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A "Wind Energy Workshop" in New York has put together a 48-page directory describing in detail wind electricity-generating systems that says they are "suitable for practical residential, commercial and industrial use."

...Of environmental concern

The workshop evaluated more than 20 systems currently manufactured in the United States and Canada on the basis of wind necessary for efficient functioning and the amount of electricity each produces.

The guide includes a glossary of wind energy terminology, names and addresses of manufacturers, organizations, publications, researchers and public officials in the field.

The Wind Energy Workshop calls itself "a study group devoted to researching the environmental, technical and economic applications of non-polluting energy obtained from the wind".

The directory, illustrated with diagrams and photographs, is

available for \$4 postpaid from Wind Directory, Box 14, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

A "Sun Day" planning meeting, to discuss Lane County's role in the national May 3 celebration of solar energy, will be held tonight.

The University Survival Center is sponsoring the meeting in Harris Hall at 7:30 p.m. Interested county residents are invited to attend.

Ending a 10-year environmentalist campaign, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill Thursday adding 48,000 acres to the Redwood

National Park in northern California.

"This is a great day for the redwoods," said Mike McCloskey, executive director of the Sierra Club, whose group was a major force supporting the addition.

The Senate overwhelmingly passed its version of the bill the week before in a 74-20 vote.

"We finally achieved the action begun in the 1960s," McCloskey said. "But tragically we have lost thousands of acres of virgin redwoods that should have been

in the park if we had done it right in the first place."

The two bills now move to a joint-conference committee of the House and Senate, where the differences will be ironed out.

One major difference is the House bill sets aside \$40 million to retrain loggers who will lose their jobs because of the expansion of the park. The Senate bill provides no job protection provision, but sponsor Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., has not said he does not object to one.

Police, industry reps question legislation aiding ex-criminals

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Police departments don't want to hire ex-criminals, according to about 30 police officials from Oregon who testified at an Interim Judiciary sub-committee hearing in Salem Friday.

The committee listened to almost three hours of testimony from police and private industry spokesmen objecting to a proposed bill that would make it illegal for an employer to discriminate in hiring an applicant solely because of a previous arrest or conviction.

The bill states that employers could, however, refuse to hire a person if "the nature of the offense bears a reasonable relationship to the work to be performed."

Karl Frederick, spokesman for the Association of Oregon Industries, claimed the bill is vague.

"What if an individual who had been arrested applied for a job before the disposition of the case?" Frederick asked. "Shouldn't the employer have a right to know the outcome?"

The bill also allows those who feel they have been unfairly discriminated against to file suit. Frederick said this could have the effect of turning a person's criminal record into a subtle threat to sue an employer who doesn't give him a job.

Dave Burks, Lane County sheriff, told the committee he felt law enforcement standards would drop if police agencies could not reject applicants on the basis of their past criminal records.

"We always have to try to maintain standards, which are chipped away at frequently," Burks said. "Many times we've arrested people and they weren't convicted, for a variety of reasons," he said. "Yet we in law enforcement know that person has committed that crime."

"I'm not saying people can't be rehabilitated," Burks said, "but it's a close-knit situation with fellow

officers, and it would be difficult to share information with officers with criminal records."

John Magill, president of the Oregon Sheriffs' Association, claimed putting ex-criminals on police forces would cause "a serious morale problem."

"Our reputation must remain beyond reproach," Magill said. "This would downgrade that reputation, which is widely known in the smaller communities."

"This state isn't ready to let the cat guard the canary in the same cage," Magill said. "Police officers depend on each other for their lives at times. To force them to work with ex-criminals would impair their safety on the job," he said.

Janis Wilson, from the Oregon Bankers' Association, said applicants convicted of crimes involving dishonesty or breach of trust should not be eligible for the proposed law's protection. Wilson added, "If there is no conviction, then employers should be forbidden to discriminate. But we don't want to hire a person if the decision is still pending."

State Rep. Ted Kulongoski, D-Eugene, the sub-committee chairer, endorsed the bill, saying he was "intrigued" with the area of criminal reform.

"I'm not denying that it (employment discrimination against ex-offenders) may be no problem, but how can we have a reform program if, after a convict has done his time, we have no way to make him a member of society again?" Kulongoski queried.

"If, as a state, we have a reform policy, then it's imperative that we have a situation for a citizen to enjoy the fruits of society after he's paid his debt."

No final action was taken on the bill, but the full committee may consider the proposal during its April meeting. The bill is a part of the Judiciary Committee's examination of proposed changes in the law, some of which may find their way into the next legislative session, which begins in January of 1979.

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