

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

January 18, 1993 Hearing Room D 1:30 p.m. Tapes 5 - 8

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Ray Baum, Chair Rep. Carl Hosticka, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Marilyn Dell Rep. Sam Dominy Rep. Bill Fisher Rep. Tim Josi Rep.  
Dennis Luke Rep. Bill Markham Rep. Chuck Norris Rep. Nancy Peterson Rep.  
Bob Repine Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen

STAFF PRESENT: Kathryn Van Natta, Committee Administrator  
Catherine Fitch, Committee Administrator Pat Zwick, Committee  
Coordinator

WITNESSES: Fred Hansen, DEQ Steve Greenwood, DEQ Michael  
Downs, DEQ Stephanie Hallock, DEQ Mary Wall, DEQ Lydia Taylor, DEQ Rich  
Reiter, DEQ Randy Fisher, ODF&W Roy Heider, Oregon State Police  
Christine Ervin, Dept. of Energy Richard Benner, DLCD Mike Grainey, DEQ

ITEMS CONSIDERED: Agency Overviews Department of Environmental  
Quality Department of Fish & Wildlife Department of Energy Department of  
Land Conservation & Development

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statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in  
quotation marks report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents  
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005 CHAIR REPINE: Calls the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

AGENCY OVERVIEWS

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

025 FRED HANSEN, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: Gives overview  
of DEQ operations, program, and budget.

Submits DEQ's Governor's budget (EXHIBIT A).

205 STEVE GREENWOOD, DEQ: Gives overview of DEQ's Air Quality  
program, summarizing (EXHIBIT B).

312 MIKE DOWNS, DEQ: Gives overview of DEQ's Water Quality  
program, summarizing (EXHIBIT C).

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DOWNS: Continues his testimony from (EXHIBIT C).

040 STEPHANIE HALLOCK, DEQ: Summarizes written testimony concerning DEQ's hazardous and solid waste program (EXHIBIT D).

011 MARY WALL, DEQ: Gives detail of environmental clean up program, summarizing (EXHIBIT E).

150 LYDIA TAYLOR, DEQ: Summarizes DEQ Governor's Budget (EXHIBIT F).

230 REP. MARKHAM: Question about cost to the state of citizen law suits.

230 TAYLOR: Can get that information.

245 REP. MARKHAM: Does DEQ have administrative rules that go beyond EPA requirements?

260 HANSEN: Yes in some places. Can provide list of rules where state rules exceed federal requirements.

266 REP. DOMINY: Would state save money if we let the federal government take over?

275 HANSEN: Depends on program. Refers to (EXHIBIT F) information.

330 REP. DOMINY: Are there any states without state Departments of Environmental Quality?

340 HANSEN: A few states.

345 REP. NORRIS: Do you anticipate any changes with the new federal administration?

350 HANSEN: Believes new administrator designate's state perspective should be a benefit. Also believes she has a commitment to seeing utilization

of market place incentives and other tools than just regulation as a way to address new and emerging problems.

402 REP. NORRIS: How reliable are the maximum permissible emission within the air shed numbers?

404 HANSEN: DEQ thinks they are quite accurate.

410 REP. NORRIS: What pollution is included in "other" category?

415 DEQ staff to provide that information.

TAPE 5, SIDE B

015 REP. FISHER: Are rules and regulations for underground tanks federal rules?

020 HANSEN: Explains DEQ's standards. Cleanup is largely driven by person wanting to get bank line of credit.

040 RICH REITER, DEQ: Explains how soil type fits into underground storage tank clean up.

050 REP. DELL: How well has DEQ been able to do in making the

cleanup program "user friendly"?

058 HANSEN: Believes DEQ has been successful.

Exception is people need financial help to upgrade tanks, clean up contamination, and purchase insurance.

075 REITER: DEQ gets requests for technical assistance in area of heating oil tanks and abandoned tanks which diverts attention from the regulated tanks.

095 REP. VANLEEUEWEN: What has this done to independent service station owners and to the supply of available fuel?

100 REITER: Not many have closed yet because they are waiting for available financial assistance. We have not aggressively enforced the federal

program. There are closures for market reasons.

HANSEN: Not as many have closed as we thought would.

145 REP. HOSTICKA: Suggests committee devote a day to receive testimony from retailers.

Summary of DEQ 1993 Legislative Proposals is submitted for the record (EXHIBIT G).

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE 180 RANDY FISHER, ODF&W: Summarizes (EXHIBIT H) giving overview of ODF&W operations, issues facing the agency, and proposed legislation.

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FISHER: Continues his testimony.

075 ROY HEIDER, DIRECTOR OF OSP WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION: Reviews staffing and funding of the enforcement division.

090 REP. REPINE: Asks for copies of proposed rules.

094 REP. PETERSON: What criteria do you use when a fish hatchery is closed?

095 FISHER: Lists five criteria.

115 Discussion of budget issues.

190 REP. FISHER: Why do you propose to stop sale of licenses at ODF&W offices?

195 FISHER: To save positions.

Explains sale of licenses by businesses.

290 REP. REPINE: Calls for five minute recess at 3:15 p.m.

Reconvenes at 3:23 p.m. as subcommittee.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

301 CHRISTINE ERVIN, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: Thinks Oregon is facing more complex energy challenges in the next decade than ever before in

department history but believes department is equipped to handle the challenges effectively and efficiently.

Reviews charts of department budget, energy challenges, use, and initiatives which are a part of the DOE's programs (EXHIBIT I).

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ERVIN: Continues her testimony from (EXHIBIT I).

260 Concludes her testimony.

Responds to members' questions asking for specific details of cogeneration, new construction, the Trojan closure, and other information in (EXHIBIT I).

325 MIKE GRAINEY, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: Adds information on independent power producers. 375 CHAIR REPINE: Asks for copy of old Department of Energy structure.

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DEPARTMENT OF LAND CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (DLCD)

030 RICHARD BENNER, DLCD: Summarizes written testimony giving overview of DLCD's planning program and proposed legislation (EXHIBIT J).

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015 BENNER: Continues testimony from (EXHIBIT J).

086 Discussion of budget issues.

185 REP. DELL: How do we get the issues on a rational level and move away from negatives?

200 BENNER: DLCD hopes that more clear and objective plans will help.

Will place more emphasis on public education.

270 REP. LUKE: Does not see much in written testimony that addresses protection of private individuals rights.

290 REP. PETERSON: Where is process of administrative rules for secondary lands?

295 BENNER: Speaker Campbell has asked us to do a briefing on

the rulemaking effort. Gives overview of process to date.

320 CHAIR REPINE: Will DLCD help relieve land use issues that are major stumbling blocks to development in the rural areas?

330 BENNER: Outlines DLCD's efforts.

372 REP. REPINE: Summarizes feelings on land use regulations; does not believe all is well with land use issues.

400 CHAIR REPINE: Adjourns meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Pat Zwick  
Administrator

Kathryn Van Natta Committee Coordinator

EXHIBIT LOG: A-Agency Overview (DEQ) - Fred Hansen - 16 pages B-Agency Overview (DEQ) - Steve Greenwood - 10 pages C-Agency Overview (DEQ) - Mike Downs - 16 pages D-Agency Overview (DEQ) - Stephanie Hallock - 7 pages E-Agency Overview (DEQ) - Mary Wall - 2 pages F-Agency Overview (DEQ) - Lydia Taylor - 4 pages G-Agency Overview (DEQ) - Lydia Taylor - 2 pages H-Agency Overview (ODF&W) - Randy Fisher - 22 pages I-Agency Overview (Dept. of Energy) - Christine Ervin - 27 pages J-Agency Overview (DLCD) - Richard Benner - 17 pages