

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
WATER POLICY

Hearing Room
Tapes - 34

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Chuck Norris, Chair
Rep. Tim Josi, Vice-Chair
Rep. Avel Gordly
Rep. Veral Tarno
Rep. Jim Welsh

STAFF PRESENT:

Pat Zwick, Committee Administrator
Gail E. Boesch, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

HB 2375 - Work Session
HB 2544 - Work Session
HB 2747 - Work Session
HB 2716 - 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.

TAPE , A

004 CHAIR NORRIS: Calls the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.
- General comments and announcements

037 Opens the Work Session on HB 2375

050 STAFF: Submits for the record the -1 amendments, hand-engrossed (Exhibit A).

055 JAN BOETTCHER, WATER RESOURCES CONGRESS: Announces that she just received -2 amendments, will bring to committee after reviewing.

065 CHAIR NORRIS: Emphasizes his personal concerns regarding passage of HB 2375.

081 BOETTCHER: Registration process for wetlands involves injury test.

086 REP. JOSI: Tell me how an injury test is designed for wetlands.

093 BOETTCHER: Responds that all injury tests are the same; responsibility of the downstream user to claim. Further clarifies injury test.

117 REP. JOSI: Shares concerns regarding industrial users; suggests that there needs to be some sort of a test to make sure that water rights are not being impaired.

127 BOETTCHER: Explains that food processing plants never intend to return water to stream; if not used for irrigation, water is held in settling ponds to evaporate.

144 MARK NELSON, WATER FOR LIFE: Requests opportunity to look at newest amendments; may have some concerns.

164 REP. GORDLY: Questions whether ODFW's concerns were adequately addressed.

170 JILL ZARNOWITZ, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE (ODFW): Yes, concerns appear to have been addressed.

187 General discussion ensues regarding scheduling another work session for
HB 2375.

218 CHAIR NORRIS: Closes the Work Session on HB 2375
Opens the Work Session on HB 2544

223 STAFF: Presents overview of HB 2544, (Exhibit B)

250 JAN BOETTCHER, OREGON WATER RESOURCES CONGRESS: Submits two amendments,
Exhibit C. Provides brief summary.

275 General discussion follows regarding insertion of new sections of
amendments.

373 CHAIR NORRIS: Closes the Work Session on HB 2544
Opens the Public Hearing on HB 2716
Witnesses: Richard Koesan, Water For Life
Steve Purchase, Division of State Lands
Martha Pagel, Water Resources Department
Jill Zarnowitz, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Jim Myron, Oregon Trout
Pete Test, Oregon Farm Bureau

399 STAFF: Presents overview of HB 2716, Exhibit D.

TAPE 34, A

009 REP. TARNO: Sponsor of bill, speaks to reason for it.

018 RICHARD KOESAN, WATER FOR LIFE: Supports HB 2716, suggests an
amendment to Section 1, (3).

051 REP. JOSI: Questions terms of adequacy of water supply.

058 KOESAN: Responds, quoted from existing legislation.

080 STEVE PURCHASE, DIVISION OF STATE LANDS: Submits Exhibit E, supporting
HB 2716, and suggesting its combination with the "similar provisions of HB
2184".

117 CHAIR NORRIS: Suggests an amendment to the bill, notes that committee is
currently not in work session.

124 MARTHA PAGEL, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT: Submits Exhibit F, supports
HB 2716, notes that HB 2184 covers the same issue.

150 REP. JOSI: Discusses work group. Supports referring bill back to group.

169 JILL ZARNOWITZ, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE: Supports HB 2716.
Submits Exhibit G .

203 JIM MYRON, OREGON TROUT: Supports HB 2716, including amendments
suggested by Water for Life.

215 PETE TEST, OREGON FARM BUREAU: Supports HB 2716.

238 CHAIR NORRIS: Closes Public Hearing on HB 2716.
Opens Work Session on HB 2544.

255 BOETTCHER: Clarifies insertion of section numbers in amendment

300 - Explains sunset period noted in amendment.

325 CHAIR NORRIS: Questions if the requirement to file a conservation plan
has been restored.

330 BOETTCHER: Yes, provides explanation.

General discussion follows, clarifying the insertion of the amendment
language into HB 2544.

TAPE 33, B

MOTION: REP. JOSI: Moves the ADOPTION of the Oregon Water Resources

Congress conceptual amendments to HB 2544.

Discussion follows.

VOTE: CHAIR NORRIS: HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THE AMENDMENTS ARE ADOPTED.

MOTION: REP. JOSI: Moves that HB 2544, AS AMENDED, be sent to the Floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

VOTE: In a roll call vote, all members are present and vote AYE.

040 CHAIR NORRIS: The motion CARRIES.
REP. JOSI will lead the discussion on the Floor.

045 CHAIR NORRIS: Closes the Work Session on HB 2544.

061 CHAIR NORRIS: Calls a 10 minute recess at 3:03PM.

062 Opens the Work Session on HB 2747

065 STAFF: Presents overview of HB 2747.

087 JAN BOETTCHER, OREGON WATER RESOURCES CONGRESS: Submits Exhibit H, noting amendments hand-engrossed by OWRC, restoring the appointment of the Director by the Governor, and other adjustments.

131 - Section 4 divides up regions of the state, refers to Exhibit H.

175 CHAIR NORRIS: Questions comparison of Map A, Exhibit H with current WRD regions.

244 MARTHA PAGEL, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT: Conveys current District managers feelings that current system is okay, don't change it. Supports improvements by amendments; feels population approach to regions is better, so Map A is more suitable.

281 REP. GORDLY: Questions whether commission was consulted during drafting process of bill.

290 BOETTCHER: Full commission was not addressed, but some commissioners were included.

304 REP. JOSI: Comments about HB 2747, questions need for changes. Notes that his vote has been swayed to a supportive one by amendments.

MOTION: REP. JOSI: Moves the ADOPTION of the conceptual amendments submitted by the Oregon Water Resources Congress.

VOTE: CHAIR NORRIS: HEARING NO OBJECTIONS, THE AMENDMENTS ARE ADOPTED.

MOTION: REP. JOSI : Moves that HB 2747, AS AMENDED, be sent to the Floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

VOTE: In a roll call vote, all members are present and vote AYE.

380 CHAIR NORRIS: The motion CARRIES.
REP. NORRIS: Will lead the discussion on the Floor.

402 CHAIR NORRIS: Adjourns the meeting at 3:36 PM.
Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Gail E. Boesch Pat Zwick
Committee Assistant Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - HB 2375, Hand engrossed by Staff-- Pat Zwick, Committee Administrator --

2 pages

B - HB 2544, Staff Measure Summary -- Pat Zwick, Committee Administrator --
1 page
C - Testimony and Amendments, HB 2544 -- Jan Boettcher, Oregon Water
Resources Congress -- 2 pages
D - HB 2716, Staff Measure Summary -- Pat Zwick, Committee Administrator --
1 page
E - Testimony on HB 2716 -- Steve Purchase, Division of State Lands -- 1
page
F - Testimony on HB 2716 -- Martha Pagel, Water Resources Department -- 1
page
G - Testimony on HB 2716 -- Jill Zarnowitz, Oregon Department of Fish &
Wildlife -- 1 page
H - Testimony and Amendments, HB 2747 -- Jan Boettcher, Oregon Water
Resources Congress -- 5 pages