-Chair
Rep. Jerry Grisham
Rep. Mike Lehman
Rep. Bill Markham
Rep. Ken Strobeck

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Ken Baker, Chair
Sen. Mae Yih, Vice-Chair
Sen. John Lim
Sen. Marilyn Shannon
Sen. Dick Springer

STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Tweedt, House Committee Counsel
Janet Adkins, Senate Committee Administrator
Gina Rumbaugh, Senate Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

HB 2026 Public Hearing
HB 2057 Public Hearing and Work Session
HB 2106 Public Hearing and Work Session
DMV Special Plates Overview

These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize
statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation marks
report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents of the proceedings,
please refer to the tapes.

JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY REFORM
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

TAPE , SIDE A

004 CHAIR HAYDEN: Calls the meeting to order (1:03PM).
-Announcements and opening remarks

PUBLIC HEARING HB 2057

Witnesses: Stephen Johnston, Manager, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services
Marshall Coba, Oregon Trucking Associations
Bob McKellar, Oregon Forest Products Transportation Association

030 ADMINISTRATOR TWEEDT: Explanation of HB 2057.

040 STEPHEN JOHNSTON, MANAGER, DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES: Submits and summarizes written testimony [EXHIBIT A].

075 -References photos of highway signs [EXHIBIT B]

100 -Verbally told by the Oregon Trucking Association and the Oregon Forest Products Association that they have no objection to this legislation

127 REP. STROBECK: Is there some indication that trucker's have passed the weight sensor?

130 JOHNSTON: The first instruction sign says for 1 1/2 miles; people can also see the facility.

134 SEN. YIH: How accurate is this system?

136 JOHNSTON: Within 2 1/2 to 3% margin of error; would not issue citation off of the devices.

150 SEN. YIH: What is the cost of system and have you included this in your budget?

152 JOHNSTON: Approximate cost of each system is \$250,000; the new sites will be funded 80% by federal appropriation; there are three sites in operation today; intending to put in 19 additional sites.

162 REP. ROBERTS: References lines 23-25 of bill regarding owner liability, and requests clarification in light of trucking companies as opposed to individual drivers.

179 JOHNSTON: The driver is held responsible, not the owner.

195 SEN. LIM: Is weight distribution of different size trucks taken into account?

202 JOHNSTON: Formula is programmed into the scales so they measure accurately.

245 CHAIR BAKER: Is there any indication what size of trucks need to pull into the right lane?

248 JOHNSTON: There is not, but there is a sign in front of most scales indicating 20,000 lbs.

257 CHAIR BAKER: Are the majority of vehicles licensed with the state PUC, and is there any notification sent to them that if their vehicle is over a certain weight that they will have to abide by this new law?

261 JOHNSTON: Yes in answer to the first question. Second, there is no notification sent, but information is sent to trucking organizations.

270 SEN. LIM: How many people are currently working at weigh stations, and is there any chance to reduce the number of employees to save tax dollars?

273 JOHNSTON: Approximately 120 people work in size and weight enforcement; intent would be to deploy some of those people to the secondary roads where there is increased usage.

310 MARSHALL COBA, OREGON TRUCKING ASSOCIATIONS: Supports HB 2057; summarizes reasons for support.

335 BOB McKELLAR, OREGON FOREST PRODUCTS TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION: Supports HB 2057; two minor concerns: 1) some log truckers have wooden reaches that the sensor doesn't register and therefore appears to be two separate vehicles, causing the truck to be pulled in; 2) fine up to \$2,000 is steep.

WORK SESSION ON HB 2057

425 MOTION: REP. ROBERTS MOVES HB 2057 BE REFERRED TO THE FULL COMMITTEE WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION

440 VOTE: IN A ROLL CALL VOTE ALL MEMBERS ARE PRESENT AND VOTE AYE

TAPE 2, SIDE A

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2026

Witnesses: Jim Renner, Executive Director, Oregon Trail Coordinating Council
Chet Orloff, Director, Oregon Historical Society
David Porter, Executive Director, Oregon Trail Foundation
Joanne Peterson, Manager, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services

025 JIM RENNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OREGON TRAIL COORDINATING COUNCIL: References submitted material, letter to Rep. Tiernan [EXHIBIT C], position

statement with suggested amendments [EXHIBIT D], and a promotional flyer [EXHIBIT E].

042 -Summarizes background of the organization and legislative history

065 -Notes concern with current draft of HB 2026, and suggests amendments (Exhibit D)

105 CHET ORLOFF, DIRECTOR, OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Supports HB 2026 with amendments as noted by Jim Renner.

130 DAVID PORTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OREGON TRAIL FOUNDATION: Supports HB 2026 with amendments as noted.

155 Sen. Shannon joins the committee meeting.

185 JOANNE PETERSON, MANAGER, DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES: Submits and summarizes written testimony [EXHIBIT F].

233 CHAIR BAKER: Question regarding fee increase.

245 PETERSON: Do not anticipate increase in license plate fee.

262 CHAIR BAKER: How many different types of plates currently in Oregon, and does that pose some difficulty for the police?

270 PETERSON: 50 different plate configurations; goal is to reduce that

number.

325 REP. GRISHAM: The extension of the current plate program would provide money and incentives to develop the historical tourism aspect of your program?

330 RENNER: Yes, we are asking for the opportunity to have access to these voluntary funds to be able to leverage additional heritage tourism infrastructure development.

340 CHAIR HAYDEN: In essence, it's a two-year extension of a voluntary fee program?

342 RENNER: Yes.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2106

Witnesses: Howard Fegles, Manager, Public Utility Commission (PUC)
Bernie Bottomly, Legislative Coordinator, Tri-Met

344 ADMINISTRATOR TWEEDT: Explanation of bill of HB 2106.

370 HOWARD FEGLES, MANAGER, PUC: Supports HB 2106; submits and summarizes written testimony [EXHIBIT G].

430 REP. MARKHAM: It will just be a paper transaction to comply with federal law?

438 FEGLES: Yes.

442 ADMINISTRATOR TWEEDT: Will the PUC remain active in safety oversight of Tri-Met?

448 FEGLES: We will monitor APTA to assure they are fulfilling the requirements of FTA rules.

TAPE 1, SIDE B

020 BERNIE BOTTOMLY, LEGISLATIVE COORDINATOR, TRI-MET: Supports HB 2106; submits and summarizes written testimony [EXHIBIT H].

039 REP. MARKHAM: What does APTA charge you for the service, and is it worth it?

040 BOTTOMLY: About \$14,000 for the safety program, plus member dues. Yes, it's worth it.

WORK SESSION ON HB 2106

060 MOTION: REP. STROBECK MOVES HB 2106 BE REFERRED TO THE FULL COMMITTEE WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION

065 VOTE: IN A ROLL CALL VOTE, FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT VOTE AYE;
REP. ROBERTS IS EXCUSED

INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Witnesses: Kelly Taylor, Manager, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV)
Joanne Peterson, Manager, Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV)

075 KELLY TAYLOR, MANAGER, DMV: Submits and summarizes written testimony prepared by Joanne Peterson [EXHIBIT I].

110 -plate reductions

120 -group plates

145 -veterans groups

165 -words, not logos

182 REP. LEHMAN: What will the license number be?

185 JOANNE PETERSON, MANAGER, DRIVER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES: It will be a four letter combination to make room for special wording.

225 REP. STROBECK: Can anybody just start a group in order to apply for recognition?

230 PETERSON: Must be a group that can demonstrate there is enough interest for at least 50 plates a year to be issued.

265 TAYLOR: Continues presentation of Exhibit I regarding group plates issued thus far.

305 -program costs

320 REP. ROBERTS: If it takes more personnel, do you have the ability to adjust the fees?

330 PETERSON: The fee cannot be adjusted, but we can keep more of it.

380 CHAIR HAYDEN: What happened to the pray plate?

385 PETERSON: The pray plate is out on a vehicle; the court struck down the restrictions in our custom plate rule that said you could not have religious expression.

392 CHAIR HAYDEN: Could there be a group pray plate?

400 PETERSON: No, under the provisions of this statute, religious expression is restricted.

408 SEN. SHANNON: Have you written new rules to go along with the court decision?

415 PETERSON: Yes, we complied with the court order for custom plates; it does not apply to group plates.

435 REP. GRISHAM: Expresses concern that the goal is to reduce the number of different plates, but group plates would actually cause an increase in the number of types.

445 PETERSON: The group plate bill has brought conformity; the background (Oregon Trail) and the four letter configuration will always be the same; only difference is the name of the group which is insignificant for DMV and police record purposes.

TAPE 2, SIDE B

045 CHAIR BAKER: What is the process for those who want religious or

political wording on a group plate?

053 PETERSON: If it was an obvious expression of religious or political opinion, we would deny it; if there was some question, we might ask legal counsel.

058 CHAIR HAYDEN: Adjourns the committee meeting (2:30PM).

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Gina Rumbaugh Anne Tweedt
Committee Assistant Committee Counsel

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - Testimony on HB 2057 -- Stephen Johnston -- 2 pages
B - Photos of highway signs re HB 2057 -- Stephen Johnston -- 3 pages
C - Letter to Rep. Tiernan from Benjamin Whiteley on HB 2026 -- Jim Renner,

1 page

D - Position Statement on HB 2026 -- Jim Renner -- 1 page

E - Promotional Flyer re HB 2026 -- Jim Renner -- 1 page

F - Testimony on HB 2026 -- Joanne Peterson -- 2 pages

G - Testimony on HB 2106 -- Howard Fegles -- 1 page

H - Testimony on HB 2106 -- Bernie Bottomly -- 1 page

I - Informational testimony prepared by Joanne Peterson -- Kelly Taylor --
4 pages