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Measures Heard
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PH: SB 375 & 459

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

February 12, 1991 Hearing Room C
8:00 a.m. Tapes 17, 18 & 19

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Joan Dukes, Chair
Sen. William McCoy, Vice-Chair
Sen. Peter Brockman
Sen. Scott Duff
Sen. Paul Phillips
Sen. Eugene Timms

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Tricia Smith

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

WITNESSES: Jim Burnett, National Transportation Safety Board
Jose' Mata, Senator Frank Roberts
Jayme Armstrong, Senator Frank Roberts
Eugene Organ, Oregon Disabilities Commission
Sonja Fisher, Citizen
Ann Zvobada, City of Portland
Joan Plank, Motor Vehicle Division
Kelly Taylor, Motor Vehicle Division
Marvin Nichols, Oregon Paralyzed Veterans
Karl Krueger, Motor Vehicle Division
Senator Jane Cease
Jim Stevenson, State Police

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TAPE 17, SIDE A

008 CHAIR DUKES: Calls meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

010 RUTH LARSON, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Explains to committee what bills are in committee.

025 JIM BURNETT, NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD: Gives overview of the National Transportation Safety Board.
-Discusses alcohol in regards to boating.
-Talks about sobriety check points.
-Discusses the airline accident that occurred in Los Angeles.

150 SEN. MCCOY: Asks about the triple trailer units in regards to highway safety.

159 BURNETT: One aspect under investigation is the braking system.
-Discusses anti-lock braking systems and driver training.

199 CHAIR DUKES: Reviews legislation in 1989 regarding commercial drivers licenses.

219 BURNETT: There is a requirement for a lifetime suspension. It does permit some consideration after ten years. We need a strict approach to alcohol and drugs in regard to commercial driver licenses and others. We can't make people that made mistakes pay for life.

241 SEN. MCCOY: Has there been any recommendations for different kinds of braking systems for different size loads?

244 BURNETT: Discusses the current investigation and that it is still pending.

PUBLIC HEARING SB 459

288 JAYME ARMSTRONG, JOSE MATA, STAFF, SENATOR FRANK ROBERTS: Submits and reviews written testimony. (EXHIBIT A)
-Explains intent of SB 459.

366 CHAIR DUKES: I'm not sure that the people being identified need a permit.

372 ARMSTRONG: Discusses balance between enforcement and the non-driving disabled people.

412 MATA: Explains intent of SB 459.

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003 CHAIR DUKES: In some cases I found myself questioning whether or not we needed to change the law to accommodate someone who only went to places where they didn't need a permit to park.

-Discusses hospital emergency loading areas.

-I would like to accommodate people so they can get their picture taken so we don't have to make an exception.

-If you are driving your own vehicle I am going to assume you can get to the Motor Vehicle Division to get your picture taken.

068 SEN. PHILLIPS: What are the numbers of permits we are talking about, and how many people are we talking about that have this problem?

077 ARMSTRONG: Discusses the number of permits that have been issued.

081 MATA: There are problems with the picture identification.

-It seems that the identification card is burdening people.

-Discusses renewal by mail.

107 SEN. PHILLIPS: Maybe Motor Vehicles can give us a better idea of how big this problem is.

I have gotten more positive responses than negatives since we cleaned this up.

112 CHAIR DUKES: Once you get out of Portland there are fewer disabled parking spaces.

117 MATA: Refers to testimony. (EXHIBIT A)

236 EUGENE ORGAN, OREGON DISABILITY COMMISSION: Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT B)

-We do support SB 459.

-Explains the few situations where the identification card is a problem.

336 CHAIR DUKES: You've identified a couple of problems that I think we can correct. My belief is that this bill is not that tight. If it is inconvenient for someone to come into DMV to get their picture taken than they can get their doctor's certification and apply by mail.

362 SEN. MCCOY: Why hasn't DMV suggested this themselves?

387 SEN. TIMMS: Asks about the use of handicapped spaces.

408 CHAIR DUKES: Have we implemented the wider spaces?

409 ORGAN: That did go into effect. Owners of parking facilities obviously don't have that information yet.
-Discusses unloading of wheelchairs.

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012 ORGAN: Discusses parking enforcement in regard to disabled spaces in the City of Eugene.

023 SONJA FISHER, CITIZEN: I support SB 459. There are a lot of government agencies to work with. The current process is unnecessary and difficult. The ID card itself is difficult. I called DMV to make an appointment and they said I couldn't make one.

048 CHAIR DUKES: I think I can assure you that you won't get that answer again.

056 FISHER: Discusses medically fragile children.

095 ANN ZVOBADA, PARKING PATROL, CITY OF PORTLAND: I served on the committee that set up HB 2084. We are real worried about people misusing the parking permits. I do know disabled people have a problem getting in to get their picture taken. Noting what the disability is on the back of a person card might be a solution.

121 CHAIR DUKES: Would one of your people issue a citation if a person had a disabled child in their arms, but no identification card?

123 ZVOBADA: I would instruct my people not to do that, but inform the person that they do need to carry the ID card with them.

126 SEN. PHILLIPS: Have we solved the problems of two years ago? Have we gone too far?

128 ZVOBADA: We have addressed those problems.

141 SEN. PHILLIPS: So we have taken care of the gross abusers. A more lenient process for parents of medically ill children might be needed.

150 ZVOBADA: I think there could be some other alternatives in assisting the disabled person.

158 JOAN PLANK, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION: It sounds like we need to improve our communications in some places. There is no requirement that a person has to carry the ID card on them.

175 ZVOBADA: From an enforcement aspect we are only looking for people who are abusing the system.

178 CHAIR DUKES: Do we need to require that the person have the ID with them?

186 SEN. BROCKMAN: Why don't we just glue the ID card, which is the same size as a driver's license, to the back of the disabled parking permit.

195 SEN. PHILLIPS: How many permits do we have and how many problems do we have?

199 KELLY TAYLOR, DISABLED PARKING, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION: Discusses the conversion period in regards to the change of law and the outcome of that change.
-Explains survey sent out by Motor Vehicles about the change in law.
-Discusses permits issued to Foster Care Programs.

281 CHAIR DUKES: So if I had three disabled foster children I would still need to get three parking

permits. I think that needs to be changed.

283 SEN. PHILLIPS: There are still problems with long term foster or adoptive parents. Are there other problem areas? How many of your facilities are not adaptable to handicapped people? I would like these people to come back and more fully identify the problem areas.

-Discusses the length of renewal periods.

296 PLANK: I don't know, but I will find out. It is certainly an embarrassment to hear that.

329 SEN. MCCOY: Permanently disabled people should be able to keep their permit for a longer period of time.

334 TAYLOR: Explains the problems with lengthy renewal periods on permits.

355 CHAIR DUKES: I would like to know the problems identified in your mail out. We have some problems that were identified today and I would like to hear more on those issues.

378 MARVIN NICKOLS, PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA: I have some personal experience with handicap spots.

-Discusses the size of parking spaces.

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006 NICKOLS: The problem is that it isn't important enough to take care of. People don't know any better. I don't know who is the appropriate authority to solve the issue of parking spots at malls.

-Discusses personal incidence regarding illegally parked people in handicapped spaces.

-Suggests alternative issuance of permits and what information should be on the placid.

092 CHAIR DUKES: If there was a dispute about a parking space who would it be reported to?

100 TAYLOR: The statute says that if it is a government building publicly maintained it would be Building Codes. If it doesn't fall into that category it would be the local municipality.

130 SEN. MCCOY: Do you see compliance with the new law as far as the size of the spaces in Portland?

136 ZVOBADA: We enforce street parking only. We have taken the steps to change the signs for the new law, but we do not enforce off street spaces.

144 SEN. BROCKMAN: Who is responsible for the undersized parking spots at the mall?

148 ZVOBADA: The administration mall owner.

153 SEN. TIMMS: Asks about reciprocity with other states and any differences.

158 ZVOBADA: Discusses reciprocity agreements.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 375

190 SENATOR JANE CEASE, SENATE DISTRICT 10: SB 375 is getting more complicated than I wanted it too. We inadvertently exempted a vehicle that is not registered to be required to have insurance. The language on line 6, that would be deleted says, "that is registered in the". That is what the law says right now. If your registration has expired and you're driving illegally insurance is not required.

243 CHAIR DUKES: Asks how this would effect the issuing of trip permits.

248 SEN. CEASE: I think anyone who is operating a vehicle, no matter what the condition is, ought to show that they have insurance. I just want the basic thing in there that says anyone registered in Oregon has to have insurance.

264 SEN. MCCOY: Discusses how Motor Vehicles could indicate insurance on a drivers license.

284 PLANK: Explains the possible drawbacks on doing something with the license.

290 CHAIR DUKES: Almost all of the states that require insurance also require proof of insurance.
-Discusses the limitation placed of police officers in regards to insurance.

326 JIM STEVENSON, OREGON STATE POLICE: Explains the limitations of enforcement.

337 SEN. MCCOY: What do other states do?

341 LARSON: Distributes survey given to committee by DMV regarding insurance in other states. (EXHIBIT D)

361 CHAIR DUKES: We did ask the state police during the interim to keep track of the number of citations issued for people without insurance.

374 SEN. MCCOY: There must be some way to indicate whether or not a person has insurance.

402 KARL KRUEGER, MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION: Submits and reviews written testimony. (EXHIBIT C)
-There will be an added cost to Motor Vehicles.
-Explains how HB 2265 will help Motor Vehicles cover some of the costs should SB 375 pass.

488 CHAIR DUKES: Asks about fees in HB 2265.

495 PLANK: Explains Motor Vehicles fee bill.

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033 PLANK: Explains the possible revenues raised and expenditures in regard to the trip permit issue.

CHAIR DUKES: Adjourns hearing at 10:27 a.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

- A - Jayme Armstrong, Jose' Mata, Testimony SB 459, 2 pgs.
- B - Eugene Organ, Testimony SB 459, 2 pgs.
- C - Karl Krueger, Testimony SB 375, 2 pgs.
- D - Committee Staff, Statistic Testimony SB 375, 10 pgs.