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Measures Heard
Organizational Hearing

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

January 17, 1991 Hearing Room 137
8:00 a.m. Tapes 1 - 2

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Joan Dukes, Chair
Sen. William McCoy, Vice-Chair
Sen. Peter Brockman
Sen. Glenn Otto
Sen. Paul Phillips
Sen. Tricia Smith
Sen. Eugene Timms

STAFF PRESENT: Ruth Larson, Committee Administrator
Shannon Gossack, Committee Assistant

WITNESSES: Paul Donheffner, Marine Board
Wendy Cloyd, Travel Information Council
Paget Engen, Oregon Public Ports Association
Allen Willis, Port of Portland

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TAPE 1, SIDE A

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

008 CHAIR DUKES: Calls meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.
-Let's introduce ourselves to the public and give a brief statement on why we are interested in this committee.

170 RUTH LARSON, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Submits proposed committee rules.

(EXHIBIT A)
-We have added number 8 and number 10.

184 CHAIR DUKES: We operated under 10 last time.

185 SEN. TIMMS: I thought minority reports were covered in Senate rules?

190 CHAIR DUKES: These rules just say that you need to file a report within 48 hours.

MOTION: SEN. OTTO MOVES TO ADOPT THE RULES.

VOTE: HEARING NO OBJECTION THE RULES ARE ADOPTED.

222 PAUL DONHEFFNER, MARINE BOARD: Submits and summarizes written testimony.
(EXHIBIT B)

308 SEN. MCCOY: How often does the board meet and how many staff do you

have?

314 DONHEFFNER: We meet about every 6 to 8 weeks and our staff is around 20 people.

321 SEN. MCCOY: What do you do that the Coast Guard does not do?

324 DONHEFFNER: The Coast Guard is primarily involved in search and rescue. We have the rule making authority to make rules concerning inland waters. Our relationship is complimentary.

343 SEN. MCCOY: How do you phase in with the individual counties?

347 DONHEFFNER: We provide funding and training for county marine patrol programs.

-Refers to testimony. (EXHIBIT B)

-Discusses registration in relation to outfitters and guides.

396 SEN OTTO: Is a moorage owner responsible for equipping a boat with safety equipment?

408 DONHEFFNER: Only if they are renting out the boat.

-Discusses loan in relation to boat homes or floating homes.

TAPE 2, SIDE A

050 SEN. TIMMS: What is your main criteria for spending Marine Board money?

055 DONHEFFNER: The Board has a comprehensive 6 year plan that looks at boating facilities statewide.

-Explains how the Board evaluates projects and makes decision.

-Discusses regional strategies.

-Explains the difference between floating homes, boat houses and house boats.

105 SEN. SMITH: What do you use your statewide survey for?

108 DONHEFFNER: Gives us an idea of where use is taking place. Registration area is usually different from use area. We can also get feedback on problems regarding safety and pinpoint hotspots. It allows us to direct some of our resources to those areas.

130 SEN. SMITH: Is the information dramatically different?

130 DONHEFFNER: Yes, we have seen shifts in use. Refers to written testimony. (EXHIBIT B)

145 SEN. SMITH: How large is the survey?

146 DONHEFFNER: There were about 5,000 surveyed and the return rate is around 80%.

-Refers to written testimony. (EXHIBIT B)

-A high priority bill for us is HB 2156 which will establish "implied consent" and will enhance the penalties for boating under the influence. It will remain a class A misdemeanor.

218 SEN. SMITH: So the real penalty is not being able to use the boat.

221 DONHEFFNER: The penalties are fairly stiff. People are not getting off lightly.

222 SEN. SMITH: Is there any prohibition of open containers in a boat?

230 DONHEFFNER: I don't think we will ever get alcohol out of boats. Alcohol is associated with the sport.

245 CHAIR DUKES: Have you had any problems with the Charter Boat Safety bill we did last session?

248 DONHEFFNER: It has been working smoothly.

277 SEN. OTTO: How many agencies were involved with the project on Chinook

Landing and how
much money has been spent?

292 DONHEFFNER: There are several agencies working on this project in
regarding to the
permitting process and when the project is complete is should be up around
4 million dollars.

324 SEN. OTTO: I have received some complaints from the floating home
people that are
downstream from this project.

335 DONHEFFNER: I think that we have taken care of their concerns with the
presence of addition
Sheriff sites.

350 SEN. OTTO: That would be a nice project for the Committee to visit to
see the interaction of
the different agencies.

361 SEN. PHILLIPS: Have you been asked to participate in the Parks &
Recreation Departments
long term facilities plan?

377 DONHEFFNER: I visited with the 2010 Committee when they were developing
the plan and
we have a good working relationship with them.

386 SEN. PHILLIPS: Does your 6 year plan fit with their 2010 plan?

390 DONHEFFNER: We are comfortable with it and we are working with the
Parks Department to
help them find funding.

411 SEN. PHILLIPS: All these agencies tie in together and they need to be
working together to get
things done.

TAPE 1, SIDE B

022 WENDY CLOYD, TRAVEL & TOURISM COUNCIL: Submits and reads written
testimony. (EXHIBIT C) (EXHIBIT D)

069 SEN. OTTO: What are we doing to alleviate the problem of businesses
that have been on a
waiting list for years?

076 CLOYD: We have been given the authority to implement our four logo
boards to six logos. We
have started the first phase of this program. We hope to surpass 25 boards
to 40 boards in this
biennium.

092 SEN. OTTO: If I sell a business does the new owner then have the rights
to the sign?

101 CLOYD: If the name of the business remains the same then they have the
right to keep the logo.
If the person changes the name then they go to the end of the line on the
waiting list.

111 SEN. OTTO: Why are there so many departments involved with erecting
these signs? There
seems to be a direction this session to consolidate things.

118 CLOYD: We only work with the Department of Transportation and only in
isolated situations
would we work with General Services.

131 CHAIR DUKES: There is a proposal for one integrated logo for the State
of Oregon.

147 SEN. SMITH: Have you considered rotating?

155 CLOYD: It is certainly something we can investigate.

160 SEN. SMITH: It just seems that it would be more fair to do that.

165 SEN. PHILLIPS: Do you hear complaints from people that would like signs?

178 CLOYD: We have had some and are getting more but we are trying to combat that with this new plan. We also offer a customer purchase program. (EXHIBIT C)

203 SEN. OTTO: Isn't there federal regulations regarding how the signs are spaced?

210 CLOYD: Yes, there are strict regulations we must abide by.

231 SEN. SMITH: I would be very interested in hearing your committee's response to my question regarding rotating.

239 SEN. TIMMS: There are a ton a questions out there in regards to signing. The Travel Information Council has changed dramatically since I've been here. Signing is so confusing.

254 CLOYD: Discusses the Oregon TouriSMalliance study done in 1989.
-Reviews written testimony.(EXHIBIT C)

290 PAGET ENGEN, OREGON PUBLIC PORTS ASSOCIATION: Submits and reads written testimony.(EXHIBIT E)

032 SEN. PHILLIPS: Does the Port of Portland have anything to do with the dredging of the Willamette River out here by Salem.

041 ALAN WILLIS, PORT OF PORTLAND: We do not have any authority or do any dredging below the Willamette River Harbor in Portland.

050 SEN. PHILLIPS: We were trying to get it dredged out here by Salem for recreation and commodity transport. It looks deep and wide but it isn't. It seems to be getting worse.

057 WILLIS: That happens if you don't dredge.

060 SEN. PHILLIPS: Some dredging does help even from an environmental aspect.

064 SEN. SMITH: Who is it that would be responsible for making a decision to dredge the Willamette near Salem, and who would actually do it?

071 ENGEN: I think it would be the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

078 CHAIR DUKES: I believe the State of Oregon and the Department of Transportation would be the likely candidates and should have input with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on dredging. I don't think the State should sit here and say "we hope you do right by us". There doesn't seem to be an overall plan from the State of Oregon. The State needs to deal more effectively with the Federal Government.

109 ENGEN: Continues with written testimony. (EXHIBIT E)
-Discusses the Water Resources Development Act of 1986.

212 SEN. OTTO: Has there been an effort to consolidate some of these ports? Maybe they could get more taxing authority for the space in between ports.

230 ENGEN: These are all local districts. Some would welcome the effort to force them look at the consolidation question.

279 WILLIS: Long term we will see some consolidation.

313 SEN. SMITH: I would like information on what agencies will be coming in so I can prepare

myself.

321 CHAIR DUKES adjourns meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

- A - Testimony, Staff - 2 pages
- B - Testimony, Paul DonHeffner, Marine Board - 6 pages
- C - Testimony, Wendy Cloyd, Travel & TouriSM- 24 pages
- D - Testimony, Wendy Cloyd, Travel & TouriSM- 3 pages
- E - Testimony, Paget Engen, Public Ports - 8 pages