

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES
SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY

Hearing Room
Tapes - 28

MEMBERS PRESENT:

REP. VERAL TARNO, Acting Chair
REP. TONY CORCORAN, Vice-Chair
REP. LARRY WELLS
REP. JIM WELSH
REP. TIM JOSI

MEMBER EXCUSED: REP. BILL FISHER, Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

PAT ZWICK, Committee Administrator
GAIL E. BOESCH, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

HB 2178 - Public Hearing
HB 2480 - Public Hearing
HB 2120 - Public Hearing

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.

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004 CHAIR TARNO: Calls the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

010 Opens the Public Hearing on HB 2178
Witnesses: Rep. Avel Gordly
Bob Meinen, Oregon State Parks and Recreation
Dell Isham, Oregon Care Providers Association

018 REP. AVEL GORDLY: Submits Exhibit A, and reads from it, explaining the origins of the bill.
Comments regarding fiscal and revenue impacts of bill.

058 Supports Dell Isham amendment.

064 CHAIR TARNO: States his opinion, and empathy for HB 2480. Explains committee may add subsequent referral due to the fiscal impact.

075 BOB MEINEN, DIRECTOR, OREGON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION: Submits and reads from Exhibit B, opposing HB 2480.

091 Discusses variable fees, already available. Discusses estimate of impact.

Staff submits Exhibit C.

130 REP. WELLS: Questions statistics regarding discretionary spendable income by age groups, and whether this group really needs a discount.

138 MEINEN: Refers to Exhibit B, addresses Rep. Wells' question.

158 REP. WELLS: Comments regarding the off-season discount program.

173 REP. CORCORAN: Questions whether there would be a limited impact if discount were offered by income level.

223 MEINEN: Rubber band is pretty much stretched.

230 REP. CORCORAN: Questions what other states do for senior citizens.

250 REP. GORDLY: May need to look at variable fee program and how it is marketed, whether we are doing the best that can be done to alert the public that it's available.

265 DELL ISHAM, OREGON CARE PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION: Submits Exhibit D, and offers an amendment to HB 2480 that would include adult foster home residents.

307 REP. CORCORAN: Questions whether providers would still use parks if fees not reduced.

325 ISHAM: Discusses the burden of even a minimal day-use fee charge. Provides information regarding residents of adult foster care. Discusses day use only.

36 CHAIR TARNO: Closes the Public Hearing on HB 2480
Opens the Public Hearing on HB 2178.
Witnesses: Phil Ward, Oregon Department of Agriculture
Ellen Lowe, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Frank Brawner, Oregon Bank Association
Brent Searle, Oregon Bank Association

380 STAFF/ZWICK: Submits and reads Exhibit E, providing a summary of HB 2178 and related information.

395 PHIL WARD, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: Submits Exhibit F
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001 WARD: Continues, explaining the mediation process and program that HB 2178 addresses.

023 - Regarding fee increase, voluntary program.

028 REP. WELSH: Questions effect on work load and compensating for it.

033 WARD: Primarily funded by Federal government. Utilizes a staff person that has other duties in addition to this one.

065 REP. LEWIS: Referring to Exhibit F, questions whether more staff will be necessary.

070 WARD: No, we don't conduct mediations; contract with private mediators.

080 REP. LEWIS: Requests clarification of fees.
General discussion of staffing needs follows.

104 ELLEN LOWE, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON:
Discusses program called Common Ground. Testifies in support of HB 2178.

143 Notes personal interest in bill.

160 FRANK BRAUNER, OREGON BANKERS ASSOCIATION: Calls for more background.
Discusses existing mandates.

190 Discusses the risks of financing farming. Do not need the Department of
Agriculture to help mediate; would remove objections if they knew the
legislature would come back and remove the sunset later.

212 Supports passage of HB 2178, calls for another automatic sunset.

222 REP. WELLS: Questions funding, "got a little lost".

226 BRAUNER: There are federal and general funds involved.

240 CHAIR TARNO: Citing the absence of the Chair, this bill will be
discussed in Committee again before a vote is taken.

250 REP. WELLS: To Phil Ward, questions if there will be any change in
funding.

256 WARD: There are no general funds involved in this program. There will
be no changes in the funding. Funding is 70% federal funds; 30% fee
supported.

300 REP. WELSH: Referring to previous testimony, (Exhibit F), questions why
more people aren't coming to the Department of Agriculture for mediation
needs.

310 WARD: A person cannot elect on his own to have mediation - has to have a
willing partner from his creditor as well

We are involved way beyond the mediation process.

350 CHAIR TARNO: Referring to Exhibit F, noting the number of cases mediated
(25) and the apparent \$10,000 cost per case.

360 WARD: Clarifies expenditures.

365 CHAIR TARNO: Discusses caseloads and cost. Trying to determine "who's
making the money".

400 WARD: Clarifies that State Ag. only spent \$34,000, did not receive the
full budget of \$85,000.

398 Discussion follows and it is determined that there is a typo involving
the budget amounts in Exhibit F.

TAPE 27, B

005 BRENT SEARLE: Provides statistics of mediated cases.

016 CHAIR TARNO: Closes Public Hearing on HB 2178

Opens the Public Hearing on HB 2120.

Witnesses: Rudy Rosen, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW)
Jill Bowling, Department of Forestry
Greg Miller, Oregon Forest Industries Council
Glenn Spain, Pacific Coast Federation of Fisheries
Stephen Kafoury, American Fisheries Society

030 STAFF: Discusses work group and the efforts to combine HB 2446, HB 2463, and HB 2420 into HB 2120. Submits Hand-Engrossed HB 2120, Exhibit G.

050 RUDY ROSEN, ODFW: Discusses work group, development of guiding principles. Submits Exhibit H, a working draft of HB 2120.

077 ROSEN: Notes a couple of problems that were addressed.
- Incidental take; addressing of federal guideline.
- Helps resolve conflicts in statutes, and among authorities
- Allows for consideration of social and economic factors.
- Issue of verifiability.
- Administratable piece of legislation.

110 - Allows for assessment whether species could exist on a certain property.

120 JILL BOWLING, DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY: Agrees that the draft bill satisfies a lot of concerns of the Forestry Department. Supports the draft

(Exhibit H).

142 REP. WELSH: Questions whether the work group is really done.

145 BOWLING: Would like to double-check legal issues and take a final look; would like to make sure everything is lined up; could use some wordsmithing.

156 ROSEN: Comments that certain interested factions have not had an opportunity to examine draft.

165 REP. JOSI: Requests copy of Mr. Rosen's testimony.

178 REP. CORCORAN: Requests clarification of editing marks in draft.

203 GREG MILLER, OFIC, STATE TIMBER PURCHASERS: Worked off original HB 2120; did not work off of -1 amendments.

220 REP. WELLS: Questions origin of -1 amendments.

223 REP. CORCORAN: Explains, will of the chair.

242 GLENN SPAIN, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERIES: Clarifies Hand engrossed bill; discusses working draft. Has some serious concerns about parts of draft; some of it is very good.

288 - Fishing industry very much regulated by the Endangered Species Act. Would like opportunity to review the draft.

303 REP. CORCORAN: Accepts responsibility for the confusion on amending HB 2120; didn't understand process.

328 REP. WELSH: Announces desire to receive input from all parties not already included in the amending process.

338 STEPHEN KAFOURY, AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY: Likes work that has been done, will send to his people, can provide responses in a week.

390 REP. CORCORAN: Instructs everybody to work off draft.

398 CHAIR TARNO: Closes the Public Hearing on HB 2120

ADJOURNS the hearing at 2:55 PM.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

GAIL E. BOESCH PAT ZWICK
Committee Assistant Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

- A - Testimony on HB 2480 -- REP. AVEL GORDLY -- 2 pages
- B - Testimony on HB 2480 -- Bob Meinen, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department
-- 3 pages
- C - HB 2480, Staff Measure Summary; Fiscal Analysis; 1995 Summer Camping Rates -- Pat Zwick, Committee Administrator -- 4 pages
- D - Testimony on HB 2480 -- Dell Isham, Oregon Care Providers Association --
4 pages
- E - HB 2178, Staff Measure Summary; Sections to be repealed -- Pat Zwick, Committee Administrator -- 7 pages
- F - Testimony on HB 2178 -- Phil Ward, Department of Agriculture -- 1 page
- G - Hand Engrossed HB 2120-1 -- Staff -- 7 pages
- H - HB 2120, Working Draft -- Submitted by Work Group -- 9 pages