

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY REFORM  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Hearing Room

Tape

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Bill Markham

VISITING SENATORS:        Sen. Ken Baker  
                              Sen. Mae Yih

STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Tweedt, Committee Counsel  
Annetta Mullins, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:            HB 2519 - Public Hearing  
                              HB 2521 - Public Hearing and Work Session  
                              HB 2522 - Public Hearing and Work Session

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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.

TAPE , A

THIS MEETING IS CONVENED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A JOINT MEETING OF THIS  
SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

008        CHAIR HAYDEN: Calls the meeting to order at 1:43 p.m.

HB 2519 - PUBLIC HEARING

Witnesses:                Joe French, Oregon Forest Products Transportation Association  
                              Bob Russell, Public Utility Commission

006        ANN TWEEDT, COUNSEL: Explains provisions of HB 2519. The Preliminary  
Staff Measure Summary is hereby made a part of these minutes (EXHIBIT A).

025        JOE FRENCH, Oregon Forest Products Transportation Association: Submits  
and reads a prepared statement in support of HB 2519 (EXHIBIT B).

065        REP. ROBERTS: Are we talking about gross weight or net load?

MR. FRENCH: It is gross weight.

071 REP. ROBERTS: These are small trucks.

082 CHAIR HAYDEN: Requests that Gregg Dal Ponte, PUC, Earl Fultz, John Merriss, ODOT, David Barenberg, LOC, Bill Penhollow, AOC, Bob Russell and Debra Downey, AAA, to negotiate among themselves to come up with a solution.

088 BOB RUSSELL, PUC: We are happy to do that.

088 CHAIR HAYDEN: Closes the public hearing on HB 2519 and announces that the bill will be rescheduled after the consensus group meets.

096 CHAIR HAYDEN: Opens the public hearing on HB 2592.

096 HB 2592 - PUBLIC HEARING

Witnesses: Steve Johnson, Oregon Department of Transportation  
Joe French, Oregon Forest Products Transportation Association  
Gregg Dal Ponte, Public Utility Commission  
Earl Fultz, log trucker, Estacada

096 MS. TWEEDT: Explains provisions of HB 2521. The Preliminary Staff Measure Summary is hereby made a part of these minutes (EXHIBIT C).

106 CHAIR HAYDEN: Rep. VanLeeuwen has asked if the new methodology for letting trucks move into the right hand lane will affect this bill.

106 REP. ROBERTS: If I read the bill right, all it says is they would not come under those constraints because they would not have to go through the scales originally. When they "bunk" trucks, the scales can see there is an

empty truck. With a van, there is no way of knowing if the van is empty or not. I would like to do this with flatbeds.

114 CHAIR HAYDEN: If all they have to do is move into the right lane, do we need this bill?

115 REP. GRISHAM: If we pass the bill, do we have to add in language exempting them from moving to the right?

120 REP. STROBECK: We won't have the weight-in-motion sensors in place for a year or two and we won't have them on every highway where log trucks may be moving.

112 STEVE JOHNSON, ODOT: I appear on a question on HB 2057 and whether or not we need the ability for a bunked log truck to pass a scale. The answer

is yes. The Green Light Project that is funding the by-passing includes 19 sites. There will at least 60 plus sites where the problem would not be solved.

139 REP. ROBERTS: Why not empty flat beds when they are totally empty?

140 MR. JOHNSON: It is not our bill. A bunked log truck cannot physically carry a load. Generally they are inspected when they are loaded. Another

area is the vast majority of log trucks do not pay weight-mile tax. Therefore, it is not quite as critical to identify the trips for the weight-mile tax. A bunked log truck cannot exceed the size and limit while a truck and trailer could. Many roads are length restricted. You might have a situation where if you allow all trucks to go by, you may let a 70 foot truck go on a road that perhaps can only handle a 60 foot truck, but you would not have the right to bring them into the scale and stop them.

162 CHAIR HAYDEN: Sometimes log trucks are towing the trailer.

163 MR. JOHNSON: They would have to come in under this bill and they probably should come in on the basis that we would need to check out the size of the vehicle. In addition, we could do safety checks on them since the trailers would be down.

163 JOE FRENCH, Oregon Forest Products Transportation Association: Supports Mr. Johnson's testimony, submits a prepared statement in support of HB 2521.(EXHIBIT D)

180 SEN. YIH: Is there a need for the log trucks to come in and show their log books?

185 MR. FRENCH: Not that I know of at the weigh station.

188 SEN. YIH: Is there a need to random check?

188 MR. FRENCH: There are random inspections.

190 SEN. YIH: If you exempt them, there will be no random checking.

191 MR. FRENCH: They have to come in when they are loaded. Log books could be check then.

203 GREGG DAL PONTE, PUC: Submits and reviews a prepared statement on HB 2521 (EXHIBIT E). The PUC takes no position on the bill.

234 REP. STROBECK: Will this information be gathered at the weight-in-motion scales?

MR. DAL PONTE: The information would be in the data base.

261 REP. ROBERTS and MR. DAL PONTE: Discuss how weight-mile are calculated.

291 EARL FULTZ, log truck operator, Estacada: Testifies in support of HB 2521 because it will save time and fuel. Some flat beds have tanks under them and you can't tell that without weighing it or looking.

320 CHAIR HAYDEN: Closes the hearing and opens the work session on HB 2521

323 HB 2521 - WORK SESSION

335 REP. ROBERTS: I wish we could allow flat beds to get by, but we can't.

346 MOTION: REP. STROBECK moves HB 2521 to the Full Committee with a DO  
PASS RECOMMENDATION.

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

355 CHAIR HAYDEN: Declares the motion PASSED. REP. MARKHAM will carry the bill on the Floor.

357 CHAIR HAYDEN: Closes the work session on HB 2521 and opens the public hearing on HB 2522.

361 HB 2522 - PUBLIC HEARING

Witnesses: Joe French, Oregon Forest Products Transportation Association  
Mike Meredith, Oregon Trucking Association

MS. TWEEDT: Reviews the Preliminary Staff Measure Summary (EXHIBIT F).

378       JOE FRENCH, Oregon Forest Products Transportation Association: Submits  
and summarizes a prepared statement in support of HB 2522 (EXHIBIT G).

419       MIKE MEREDITH, Oregon Trucking Association: Testifies in support of HB  
2522. It is very important because a number of trailer manufacturers have  
manufactured trailers with the axle spread that is being called into  
question.

441       CHAIR HAYDEN: Closes the public hearing and opens the work session on  
HB 2522

HB 2522 - WORK SESSION

444               MOTION: REP. LEHMAN moves that HB 2522 be sent to the full committee  
with a           DO PASS RECOMMENDATION.

447               VOTE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote AYE. REP. MARKHAM  
is           EXCUSED.

454       CHAIR HAYDEN: Declares the motion PASSED. REP. GRISHAM will carry the  
bill in full committee.

457       CHAIR HAYDEN Declares the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Submitted by,   Reviewed by,

Annetta Mullins Anne Tweedt  
Committee Assistant       Committee Counsel

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A -       HB 2519, Preliminary Staff Measure Summary, staff, 1 p  
B -       HB 2519, prepared statement, Joe French, 2 pp  
C -       HB 2521, Preliminary Staff Measure Summary, staff, 1 p  
D -       HB 2521, prepared statement, Joe French, 1 p  
E -       HB 2521, prepared statement, Gregg Dal Ponte, 2 pp  
F -       HB 2522, Preliminary Staff Measure Summary, staff, 1 p  
G -       HB 2522, prepared statement, Joe French, 1 p