

Tapes 61-62, (A\B)
Public Hearing: SB 436
SENATE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND SCHOOL FINANCE

.

March 4, 1991 1:00 PM Hearing Room A State Capitol Building
Members Present: Senator Jane Cease, Chair
Senator John Brenneman
Senator Shirley Gold (arrived 1:45)
Senator Ron Grensky
Senator Bill McCoy
Senator Tricia Smith
Members Excused: - Senator Joan Dukes, Vice Chair
Staff Present: Dick Yates, Legislative Revenue Office
Mary Ann Zimmermann, Committee Assistant
Witnesses Present: Elaine Young, Oregon Advocates for the Arts
Libby Henry, Oregon Peace Institute
Claire Puchy, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Jeff Curtis, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
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005 CHAIR CEASE called the meeting to order at 1:39 P.M. and conducted administrative business.

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013 DICK YATES presented a document listing the amounts that were checked off for the years 1985-89. EXHIBIT 1

015 DICK YATES also presented the statutes which apply to the charitable checkoff program. EXHIBIT 2

022 DICK YATES explained a checkoff is an opportunity for the taxpayer to make a gift and does not reduce state revenues. It allows the individual who has overpaid taxes and due a refund to donate a portion of that refund to one of the checkoff programs.

028 DICK YATES gave an historical report of the checkoff programs. The requirements for remaining on the tax return was addressed.

055 DICK YATES pointed out the 1989 Legislature standardized many of the checkoffs and established the Oregon Charitable Checkoff

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Commission. The qualifications for listing on the returns were presented.

099 DICK YATES explained the purpose of SB 436 is to take the statutory checkoffs which exist prior to the Checkoff Commission and make them subject to be reviewed by the Commission. The Commission does not review those checkoffs enforced by statutes and SB 436 would allow all the Checkoff Programs to be reviewed by the Commission.

119 CHAIR CEASE asked what Section 9 in SB 436 meant.

120 DICK YATES explained that Section 9 dealt with the repealing of the

Statutory requirements.

130 SEN. SMITH asked why SB 436 was brought forward.

133 CHAIR CEASE explained that the Chair of the Checkoff Commission requested SB 436 because of consistency.

139 DICK YATES explained the original motivation behind the Checkoff Commission was to take the checkoff process out of the hands of the Legislature which did not happen and SB 436 would allow the process to be handled by the Checkoff Commission.

159 SEN. MCCOY asked who the non voting members of the Commission are.

165 ELAINE YOUNG read provided testimony in opposition to SB 436. EXHIBIT 3

204 SEN. SMITH asked if Oregon Advocates for the Arts was involved in the 198 9 Public Hearing which drafted the amendments to the Checkoff statutes.

211 SEN. MCCOY asked who put SB 436 into effect. It was explained the Checkoff Commission requested SB 436.

220 CHAIR CEASE clarified the passage of SB 436 does not effect the \$50 thousand test.

227 LIBBY HENRY addressed opposition to SB 436 which requires Oregon Peace to reapply through the Checkoff Commission to qualify getting on the tax form.

263 Reference was made to Oregon Peace coming before the Human Resource Committee.

273 CLAIRE PUCHY read provided testimony opposing SB 436.

EXHIBIT 4

350 CLAIRE PUCHY presented two newsletters of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. EXHIBIT 5 and 6

373 Discussion and questions follow regarding Nongame and Watchable Wildlife Programs of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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387 SEN. MCCOY asked if the Fish and Wildlife Department was involved in the pigeon versus the Peregrine Falcon issue in Portland.

402 CLAIRE PUCHY responded the Department is not involved in hacking. Questions follow regarding falcons being brought in to control pigeons.

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010 JEFF CURTIS clarified there is a building in Portland that is attempting to lure falcons in order to control the pigeon population.

018 Discussion follows regarding Peregrine Falcons with the clarification that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is not involved.

059 CHAIR CEASE presented Draft LC 3671 at the request of Senator Springer.

EXHIBIT 7

063 MOTION SEN. MCCOY moved LC 3671 dated 2/27/91 be introduced as a Committee Bill.

069 ORDER There being no objection, CHAIR CEASE so ordered.

072 CHAIR CEASE adjourned the meeting at 2:13 P.M.

Mary Ann Zimmermann, Committee Assistant

Kimberly Taylor, Office Manager

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:-

1. Checkoff Contributions, LRO, 3/4/91 - SB 436
2. Statutes, LRO, 3/4/91 - SB 436
3. Public Testimony, Oregon Advocates for the Arts, 3/4/91 - SB 436
4. Public Testimony, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 3/4/91 SB 436
5. March Newsletter, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 3/4/91 SB 436
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6. January Newsletter, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 3/4/91 SB 436
7. Draft LC 3671, 3/4/91 - LC Drafts
8. News Article, LRO, 3/4/91 - Miscellaneous

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