

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

June 25, 1993 Hearing Room C 3:00 p.m. Tapes 105 - 106

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: HB 3260 HB 2333 HB 2598

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TAPE 105, SIDE A

004 CHAIR DUKES: Calls meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

010 SEN. YIH: Introduces constituents from her district.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 3260: Relating to motor homes.

RAY GRIBLING, RECREATIONAL VEHICLE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE
TONY FEDERICI REPRESENTATIVE SHARON WYLIE DON ZINZER, OREGON PARKS
ASSOCIATION BOB KEEFER, OREGON PARKS ASSOCIATION DYROL BURLESON, OREGON
PARKS ASSOCIATION BRUCE GALLOWAY, JOSEPHINE AND JACKSON COUNTY GARY
COMBS, COOS COUNTY PARKS DIRECTOR

022 LARSON: Explains intent of HB 3260.

038 RAY GRIBLING, RECREATIONAL VEHICLE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION:
Submits and reviews written testimony in support of HB 3260. (EXHIBIT A)

053 CHAIR DUKES: This doesn't increase the total length.

055 SEN. LIM: Is it bumper to bumper or the body itself?

057 GRIBLING: It's bumper to bumper.

060 REPRESENTATIVE TONY FEDERICI: Submits and reviews written
testimony. (EXHIBIT B)

107 REPRESENTATIVE SHARON WYLIE: Submits and reviews written
testimony. (EXHIBIT C) -Submits and reviews HB 3260-A4 amendments.
(EXHIBIT D)

132 CHAIR DUKES: It's a 50% increase in the fee and a redistribution of the funds?

135 WYLIE: I believe the distribution was for the whole thing.

147 BOB KEEFER, OREGON PARKS ASSOCIATION: Submits and reviews written testimony. (EXHIBIT E)

201 CHAIR DUKES: The fee hasn't been raised in 10 years. These are registration fees but they are different from the regular vehicle

registration fees.

210 KEEFER: It's the base amount plus so much per foot.

212 CHAIR DUKES: A motor home is not considered a motor vehicle.

217 WEBBER: Is that a yearly fee or annual?

220 DAN ZINZER, OREGON PARKS ASSOCIATION: Explains graph in written testimony. (EXHIBIT E)

229 SEN. WEBBER: Asks for clarification regarding the registration fee chart.

235 ZINZER: It is based on the average purchase price of the vehicle.

239 WEBBER: Why registration fee and not increased park fees?

242 ZINZER: Explains the three revenue sources for parks.

252 SEN. WEBBER: In terms of park use what is the ratio of Oregonians to out-of-state people?

265 ZINZER: Varies from county to county. -Explains numbers in Clackamas County.

266 CHAIR DUKES: This money goes to State Parks as well. It goes to state and county and is distributed to parks that have over nine camping

spaces. 270 ZINZER: All counties with county parks will get some. -Commends State Parks for their cooperation.

276 SEN. YIH: Asks if they charge different rates for used vehicles?

278 ZINZER: In Oregon it's based on the length of the vehicle.

288 SEN. WEBBER: So actually this isn't a valid comparison because this is a first purchase, one time only charge displayed against a biennial fee.

289 ZINZER: Clarifies charts.

296 SEN. YIH: So in Oregon we charge the same fees regardless of the age.

303 KEEFER: Explains the fees and what they represent.

315 CHAIR DUKES: When you go in to re-register this vehicle, given the amendments that you're supporting, you'll pay \$160.00 dollars. It's

every two years.

320 KEEFER: That's correct.

330 SEN. LIM: Questions the percentages in written testimony. -Concerned about the increase and that it might drive people away.

341 ZINZER: Explains the new calculation of the per foot cost and the base rate that increases the total pot of money.

346 SEN. LIM: Registration in our state might decrease.

352 ZINZER: It's not legal to register in Oregon unless you're a resident here.

357 KEEFER: If they used an Oregon address that would be hard to determine.

363 CHAIR DUKES: Right now it's a \$6.00 dollar base fee. Is that going up to \$9.00 dollars?

367 KEEFER: Explains percentages versus a per transaction fee.

372 CHAIR DUKES: So \$36.00 is the base?

377 ZINZER: Clarifies base fees in testimony.

384 CHAIR DUKES: Then \$3.00 dollars for every foot over \$10.00 dollars goes where?

388 ZINZER: Explains the formula for distribution of money.

392 CHAIR DUKES: Asks about current distribution.

402 KEEFER: It's 92% state and 8% county. 404 CHAIR DUKES: Does it apply just to the increase or does it apply to all of the money that is collected on RV registrations?

408 KEEFER: All.

412 CHAIR DUKES: The \$3.00 dollars for every foot over 10 feet now goes where?

414 BURLESON: \$4.00 dollars for campers and trailers and \$5.00 for motor homes.

420 SEN. WEBBER: Asks for testimony that is more accurate.

432 SEN. LIM: Asks about the distribution formula.

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027 ZINZER: Explains who provides primary services. -Explains maintenance of state operated campgrounds.

046 BRUCE GALLOWAY: Discusses loss of timber receipts in Josephine County.

103 SEN. WEBBER: Asks if they would be cutting anyone out of campgrounds?

107 GALLOWAY: Discusses hook-up numbers in campgrounds.

120 GARY COMBS, COOS COUNTY PARKS DIRECTOR: Discusses decreased revenue in the past years. -Explains user survey on the Oregon coast.

WORK SESSION ON HB 3260:

MOTION: Senator J. Bunn moves HB 3260A-4 amendments to HB 3260A and moves to have a subsequent referral to Revenue added to the bill.

VOTE: Hearing no objection the motion is adopted.

MOTION: Senator J. Bunn moves HB 3260A, as amended to the Revenue Committee with a "DO PASS" recommendation.

VOTE: In a roll call vote the motion carries with Senators J. Bunn, Lim, Webber, Yih and Dukes voting AYE and Senators Kintigh and T. Smith excused.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2333: Relating to overheight limitations.

DON SCHELLENBERG, OREGON FARM BUREAU GERALD PHELAN, CITIZEN GEORGE PUGH, CITIZEN THOMAS BRADD, ODOT DOUG GYLLENSKOG, ODOT REPRESENTATIVE CEDRIC HAYDEN

199 LARSON: Explains intent of HB 2333. -Reviews HB 2333-1 amendments. (EXHIBIT F) -Reviews HB 2333-2 amendments. (EXHIBIT G) -They don't need any new people, the fiscal is incorrect. They miscalculated the estimated number of permits they would need to issue.

236 DON SCHELLENBERG, OREGON FARM BUREAU: We did not introduce this bill but we are very interested in this issue. -Explains the difference between alfalfa hay and straw. -Explains current overwidth exemption for moving farm equipment. -If I move my 14' disc from my farm to my neighbor's farm and do some

work for him then the way the language is currently I would be subject to wideload limitations. This would provide that it didn't make any difference which farming operation I moved it to.

313 CHAIR DUKES: You wouldn't need a permit to do be able to move the farm equipment to another farm.

319 SEN. BUNN: Asks about page 3, lines 13 concerning the word "primarily". Do you think it would create a situation where someone who is part-time farming couldn't move their own equipment down the road

to their own

farm or someone else's farm. Do you see a problem with that?

321 SCHELLENBERG: I guess you would be correct. It isn't our intention to limit that.

327 GERALD PHELAN, CITIZEN: Explains his business and what he farms.

380 SEN. BUNN: Asks why the HB 2333-2 amendments are needed.

394 PHELAN: I'm not sure. My newest truck is five years old.

407 SEN. BUNN: I don't understand the need for the HB 2333-2 amendments.

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007 PHELAN: ODOT asked for that amendment.

010 SEN. YIH: Asks about load requirements.

013 PHELAN: Explains the configuration of straw loads. The tie down counts as part of the load.

023 SEN. YIH: Why do you need 4 inches?

020 PHELAN: It expands when it comes out of a baler and the tie down on top of that creates the overheight.

030 GEORGE PUGH, CITIZEN: Discusses grass seed industry.

065 PHIL WARD, DEPT OF AGRICULTURE: Submits and reviews written testimony. (EXHIBIT H)

099 THOMAS BRADD, ODOT: Submits and reviews written testimony. (EXHIBIT I)

110 SEN. BUNN: Wouldn't it create a problem in terms of equipment?

111 BRADD: Discusses a phase in time frame on any new equipment.

114 SEN. BUNN: Discusses the value of the commodity versus the cost of new equipment.

121 BRADD: If you bought new equipment it would meet the requirements. Used equipment under HB 2333 would still be able to get the other permit.

127 SEN. BUNN: Concerned that the HB 2333-2 amendments would create more problems.

135 BRADD: This equipment will always be grandfathered and eligible for the permit. It's only when they buy new equipment that it would have to be

specified with a lower height. -Discusses existing equipment versus retro-fitting.

139 SEN. BUNN: I'm talking about a person who buys only used

equipment and that was built after January 1, 1993. They don't have the advantage of

this bill. Why do we want to do that to them?

145 BRADD: Only that we would be able to sunset the vehicle. Those vehicles that exist now are going to be taken care of. Those that are purchased

after the effective date would have to meet the new requirements.

148 SEN. BUNN: But if most of the people who are hauling the straw are not using new vehicles it doesn't seem that it is logical for us to adopt

the -2 amendments.

157 DOUG GYLLENSKOG, ODOT: Explains the configuration regarding trucks manufactured with the lower fifth wheel.

177 CHAIR DUKES: If the standard changed 10 years from now they would have to come back in.

175 GYLLENSKOG: Yes, if it changed.

176 SEN. BUNN: Wouldn't it be easier to have one height instead of two? Wouldn't it make your job easier?

181 BRADD: One standard height would be easier but by having this date in here we eliminate the potential for future harm if an incident should

occur.

187 CHAIR DUKES: What kind of incident?

188 BRADD: Explains a possible overheight load striking a structure.

191 CHAIR DUKES: When they come in for their annual permit can't you discuss routes that would work?

197 BRADD: We do route these individually.

201 SEN. SMITH: Discusses efficiency of the weighmasters. I support Senator Bunn's concern.

206 SEN. LIM: Asks about accidents in the past from overheight loads.

210 BRADD: None.

212 SEN. LIM: No guarantee but not likely to be a problem.

214 REPRESENTATIVE CEDRIC HAYDEN: This is a good bill; should pass. I would support your amendments in any form.

WORK SESSION ON HB 2333:

MOTION: Senator J. Bunn moves to delete the word "primary" from page 3, line 13 of the HB 2333-1 amendments.

VOTE: Hearing no objection the motion is adopted.

MOTION: Senator J. Bunn moves HB 2333-1, as amended, to HB 2333.

VOTE: Hearing no objection the motion is adopted.

MOTION: Senator J. Bunn moves HB 2333, as amended, to the floor with a "DO PASS" recommendation.

VOTE: In a roll call vote the motion carries with Senators J. Bunn, Lim, T. Smith, Webber, Yih and Dukes voting AYE. Senator Yih will carry.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2598: Relates to exemptions relating to maximum weight laws.

DOUG GYLLENSKOG, ODOT JOE FRENCH, OREGON FOREST PRODUCTS TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION STEVE JOHNSTON, ODOT

302 DOUG GYLLENSKOG, ODOT: Submits and reviews written testimony. (EXHIBIT J)

358 CHAIR DUKES: If we don't pass this they're overweight and out of compliance?

363 GYLLENSKOG: Yes, by the federal weight table.

367 CHAIR DUKES: You want an exemption for overweight but you're not very interested in getting an exemption for overheight for grass straw?

373 GYLLENSKOG: There isn't a federal letter about overheight on grass straw.

377 CHAIR DUKES: I thought that the overweight issue was a problem?

395 GYLLENSKOG: This would allow no more weight than we've been allowing for many years. -Our main concern about the over height issue was that we might be

setting a precedent in regard to the overheight exceptions.

408 JOE FRENCH, OREGON FOREST PRODUCTS TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION: Log trucks would be directly affected by this statewide if this isn't

passed. We urge your support.

WORK SESSION ON 2598:

437 CHAIR DUKES: Okay, we are closed down officially today with the exception of a few bills which we will hear on Monday and Wednesday.

440 LARSON: Explains Senate bills that the Committee passed out and how they are doing in House committees.

450 STEVE JOHNSTON, ODOT: Failure to approve HB 2598 could result in \$20 million dollars in penalties.

470 CHAIR DUKES: Not if you enforce the federal law. -Adjourns meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG: A - HB 3260, Ray Gribbling, 3 pgs. B - HB 3260, Rep. Federici, 2 pg. C - HB 3260, Rep. Wylie, 2 pgs. D - HB 3260-A4 amendments, Rep.Wylie, 12 pgs. E - HB 3260, Bob Keefer, 3 pgs. F - HB 2333-2 amendments, staff, 1 pg. G - HB 2333-1 amendments, staff, 3 pgs. H - HB 2333, Dept. of Agriculture, 1 pg. I - HB 2333, Tom Bradd, 2 pgs. J - HB 2598, Doug Gyllenskog, 5 pgs. K - HB 2598, Sen. Hamby, 1 pg.