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SENATE COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION

June 24, 1991Hearing Room B
4:00 p.m.Tapes 112 -

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

MEMBER EXCUSED:

VISITING MEMBER:

STAFF PRESENT: Ruth Larson, Committee Administrator
Scott Marshall, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: Executive Appointment - Roger L. Breezley,
Transportation
Commission. HB 3249 - Establishes regulations for use of tinted windows on
vehicles.

WITNESSES: Roger Breezley
Representative Repine
Ken Chichester

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TAPE 112, SIDE A

CHAIR DUKES: Calls the meeting to order at 4:12.

RUTH LARSON, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Reviews the items on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

ROGER BREEZLEY: Transportation is fundamental for the state's welfare. I hope to

PHILLIPS: issues in Washington County - 217 is the biggest, how will we address the suburban areas?

BREEZLY: wash will continue to grow, but must be put into prespective.

PHILLIPS: linkage between sunset and I-5 to relieve congestion

BREEZLEY: think there should be a westside bypass.

DUKES: which subcommittee do you wore

BREEEZLY: freight

DUKES: shift \to transportation fund from highway?

BREEEZLY: already in that mode. dedicated to multi-modal

DUKES: rail?

BREEZLEY: utilize rail. in the next few yuears we will come up with multi-modal plan,

DUKES: funding

BREEZELY: money will follow a good plan.

DUKES: how do you feel about break9ng up the highway fund ?

DUFF: concerned about the impact on the freight of the slamon?

BREEZLY: no point of view atthis time.

DUFF: the efficiency needed -

BREEZLEY: forbes has done a great job - managment has been excellent. it will be a central issue of the department.

DUFF: triple trailers - how do you feel?

BREEZELY: we have to ensure that we have safe highways.

DUKES: this is something we are looking at in the next few years. Is there resources available?

BREEZLEY: the issue of the salmon brings up many issues. low cost power, I do not think rail is at capacity if managed in a cooperative fashion.

DUFF: when there were problems worldwide, we had many shiploads behind.

BREEZLEY:

WORK SESSION

MOTION: SENATOR PHILLIPS MOVES THE

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 3249

LARSON: Reviews the intent of HB 3249.

REP. REPINE, D 49: Submits Bryan Platt. (EXHIBIT A)

LEN HANNON: Explains the history of restrictive legislation on window-tinting.

-Police officers cite people who have tinted windows for various reasons.

DUKES:What happens to your van with this bill?

HANNON: nothing. there are transparency standards - depending on the factory there are maximum levels of

DUKES: our would be the same as the federal?

HANNON: yes. under this bill selfinstallation would be illegal

REPINE: there are two standards - passenger vehicle - other established for multi-purpose vehicles - which has expanded over the last couple of years. the disparity in the marketplace. there are 44 states that have adopted light transmission standards. gives law enforcement a standard to force compliance.

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REPINE: we have tried to establish lighter standard for law enforcement concern. and for safety through visual opportunity. clear tinting will get at health concerns for ultra-violet rays. dmv will set the standards, those in industry are subject to violation for wrongful tinting. ok for citizen to install, but professional is restricted.

DUKES: I thought there were maximum standards

REPINE: 70% in passenger. in multi-purpose there is no limit.

DUKES: this bill would say that 25% of exterior light must enter?

REPINE: true.

MCCOY: the installers have the federal ok glass?

REPINE: could not be greater than 70%. try to draw level that -- this bill will establish standards.

DUKES:

KEN CHICHESTER, OREGON STATE POLICE: Submits and reviews the testimony.
(EXHIBIT B)

DUKES: Why is that different?

CHICHESTER: some standard had to be applied -

DUKES: we have fed and state that doesn't allow it, and DMV code that says
as long as it
doesn't impair vision it's ok.

CHI: impairing vision has been an ambiguity for all to define. important to
be able to see into a
car observe what is going on inside. answers all of law enforcement's
problems - what one thing
that it doesn't do is cover the concerns on the rear windows. not consensus
on this issue.

TIMMS: are we clarifying what is allowed.

CHI: right. sets definitive standard.

DUKES: what if we went to the next lighter standard. it will make others
less happy

PHILLIPS: are these quotes reflective of tint at this level?

CHI: no. a few years ago. it arose out of a car that the window was tinted
at a level that would
have been legal for a bill that was introduced last session. It was much
darker than what is being
considered this session.

DUKES: did anyone do a test car this session?

CHI: no

KOHO, : Submits and reviews testimony. (EXHIBIT C)
-We would be in conflict with federal law.

REPINE: in the state of Florida - wife was assaulted with tinted windows -
unique situation.

KOHO: if adopted - we can implement it. there is no approval after marker
application

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DUKES:

REPINE: it would be illegal to sell in the auto dept, in the household
dept.

TIMMS: is a limo are illegal?

REPINE: yes.

TIMMS: if this passes it will still be illegal.

REPINE: this would force compliance for the limos. was not the intent to jeopardize lives.

ADJOURNS AT 5:10.