

Public Hearing and Possible Work Session: HB 2415 HB 2416 HB 2417 HB 2418
HB 2420 HB 2424 HB 2428 Tapes 23-24 A/B

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HOUSE REVENUE AND SCHOOL FINANCE
PROPERTY TAX SUBCOMMITTEE

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FEBRUARY 11, 1993 8:00 AM HEARING ROOM A STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Members Present: Representative Tom Brian, Chair
Representative Mike Burton
Representative Margaret Carter
Representative Fred Girod
Representative Delna Jones
Representative Jim Whitty

Witnesses Present: Del Isham, Automobile Club of Oregon,
Automobile Association of America,
Anne O'Ryan, Public Affairs Manager, Automobile Club of Oregon, Automobile
Association of
America
Mike Meredith, President and CEO, Oregon
Trucking Association
Kim Mango, Associated General Contractors,
Oregon-Columbia Chapter
Betsy Johnson, Oregon Aviation Alliance
Paul Meyerhoff, Manager, Transportation
Development Branch, Oregon Department of
Transportation
Alan Willis, Government Relations Rep., Port of Portland
Jerry Parmenter, Association of Oregon
Counties, and Member, Department of Land
Use and Transportation, Washington County

Staff: James Scherzinger, Legislative Revenue Officer
Terry Drake, Legislative Revenue Office
Paula McBride, Committee Assistant

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009 CHAIR BRIAN called the meeting to order at 8:23.

010 CHAIR BRIAN opened the Public Hearing on HB 2415, HB 2416, HB 2417, and
HB 2418.

020 DEL ISHAM introduced ANNE O'RYAN, who would provide information on
surveys of public opinion of HB 2415 and HB 2416, as well as issues

regarding the constitutionally dedicated highway fund.

030 ANNE O' RYAN gave a short background of AAA, and she cited the results of two surveys taken in January of 1993 concerning the Oregon Transportation Plan, which showed that the majority of motorists in Oregon would oppose the high fees and taxes proposed in the Plan. She also gave a history of other failed gas tax measures in Oregon. She supported an amended version of the gas tax in HB 2415. Her testimony was based on a handout. Exhibit 1

Questions and discussion interspersed

099 DEL ISHAM opposed the Oregon Transportation Plan, but was not against a tax increase to maintain and improve highways. Fuel taxes and the weight-mile tax on trucks, and the myriad of fees on vehicles, should provide for this maintenance. He also supported all modes of improved transportation in the state, but was concerned with the magnitude of the increase, believing the public would not support it. He emphasized that motorists should not be required to fund all modes of transportation (HB 241 5 dedicates the increase in the gas tax to transit). He supported an amended version of HB 2415, and he opposed HB 2416. He asked members to consider HB 2423 as a viable alternative to HB 2416. His testimony was based on a handout. Exhibit 2

Questions and discussion

TAPE 24 SIDE

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002 Questions and discussion continued between the members and DEL ISHAM.

045 MIKE MEREDITH described his organization. He discussed reaction to HB 241 5 and HB 2416, and said the Oregon Transportation Plan is the most progressive and thorough one ever offered to the state. However, he expressed some concern about where the trucking

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industry fit into the Plan, especially because it seems that the industry will pay more and get less. He complained about the complexity and burden of the weightmile tax system. He would like the legislature to have a serious discussion with the trucking industry about an alternative tax system to the weight-mile system, and he believed this had to happen before his Board would support the Oregon Transportation Plan Investment Package.

Questions and discussion

176 MIKE MEREDITH discussed specific complaints about the weightmile tax system, including the administration of the system and the massive evasion of the tax he believes occurs within the State.

Questions and discussion interspersed

227 MIKE MEREDITH preferred method of a tax system on trucks would be to increase registration fees and have tax on fuel-use, recorded quarterly. The second best system would be to take the diesel component out of the existing weight-mile tax, with that amount taken out when diesel is pumped. Then the weight-mile could serve as the methodology of cost responsibility. These alternative methods would create more tax equity for the trucking industry.

Questions and discussion

305 MIKE MEREDITH expressed concern about opening up the Highway Fund for other modes of transportation.

Questions and discussion

360 KIM MANGO testified in support of the Oregon Transportation Plan. Her testimony was verbatim. Exhibit 3

TAPE 23 SIDE B

002 KIM MANGO continued with her testimony.

034 PAUL MEYERHOFF testified in support of HB 2417 and HB 2418. HB 2417 would increase the state jet fuel tax and would establish a matching grant fund, and HB 2418 would also establish a matching grant fund, which would assist local governments of non-state-owned general aviation airports in securing federal airport improvement grants. His testimony was based on two handouts to the members. He also showed transparencies concerning HB 2418 (some of which were contained in Exhibit 5). Exhibits 4 and 5

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202 BETSY JOHNSON supported HB 2417 and 2418. She believed the two bills would give the state more opportunities to get Federal funds for aviation needs in Oregon.

223 CHAIR BRIAN conducted administrative business.

238 ALAN WILLIS testified in support of HB 2417, but he asked for a delay in the proposed beginning date of January 1, 1994 contained in the bill. He summarized a handout given to the members. Exhibit 6

Questions and discussion

338 JERRY PARMENTER supported the overall Transportation Plan and its financing package.

Questions and discussion interspersed

TAPE 24 SIDE B

002 Questions and discussion continued with JERRY PARMENTER.

014 JERRY PARMENTER gave four exhibits to the members. He discussed one of them, a one-page sheet that summarizes what roads will be put out for contract during the summer of 1993. Exhibits 710

037 CHAIR BRIAN closed the Public Hearings on HB 2415, HB 2416, HB 2417, and HB 2418.

040 CHAIR BRIAN conducted administrative business.

076 CHAIR BRIAN adjourned the meeting at 9:52.

Paula K. McBride, Committee Assistant

Kimberly Taylor, Office Manager

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

1. Testimony of Anne O'Ryan, Automobile Club of Oregon, AAA.
2. Testimony of Del Isham, Automobile Club of Oregon, AAA.
3. Testimony of Kim Mango, The Associated General Contractors of America, 2/11/93.
4. Testimony of Paul Meyerhoff on HB 2517, Manager, Transportation Development Branch, Oregon Department of Transportation.
5. Testimony of Paul Meyerhoff on HB 2518, Manager, Transportation Development Branch, Oregon Department of Transportation.
6. Testimony of Alan Willis on HB 2417, Port of Portland.
7. Washington County State Highway Trust Funds Estimated Projected Revenues 1993-1998, Jerry Parmenter, Association of Oregon Counties.
8. 1993 Overlay Candidates, Jerry Parmenter, Association of Oregon Counties.
9. Safety Priority Index System: Three Years Updated Intersections Accident Database (1989-1991): County Roads Intersections, Jerry Parmenter, Association of Oregon Counties.
10. County "QUE" Needs, Revised 5/6/92, Jerry Parmenter, Association of Oregon Counties.
11. Fiscal Analysis of HB 2417, Ken Rocco, Legislative Fiscal Office.
12. Fiscal Analysis of HB 2418, Ken Rocco, Legislative Fiscal Office.

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