

SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

January 27, 1995  
1:00 P.M.

Hearing Room 343  
Tapes 10, 11

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bob Kintigh, Chair  
Sen. Bill Bradbury  
Sen. Rod Johnson, Vice Chair  
Sen. Tom Hartun,,  
Sen. Marylin Shannon

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Bill Dwyer is excused he is ill

STAFF PRESENT:

Bruce McIntosh, Committee Administrator  
Catrina Victor, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD: SB -158, Public Hearing and Work Session

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Tape 10A,

03 Chair Kintigh: Called the meeting to order 1:05 P.M.

Informational items: Paula Burgess was called. Not yet being present Bob Danko was called to give his presentation.

25 Bob Danko: DEQ, Introduces himself and begins his presentation.

32 Paula Burgess: Policy Advisor to Natural Resources and Environment, is recalled to begin her presentation, rather than Mr. Danko, due to her time restraints. The Governor believes we need creative approaches in reaching our goals and through working together. Many of the bills have been reviewed and we hope to tie many of the them together rather than having a number of separate issues.

63 Chair Kintigh: Declares full committee in session, a quorum is present.

78 Ms. Burgess: There are so many issues to address and they are so diverse, we are only now just realizing the workload ahead. The Governor is hoping to meet a broad spectrum of issues with a team heading in the same direction.

108 Ms. Burgess: Wishes to be accessible to the committee and looks forward to working with them.

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Tape 10A,

116 Chair Kintigh: Anxious to work together and hopes to keep things moving within committee this session. Thanks Ms. Burgess.

127 Sen. Johnson: If you find items that can be combined, it would be helpful for us if you could let us know prior to addressing them.

140 Ms. Burgess: Perhaps next week we can all meet to plan our strategy. Thanks the committee.

150 Chair Kintigh: Calls Mr. Danko to continue with his presentation.

152 Mr. Danko: Will work primarily from the flip-chart and the hand-out. Items to be covered; programs, rates, grants, education, and 1971 the bottle bill. "The Bottle Bill" was the beginning of the recycling trend. 1983 Opportunity to recycle Act developed the drop off depots. In 1983 the Solid Waste Hierarchy was also passed; Reduce, reuse, recycle, compost and recovery energy. See hand-out.

220 Mr. Danko: 1991 Oregon Recycling Act. (SB 66) page 3 of the hand out.  
Solid Waste Composition break down: Paper- 30%, Food Waste- 18%, Yard Waste-10%,  
Plastic-8%, Metals-8%, Soil and other Organic Materials-7%, wood- 6Gglass-4%, and Misc.  
9%.  
331 Mr. Danko: References page 3 describing the State and Local Recycling  
Recovery Rates.  
349 Chair Kintigh: Is there a pattern in the big counties or small vs.  
smaller ones?

363 Mr. Danko: The problems that are arising are in the middle size counties, not the large or the small ones. We are looking to resolve some of those issues.

Tape 11A,

21 Mr. Danko: Reviews the minimum content requirements for 1995. Rigid  
plastic containers are currently in compliance with SB 66. There are 7 types of plastic  
containers the DEQ primarily deals with. There is actually hundreds of types that are not  
recycled.  
70 Chair Kintigh: What percent of plastic waste is rigid waste?  
76 Mr. Danko: One to two percent, closer to one percent of the total waste  
stream (by weight).  
95 Mr. Danko: Recycling grants to local governments to help them create  
incentives to recycle.  
100 Chair Kintigh: Where do those funds come from?

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Tape 11A,

105 Mr. Danko: The solid waste disposal fee from SB 66. Moves to next topic "Recycling and Plastic Tax Credits," see page 6.

138 Mr. Danko: The school education program has been very successful. However, waste prevention always needs to be worked on. The waste paper per person is increasing and we should be working on this particularly. We are recycling but we aren't making headway.

172 Chair Kintigh: We need to think about recycling at home and how can we  
instill this in the families today. Also, to look for new ways to reuse items.  
203 Chair Kintigh: In the past we could have used/bought "used" materials  
but with the codes and restrictions of today we cannot do that anymore. Something needs to be

done to improve

the use of such materials as wood and used building materials.

213 Sen. Hartung: There has been a large increase of solid waste per person.  
What is that

increase made of?

223 Mr. Danko: The trend is growing and we hope to have that leveling out.  
The increase is

in the many cases, the numerous new types of packaging materials.

246 Mr. Danko: Begins to cover Oregon compared to other states, see page 8  
of the hand-out.

275 Sen. Shannon: Is there a time when the tax payers will not have to be  
paying recycling?

Will there be a time when a profit is made?

287 Mr. Danko: Difficult to answer. We hope in the future it will be able to  
sustain itself

and carry it's own costs.

315 Sen. Hartung: Are you the expert on land fills? Tell us about the land  
fill North

of Woodburn.

354 Mr. Danko: It's an ash depository and it is growing. This is a mono-fill  
land fill.

355 Mr. Hartung: Is there any sort of gas coming from it? What about the one  
in Arlington?

360 Mr. Danko: No. Responds to the issue of recovering the methane gases  
ommitted from

this site.

370 Chair Kintigh: The one in Lane County is using the gas.

378 Mr. Danko: "Why are we doing so well?" See page 8 for review. We feel  
there is a real

good approach to recycling issues and as a state are making great strides.

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407 Chair Kintigh: Does "reuse" and "reducing" count in the recovery rate?

410 Mr. Danko: In short answer, "No."

Tape 11A

23 Chair Kintigh: Hearing for 132 cannot be heard. There are no amendments  
available.

26 Chair Kintigh: Move to hear Senate Bill 158, public hearing and possible  
work

session opened.

35 Sandy Flicker: Electric Co-Op, would like to offer an amendment to  
approach their problem.

Reviews the amendment, see exhibit B.

61 Chair Kintigh: Asks Fred Robinson to respond.

63 Fred Robinson: It is his opinion that this would not effect their  
organization and the

advice is

to the contrary.

75 Chair Kintigh: Do you have additional changes besides their request?

79 Mr. Robinson: Yes, we mean it to include well drilling and some kinds of  
construction operations. Also to change the time frame from 30 days.

99 Chair Kintigh: Do you accept their amendment?

102 Mr. Robinson: Yes.

109 Sen. Bradbury: Where do the well drillers fit in?

114 Mr. Robinson: They are required to follow the same operational requirements as logging operations unless there is no immediate fire hazard and they are not located in a fire zone.

127 Sen. Bradbury: Clarifies that the amendment regarding the secondary water source is limited to logging operations and hopes to waive/stop the 30 day waiting period.

163 Mr. Robinson: Hopes to change the wording from State Forester to read "forester."

173 Chair Kintigh: Will move these bills out as soon as the amendments are drafted, in a future meeting.

191 Sen. Bradbury: Questions Tom Bessonettes letter and would like someone to expand.

207 Bruce McIntosh: States Tom Bessonette has discussed his concerns with Fred Robinson and they have reached a compromise.

214 Chair Kintigh: Meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A -Bob Danko. DEO Hand Out

B- Amendment Submitted by Sandy Flicker SB 158

C-Letter Submitted by Tom Bessonette SB 158

\*Measure Summeries not Heard or Discussed Item 1 SB -132 and Item 2 SB -158  
RECYCLING

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