



## **OACVB Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **March 1, 2007 Teleconference Meeting**

The OACVB Legislative Committee teleconference meeting was convened at 1:04 p.m., March 1, 2007, by Committee Chair Kerrie Walters. Members in attendance included: Natalie Inouye, Kari Westlund, John Hope-Johnstone, Mary Pat Parker, Carol Lentz, Jean Kurtz, Alana Audette, Veronica Rinard and Janet Dodson. Also attending was OACVB executive director Bill Cross.

The Committee reviewed bills that were on the OACVB Tracking report. The Committee discussed the following bills and/or legislative topics:

- SB 299 – The Bicycle Alliance is sponsoring this legislation which could have a positive impact on tourism. OACVB position - Monitor.
- SB 350 – Modified administrative provisions for Economic and Community Development Department and would eliminate Travel Oregon and the 1% funding for tourism promotion. Poorly drafted, the bill is not intended to impact Travel Oregon and its funds and will be amended. OACVB position – Oppose until Amended.
- HB 2278 – The Oregon Connect II bill would authorize the issuance of \$100 million in lottery bonds for multimodal transportation projects. OACVB position – Support.
- SB 760 – Requires local government to submit any proposed lodging tax increases to the Oregon Tourism Commission for an analysis of compliance with specified provisions of state law. OACVB position – Support.
- SB 709 – Would permit tourist oriented directional signs for community service and religious institutions. OACVB position – Oppose.
- Statewide Public Smoking Prohibition. OACVB position – Monitor and find out more information on ORA's concerns.
- HB 2647 – Permits the establishment of historic districts. OACVB position – Monitor until we receive more information in the proposal.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Cross  
Executive Director