

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER

March 25, 1993      Hearing Room D 2:00 p.m.      Tapes 52 - 53

MEMBERS PRESENT:                    Rep. Chuck Norris, Chair Rep. Ray Baum Rep.  
Carl Hosticka Rep. Tim Josi Rep. Bill Markham Rep. Bob Repine Rep. Liz  
VanLeeuwen

MEMBER EXCUSED:                    Rep. Nancy Peterson

VISITING MEMBER:                    Rep. Dave McTeague

STAFF PRESENT:                    Catherine Fitch, Committee Administrator Pat  
Zwick, Committee Administrator Sue Nichol, Committee Clerk Karen  
McCormac, Committee Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED:                    HB 2215 - Public Hearing and Work  
Session

WITNESSES:      Martha      Pagel,      Director,      Department      of  
Water Resources Becky Kreag, Department of Water Resources Louise  
Bilheimer, Pacific Rivers Council Ron Yockim, Grant County and Douglas  
County Mike Props, Association of Oregon Counties Doug Meyers, Water  
Watch Jan Boettcher, Oregon Water Resources Congress Joni Low, League of  
Oregon Cities Tom O'Connor, Eugene Water & Electric Board Ben Boswell,  
Oregon State Grange Liz Frenkel, Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club Mark  
Nelson, Water for Life Larry Trosi, Oregon Farm Bureau Chuck Craig,  
Department of Agriculture Ross Noble, Umatilla County Soil  
Conservation District

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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. [--- Unable To Translate  
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TAPE 52, SIDE A 008      CHAIR NORRIS:      Calls the meeting to order at  
3:22.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2215

033 MARTHA PAGEL, Director, Department of Water Resources:  
Summarizes efforts by work group on HB 2215. The outcome is contained  
in a new

version of HB 2215 (Exhibit A).

061 BECKY KREAG, Department of Water Resources: Explains the bill  
as now submitted. The final report of this work group is submitted as  
a new

measure to replace HB 2215 as originally submitted (Exhibit B).

112 This is set up for a four year program to enable development and implementation before evaluation is made.

122 In Section (3), it should read "Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are repealed..."

130 REP. MARKHAM: Who are the local government bodies?

135 KREAG: The primary interest was county, city and perhaps, councils of governments.

141 REP. MARKHAM: Define watershed council.

145 KREAG: Page 7 of the Watershed Management Strategy Proposal describes the recommended distribution of membership. All of those with a

significant interest should be represented on the council.

157 REP. MARKHAM: If it says "may include," who makes the final decision?

164 KREAG: The proposal would be worked out with the local government, with review by the Strategic Water Management Group. There would be no

authority in law of who is on the council.

170 PAGEL: Each local government will have the responsibility of putting these groups together. 182 CHAIR NORRIS: There are examples of groups taking the initiative to do this on their own.

193 PAGEL: We expect a lot of interest on the local level to form groups.

205 REP. REPINE: Do you think we should have a report prior to the sunset?

213 PAGEL: That sounds like a good idea. We didn't discuss it in our working group.

220 CHAIR NORRIS: Do we know how the Governor's office feels about this?

229 PAGEL: Ann Squiers has been in agreement in the process.

236 LOUISE BILHEIMER, Pacific Rivers Council: Urges adoption of HB 221 5 with today's amendments.

260 RON YOCKIM, Grant County and Douglas County: Supports the bill, but has some concerns that he will compromise.

279 MIKE PROPS, Association of Oregon Counties: Dennis Goecks from Yamhill County had to leave, but agrees with what I will say.

295 We feel comfortable with the concept that has been developed.

301 CHAIR NORRIS: Kappy Eaton, with the League of Women Voters of Oregon, left a note that the League of Women Voters supports this

version and

will send comments.

307 DOUG MEYERS, Water Watch: Has serious concerns of this version of HB 2215. Concerned with Section 2. Concerned with what "the partnership

process" really means.

333 What does "the interests of the affected watershed" mean?

357 Does not support the bill.

360 REP. JOSI: So you'd like to see the bill die?

364 MEYERS: We would like to see the original bill, or a more specific bill.

366 REP. JOSI: Do you believe in the compromise process?

372 MEYERS: We do.

374 REP. JOSI: There are some environmental groups willing to accept this.

375 MEYERS: We don't. Environmental Groups do not always agree.

385 JAN BOETTCHER, Oregon Water Resources Congress: Supports this version of HB 2215.

TAPE 2, SIDE A

004 JONI LOW, League of Oregon Cities: Supports this version of HB 221 5. We did prefer the original version but will support this version for the sake of progress.

011 TOM O'CONNOR, Eugene Water & Electric Board: Also supports the bill.

015 BEN BOSWELL, Oregon State Grange: Supports HB 2215. This will lead to beneficial cooperation.

060 REP. McTEAGUE: Explain your local watershed program.

061 BOSWELL: I'm not well versed in this project. 077 REP. McTEAGUE: What could dollars from the Governor's Watershed Benchmark Program do for your area?

085 BOSWELL: We would like to be a demonstration project.

090 REP. McTEAGUE: What projects would you be involved in?

092 BOSWELL: We could use funding for a salmon recovery plan, watershed plans, core drilling, well monitoring.

104 REP. BAUM: Which group is working on this watershed project?

111 BOSWELL: The group you're talking about will incorporate the work of the Soil Conservation Service, Bureau of Reclamation and

anyone else

willing to help.

113 REP. BAUM: I understand that the tribes and environmental groups were involved in the process?

115 BOSWELL: Yes.

122 LIZ FRENKEL, Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club: We support this version of HB 2215. It does include risk, but without risk, it is impossible to get anywhere.

142 MARK NELSON, Water for Life: Supports this version of HB 2215. We're still concerned about it, but we will support it in order to get

something done.

154 LARRY TROSI, Oregon Farm Bureau: We can support this bill.

162 CHUCK CRAIG, Department of Agriculture: We support the bill.

174 ROSS NOBLE, Umatilla County Soil Conservation District: I support the bill as it will make my job easier.

180 CHAIR NORRIS: Closes public hearing on HB 2215.

WORK SESSION ON HB 2215

MOTION: REP. JOSI: Moves that conceptual amendments to HB 2215 dated 3/25/93, 1:30 p.m. be adopted.

200 CHAIR NORRIS: Restates motion. Hearing no objections the amendments are ADOPTED.

209 MOTION: REP. REPINE: Moves that we conceptually approve language that would require the Department to report back to the 69th

Legislative Assembly on the findings of these pilots programs.

218 CHAIR NORRIS: Restates motion. Hearing no objections, the amendments are ADOPTED.

230 MOTION: REP. REPINE: Moves to amend conceptual amendments by adding the words "and 2" on the last line behind the words "Section 1" so

the sentence would read "Section 1 and 2 of this Act are repealed on December 31, 1997."

238 CHAIR NORRIS: Restates motion. Hearing no objections, the amendments are ADOPTED.

242 MOTION: REP. JOSI: Moves HB 2215, as AMENDED, to the full committee on Natural Resources with a DO PASS recommendation.

244 CHAIR NORRIS: Restates motion. Asks for discussion.

245 VOTE: On a roll call vote, all members present for AYE. REPS.  
BAUM, PETERSON, and VanLEEuwEN are EXCUSED.

250 CHAIR NORRIS: HB 2215, as amended, has been approved for  
referral to the full committee on Natural Resources.

251 Closes work session on HB 2215.

252 Meeting is adjourned at 4:09.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Sue Nichol  
Administrator

Catherine Fitch Clerk

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - HB 2215 - Amended version - Martha Pagel - 1 page B -  
HB 2215 - Information - Becky Kreag - 54 pages