

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

March 22, 1993                      Hearing Room C 3:00 p.m.                      Tapes 36 & 37  
MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Joan Dukes, Chair Sen. Bob Kintigh Sen. Jim  
Bunn Sen. John Lim Sen. Tricia Smith Sen. Mae Yih MEMBER  
EXCUSED: Sen. Catherine Webber STAFF PRESENT: Ruth Larson,  
Committee Administrator Shannon Gossack, Committee Assistant MEASURES  
CONSIDERED: SB 617 SB 265 SB 491 SB 558

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TAPE 36, SIDE A

006 CHAIR DUKES: Calls meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 617: Allows mass transit districts to offer and pay rewards for information leading to arrest for vandalism against district property.

010 RUTH LARSON, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Explains background information to committee members

013 CHAIR DUKES: This bill needs to be worked out in Judiciary

MOTION: Chair Dukes moves to send SB 617 back to the Senate President's office for re-referral to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senate Committee on Transportation March 22, 1993 - Page 2

VOTE: Hearing no objection the motion is adopted.

WORK SESSION ON SB 265:

037 LARSON: Reviews SB 265-1 amendments. (EXHIBIT A)

046 CHAIR DUKES: So if you go get a new custom plate then you start all over.

050 SEN. KINTIGH: It says they "may" get an adjustment.

051 CHAIR DUKES: The rest of the bill says they don't have to charge more than it's costing them to issue the plates. 055 LARSON: Sections 1, 2, 3 and 7 relate to the graphic plate contest and a lot of those statutes don't need to remain in law, so they are being repealed.

060 SEN. BUNN: I don't like having a letter or number in front of the tree. Maybe we can address that issue at another time. 070 CHAIR DUKES: It would eliminate some of the seven letter words that are out there. 072 SEN. BUNN: That isn't the purpose of the plate.

MOTION: Chair Dukes moves SB 265-1 amendments to SB 265. . VOTE: Hearing no objection the motion is adopted.

MOTION: Chair Dukes moves SB 265, as amended, to the floor with a "DO PASS" recommendation.

VOTE: In a roll call vote the motion carries unanimously with Senators T. Smith and Webber excused. Senator Yih will carry.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 491: Mod)ifies conditions for reciprocity of licensing between states of Oregon and Washington regarding ocean charter vessels.

FRANK WARREN, OREGON CHARTER BOAT ASSOCIATION

094 LARSON: Explains reciprocal licensing between Oregon and Washington. This bill would make our law reciprocal with Washington's. It would delete the words "Columbia River Ports," in our current legislation. Submits map of area effected by SB 491. (EXHIBIT B)

122 FRANK WARREN: Submits and reviews written testimony. (EXHIBIT C)

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164 CHAIR DUKES: We are referring to commercial charter vessels leaving a Washington Port. This would allow them to come over and fish in Oregon waters as-an Oregon commercial fishing vessel.

168 WARREN: Within specific boundaries. -Discusses the three mile federal boundary. -Washington does not make the specification to return to a specific port.

188 CHAIR DUKES: So our commercial fishing vessels have been able to leave an Oregon port and go fish in Washington waters, but we haven't allowed them the same privilege. 191 WARREN: If they were outside the area. -Discusses normal fishing boundaries in federal water. -Explains fishing restriction in 1991. 208SEN. BUNN: Why do we need an emergency clause on this? 216 WARREN: If we were to have the same regulation this year that we had last year and those vessels wanted to fish again in Oregon water they couldn't. Washington has threatened to repeal they're half of the reciprocity. We feel it is in the best interest of everyone. 226 SEN. BUNN: They can get an Oregon license currently? If we don't have an emergency clause they could get a license. 228 WARREN: Yes technically they could but it costs approximately \$500 dollars and we feel that would be a hardship on people. 242 SEN. BUNN: That would happen only if Washington repealed their reciprocity. That isn't likely to happen is it? 245 WARREN: It is possible. 248SEN. LIM: How many charter boats are in Washington State compared to the numbers in Oregon? 253 WARREN: I think there are currently 50 to 60 on the Washington side and about 25 or 30 on the Oregon side. 273SEN. LIM: So it is possible that economically we could lose something if we agree to reciprocity. 278 CHAIR DUKES: I hope we don't start a border war over this.

WORK SESSION ON SB 491:

PAUL DONHEFFNER, OREGON MARINE BOARD

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285 SEN. BUNN: I would like to remove the emergency clause because I think that should be used for more significant issues. --

287 CHAIR DUKES: I understand your concern, but I guess you get sensitive when you live right next to another state and they've been allowing us to go fish in their waters without having to buy their license and without having to go through those extra hoops. I appreciate your concern about the emergency clause. 285 SEN. KINTIGH: I share the concern about using emergency clauses unduly but the gentleman has seemed to make a fair case for it. MOTION: Senator J. Bunn moves SB 491 to the floor with a "DO PASS" recommendation. 300 SEN. YIH: Asks what we will lose financially. 310 SEN. BUNN: We aren't doing this for the revenue, it is a border issue.

316 PAUL DONHEFFNER, MARINE BOARD: We don't anticipate any kind of fiscal impact one way or another from this bill. It is here so that we can have consistency in both states and to reduce friction. 334 CHAIR DUKES: This isn't a money maker.

344 SEN. LIM: Most of the charter boats are located in Washington State.

354 DONHEFFNER: There are more boats operating out of Ilwaco, but there are several Columbia River ports on the Oregon side that do send boats forward. We don't expect boats south of there to be taking advantage of the Washington reciprocity. For example, boats out of Garibaldi or some other place are not going to be going up and taking advantage of the deletion of this language. It would make it consistent between the two states. VOTE: In a roll call vote the motion carries unanimously with Senator Webber excused. Senator Dukes will carry.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 558: Prohibits installation and use of headlight screens that reduce luminescence of headlights.

SENATOR JIM BUNN

379 LARSON: Explains SB 558 and background information on safety. There may be a small fiscal on this because of the penalties outlined in the bill.

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023 SEN. SMITH: What are these exactly?

025 SEN. BUNN: The main purpose is to be a decoration. The purpose for these initially was for protection from brush.

032 SEN. YIH: What kind of decoration is this?

035 SEN. BUNN: Some people like to have these different grills or guards on their lights. I'm not a four-wheeler. Someone's desire to decorate impacts safety.

043 SEN. YIH: What impact is this on safety? 045 SEN. BUNN: If they don't reduce the luminescence then we don't care. 050 SEN. YIH: Do they use them to prevent rocks from hitting the headlights?

050 SEN. BUNN: At one time I think there was a function for them but I think they are used primarily for decoration. It is kind of like roll bars. Off road modifications sometimes cut down on safety on public roads.

WORK SESSION ON SB 558

070 SEN. LIM: I haven't seen this in thirty years of driving. I can't even picture what it might look like. Do we need to do something like this at this time? 076 SEN. BUNN: It makes sense to say you can't block your headlights. It isn't screaming to be fixed, but it is a minor safety concern we can address before it is a problem. 083 SEN. SMITH: These things seem to fads. If it reduces the luminescence of the headlights then it is important. 095 SEN. YIH: Is this just a grill? 097 SEN. SMITH: I've seen grills that go across the whole front of a vehicle.

104 SEN. KINTIGH: I'd like to see a picture of this. What is the percentage of reduction in the headlights?

106 SEN. BUNN: I'm not an expert but it seems that when we start messing with headlights and reducing safety I think it's clear that something should be done.

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110 CHAIR DUKES: Let's get some information about how much the light is reduced and get an idea of what these things look like and we'll bring this back. -Adjourns meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by,      Reviewed by, Shannon Gossack / Ruth Larson  
Assistant            Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - SB 265-1 amendments, Staff, 1 pg. B - SB 491 map, Staff, 1 pg. C - SB 491 testimony, Frank Warren, 3 pas.

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