

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

January 27, 1993 Hearing Room C 3:00 p.m. Tapes 3, 4 & S
MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Joan Dukes, Chair Sen. Bob Kintigh Sen. Jim
Bunn Sen. John Lim Sen. Tricia Smith Sen. Catherine Webber Sen. Mae Yih
STAFF PRESENT: Ruth Larson, Committee Administrator Shannon Gossack,
Committee Assistant MEASURES CONSIDERED: Overviews: Public Utilities
Commission Board of Maritime Pilots Oregon State Marine Board

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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.

TAPE 3, SIDE A

006 CHAIR DUKES: Calls meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

007 RUTH LARSON, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Reviews information in member
folders.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OVERVIEW:

Ron Eachus, Commissioner, PUC Joan Smith, Commissioner, PUC Roger
Hamilton, Commissioner, PUC Dave Astle, Assistant Commissioner, PUC 033
EACHUS: Gives brief overview of the Public Utility Commission. Refers to
written testimony submitted. (EXHIBIT A)

113 SEN. KINTIGH: Do you still permit log trucks?

115 EACHUS: Explains current policy on log trucks. -Continues with
written testimony. (EXHIBIT A) Senate Committee on Transportation
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150 CHAIR DUBS: What happened with the hazardous material issue last
session?

157 EACHUS: Not sure.

159 ASTLE: Explains what happened with the hazardous material issue.

173 SMITH: Asks about planning meeting on hazardous material issue with
the State of Washington.

180 CHAIR DUBS: The idea was to have a map with pre-determined routes.

185 SMITH: A routing study would have identified a safe routing map.

189 EACHUS: Continues with written testimony. (EXHIBIT A)

302 CHAIR DUBS: As a state we are beginning to have more rail issues
but there is no where a person can go to talk about it. There are all
these agencies dealing with little bits and pieces of each issue.

326 EACHUS: Explains role of staff from the Governor's office.

347 CHAIR DUBS: It seems awkward.

359 ASTLE: We did at one time propose to hire one person to do this on

a special project.

388 ASTLE: Explains the differences between all of the agencies involved with transportation.

394 EACHUS: Continues with review. (EXHIBIT A) TAPE 4, SIDE A

011 EACHUS: Continues with review.(EXHIBIT A)

017 SEN. KINTIGH: Asks for clarification on what is being measured on page 17 of written testimony.(EXHIBIT A)

022 EACHUS: Clarifies charts on railroad accidents.

027 SEN. WEBBER: Why did accidents go down after 1983?

031 EACHUS: Explains staffing increases in regard to money from the federal level.

037 SEN. WEBBER: There were more people to do enforcing and inspecting. -Asks for clarification on page 18 of written testimony.

046 EACHUS: Explains increases on page 18 regarding the weight-mile tax. -Continues with budget disbursements review on page 47 of written testimony. 079 CHAIR DUBS: Why do you fund weigh masters?

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081 EACHUS: They help us collect the tax.

086 CHAIR DUKES: One agency does the collections and one agency provides the staff just to enable you to do it. Is that 80% in statute somewhere?

087 EACHUS: I will find out.

096 SEN. SMITH: How much of the \$13 million is federal money?

097 EACHUS: I don't believe any-of the transfer to ODOT is federal. The \$13 million is primarily from weight-mile tax. -Clarifies the breakdown of their budget and where the money goes.

107 SEN. WEBBER: Do you have a source document in here of where the money comes from?

114 EACHUS: Not in this document. -General overview of how their agency is funded. -Continues reviewing written testimony on page 45. (EXHIBIT A) -Discusses the Governor's budget in relation to staff reductions at the Public Utility Commission.

211 SEN. SMITH: You are at 441 now?

213 EACHUS: No, this is the Governor's recommended budget. We are at 456.

216 SEN. SMITH: Refers to page 46 of written testimony.(EXHIBIT A)

220 EACHUS: Explains positions approved by legislature during the interim.

223 SEN. SMITH: How many of those are other funded?

230 EACHUS: All of them are. -Continues with review of page 46 of testimony. (EXHIBIT A)

243 SEN. WEBBER: Asks about programs the Public Utilities Commission will eliminate.

254 EACHUS: The eliminated programs don't represent policy issues on our part it represents priorities with the PUC.

269 SEN. SMITH: How will you argue for your bills?

276 EACHUS: By explaining why the bill exists. Discussion about high speed rail.

357 JOAN SMITH: Explains the program review process within PUC.

365 SEN. YIH: Asks for clarification on number of positions eliminated.

374 EACHUS: Explains the number of positions eliminated.

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386 SEN. YIH: Total elimination is 44 positions. -Out of the 44 positions eliminated how many are administrators?

420 EACHUS: Not a direct correlation between the positions eliminated and supervisory positions eliminated. -Discussion on reclassification.

429 SEN. YIH: How many are administrators and how many are direct service providers? The idea was to eliminate the middle-management structure.

439 EACHUS: Clarification on reclassification issue.

463 SEN. YIH: I disagree with the classification changes of managers to front line workers. You're just shifting them.

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032 EACHUS: Explains how the reductions were done.

044 CHAIR DUKES: So your managers are no longer managing?

056 EACHUS: We have 40 fewer supervisors than we had before:

053 SEN. YIH: There is a problem with this because of the "bumper" policy. The middle managers are becoming the front line workers because of seniority. 064 EACHUS: We did this by not filling vacancies that existed and by retirements. 095 SEN. SMITH: Asks about 24 hour ports and how personnel cuts would impact them. 101 EACHUS: Talks about the team leader concept. 109 SEN. KINTIGH: Asks for an explanation

regarding revenue and fiscal impacts on program eliminations.

121 EACHUS: Clarifies the programs that would be eliminated.

-Discusses the Federal funding that will be lost. 130 SEN. KINTIGH: Asks about revenue impact on rail programs. 134 EACHUS: Explains fees that are collected. -Discusses the log and dump authority deregulation in regard to revenue reductions. 142 SEN. LIM: Clarify the number of personnel eliminated. 150 EACHUS: Clarifies reduction of positions versus personnel. -There were 44 eliminations.

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385 CHAIR DUKES: Asks about the definition of competition in testimony.

388 BARTON: Responds.

393 SEN. WEBBER: Questions regarding affirmative action.

398 BARTON: There are no minorities and no women in the state of Oregon.

413 SEN. WEBBER: Asks about training program.

416 BARTON: Explains the process for becoming a maritime pilot.

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006 SEN. SMITH: Did you adopt an affirmative action plan or a recruitment plan in your rule process? How do you plan to meet the objective outline.

008 BARTON: No. The subcommittee addressed how they could encourage candidates to enter into the system and be available to be selected. It's on an incentive and encouragement basis.

015 SEN. SMITH: If that is in writing I'd like a copy.

019 BARTON: The recommendation that we would be looking at this issue further was a subcommittee. -Discusses SB 907.

027 SEN. SMITH: No specific recommendations in place yet.

032 BARTON: There are some that have been submitted but not adopted yet.

049 SEN. SMITH: When do you plan to finish with this issue?

051 BARTON: As soon as we get the rate hearings done. -Discussion on report not yet received from Legislative Fiscal. 061 SEN. SMITH: Will it be done this year? 062 BARTON: We will get back to it in 1993.

064 SEN. WEBBER: Does some state money go into the training?

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067 BARTON: We don't have access to any.

073 SEN. WEBBER: Asks about board composition.

073 BARTON: Explains who is on the Maritime Board.

080 SEN. SMITH: This is not a new discussion. Discussion on the private aspect of piloting.

113 KEVIN DAVIS, COLUMBIA RIVER AND COOS BAY PILOTS: Explains what process has taken place in regard to defining an affirmative action policy.

136 SEN. SMITH: There are other ways for the board to be assisted in regard to recruiting.

154 CHAIR DUKES: There will be a clean up bill regarding the Board of Maritime Piloting.

166 BARTON: Discussion about tug boats regarding affirmative action.

187 SEN. YIH: Why are you still involved with rate hearings?

195 BARTON: Explains rate hearings and what is involved.

206 SEN. YIH: How do you charge when rates are being contested?

211 BARTON: We use the old rates.

OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD OVERVIEW:

Paul Donheffner, Director of Oregon State Marine Board

225 DONHEFFNER: Gives brief overview of agency.

352 SEN. WEBBER: Asks about growth increase.

355 DONHEFFNER: Explains.

375 SEN. WEBBER: Asks about law enforcement.

385 DONHEFFNER: Explains who provides enforcement.

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008 CHAIR DUKES: Does the state own any boat ramps?

010 DONHEFFNER: Explains ownership issue. -Explains Marine Board funding sources. -Reviews the Governor's budget in relation to the Marine Board.

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087 SEN. YIH: Did you have to cut any positions for the Governor's budget?

089 DONHEFFNER: One management positior .

096 CHAIR DUKES: Clarify personnel.

099 DONHEFFNER: Explains personnel ratios and program areas.

166 SEN. WEBBER: Asks for clarification on ; ffirmative action policy.

170 DONHEFFNER: Explains personnel of Marine Board.

200 SEN. WEBBER: Aslcs for personnel informadon in writing.

203 DONHEFFNER: There is legislation that may affect our agency.

227 CHAIR DUKES: Asks about the boating fees last session.

235 SEN. WEBBER: Are you being reorganized?

237 DONHEFFNER: Explains the proposal of merging the Marine Board with the Parks Department. -Discusses other legislation that might impact the Marine Board.

245 CHAIR DUKES: That was a good overview. Thank you for coming. Adjourns meeting at 5:35 p.m.

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Assistant Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG: A - PUC Transportation Program Testimony, Ron Eachus, 47 pages. B - Testimony, Virginia Barton, 4 pages.

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