

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

February 17, 1995 Hearing Room 343
1:00 P.M. Tapes 32, 33, 34,

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bob Kintigh, Chair
Sen. Bill Bradbury
Sen. Bill Dwyer
Sen. Rod Johnson, Vice-Chair
Sen. Marylin Shannon
Sen. Tom Hartung

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Bruce McIntosh, Committee Administrator
Catrina Victor, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD: SB -279, Public Hearing
 Informational Hearing by ODF&W on the coho

salmon

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Tape 32A

Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB -
279

02 Chair Kintigh: Meeting called to order 1:05 P.M.
05 Julie Brandis: A.O.I. Associated Oregon Industries is in favor of this
bill. Not in favor
 of the current \$10,000.00 a day fine. Other packaging alternatives would be
costly.
61 Sen. Hartung: The press has said SB -279 would do great damage. Reads a
press
 release. Asks Julie's opinion.
65 Brandis: Responds.
80 Paul Cosgrove: This will not jeopardize the Oregon recycling rate

91 Sen. Johnson: An opinion brought for the at the last meeting was that the
industry
 should develop their own methods to recycle.

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105 Cosgrove: Doesn't feel there should be separate industry recycling.

120 Bob Danko: DEQ. Reviews his testimony, how the 32% rate was approached and determined. They are happy with the numbers achieved so far. Notes the fiscal impact from their department is very minimal.

165 Chair Kintigh: Is there a baseline you start
from?

170 Danko: Every time there is more data received the number is altered, then added into the total.

185 Tom Gallagher: American Plastics Council. We had two individuals on this board. Our criticism is the numbers that are being reported are the best available, which are different from the true baseline numbers. The 32%

rate will move as the actual count is adjusted.

200 Chair Kintigh: Do you think the actual rate will be higher or lower?

211 Gallagher: We can't be sure.

222 Susan Ziolk: Waste Reduction. Feels the law is working as intended. Exempting the food containers will have an adverse effect on Oregon. The recycled items do not have to be used for food items. We might need to look at the definition of food and redefine. The public has shown an interest to recycle. Please consider the time that was taken when drafting this bill. It's working, so leave it alone.

390 Chair Kintigh: Judy Crockett and Rob Guttridge called to present.

Tape 33A.

01 Rob Guttridge: KB Recycling: See hand outs . Reminds the committee that SB 66 was passed unanimously. Is this bill intending to distinguish between the beverage containers and others? Shows examples of #7 plastics and compares the use and reuse of them.
Explains the demand and/or lack of demand for certain types. Reviews the layered resin plastic container vs. the non layered.
107 Judy Crockett: A.O.R. Feels this would drastically effect the current bill.
Displays containers and the types most commonly used.
148 Sen. Johnson: What percent of rigid plastic containers are recycled?
160 Danko: Around 25%-30%.

170 Judy Crockett: Reviews items that can be recycled and what cannot. Notes the rules have only been in effect for five weeks. We need to give the current laws a fair shake.

190 Chair Kintigh: Questions Guttridge about the different kind of plastics and the limitations they may have in reference to freezing, re-heating, and the eating out of these containers.

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220 Guttridge: Clarifies his earlier statements. The demand for plastic resins varies in relation to driving the rates.

291 Avis Branen: Sierra Club. Reads testimony from exhibit. See exhibit .

327 Cosgrove: Rebuts previous testimony.

351 Ken Yates: Oregon Food Processors. Brief introductory. Invites Connie Kirby and Craig Smith to testify.

360 Connie Kirby: Refers to the non traditional items that do not have objection letters.

Tape 32B,

03 Craig Smith: Defends that the industry is not coming forward for the first time but that these issues were brought forth last session. We want to be safe. We are strong supporters of

SB 66. We are not opposed to it, or recycling.

36 Scott Becker: Student at PSU. Feels it is important to recycle and people want to recycle.

We should be consistent with our message in SB 66. It should be maintained as it is.

This law should be kept like it is.

70 Sen. Bradbury: Reviews the amendments that have been disB ursed. The amendments are

to meet the concerns that have been raised as well as to be as narrow and specific as possible.

Individually addresses the amendments, and describes each and it's intent.

180 Sen. Johnson: Asks for clarification of the amendment addressing the bottle bill changes.

190 Sen. Bradbury: Responds then continues with the break down of the proposed amendments.

Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB -279

Opens INFORMATIONAL MEETING on coho salmon/endangered species act

213 Chair Kintigh: Will close hearing on SB -279 until next week. Take a short break until the

presenters from ODF&W are prepared to testify.

225 Rod Ingram: Introduction of Jim Martin. Passes out booklet/exhibit .

245 Jim Martin: ODF&W. Lists Endangered Species Act federal chronology through overhead

presentation. Second item addressed is the listing criteria for endangered species. Third topic

is information used to describe the gene conservation groups. Possible reasons for

reproductive failure given. Exhibit G.

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Tape 33B!

12 Sen. Bradbury: Relating to ESU how can you effectively find the rate of salmon when in one area there are large populations and in other spots little and less healthy salmon?

30 Martin: Refers to the overhead items on the Columbia River coho as they have declined over the decades.

60 Sen. Shannon: Does the lowering of number of fish have to deal with the El Nino?

65 Martin: We don't know. It could be. Ca lo are very volatile in the ocean. If there is a healthy year there is a healthy crop of salmon. If there is a bad year the numbers are very low.

95 Sen. Johnson: When were the dams built? What changed the numbers so much in the 70's?

Were other dams built? If not what do you attribute to the loss of fish?

110 Martin: Explains possible reasons for the decline. Reviews the salmon populations in the ocean, Columbia and Rogue Rivers. Studies have been done since the 70's to find out what

has been happening and the trends of coho populations. Populations have been falling 4% each

year. Explains the harvest abundance index. "Offspring Per Spanner" graph

reviewed.

The hatchery fish, through tags and markings, give an indication of how the ocean fish are reproducing. The existing populations of coho are relatively small and since we have cut our

numbers in half we are currently at a very low level.

284 Martin: Biologists have determined potential risks and what needs to be altered to lessen

the chances of total extinction. Long and short prognosis' made.

370 Martin: All three ESU should not be listed under endangered species. But they are in

decline. they believe they should be listed as Sensitive species.

Tape 34A,

05 Martin: This has been a positive experience developing these recommendations

15 Chair Kintigh: What about the Willamette River coho?

20 Martin: The coho do not occur in the Willamette.

40 Chair Kintigh: What about seal populations?

50 Martin: About an eight percent increase each year since the mid 70's.

53 Sen. Bradbury: From what you know, what do you think about nymphs?

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59 Martin: About a year ago their act raised the red flag.

90 Sen. Johnson: Commends the ODF&W on their efforts in their study.

100 Chair Kintigh: Meeting adjourned 3: 10 P.M.

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Committee Assistant Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A LC 1227 Amendments for SB -279- ~ pg.

B Testimonv from Susan Ziolk/SB -279- 2 pg.

C Testimonv from Judv Crockett/SB -279- 2-pg.

D Testimonv from Rob Guttridge/SB -279-1 pg.

E Article submitted by Avis Branen/SB -279- 1 pg.

F Newsletter and booklet submitted by ODF&W- 248 pg.

G Overhead information presented by Jim Martin- 13 pg.

H Letter submitted by Mark Lichtenstein President of National Recvcling

Coslition/SB -279- 2 pg. I Faxed letter from Marcele Daeges/SB -279- 2 pg.

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