

Legislative update

State may soon divest

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The long contested issue of divestiture of Oregon investments from companies doing business in South Africa recieved strong support last Wednesday from the Oregon House.

Representatives voted 51-9 in favor of HB 2001 that would require the state to gradually divest money from companies involved in trade with the racially torn country of South Africa.

Gov. Neil Goldschmidt has said he will sign the bill into law if passed by both the House and the Senate. Two years ago the bill was vetoed by then Gov. Vic Atiyeh.

Earlier this month an agreement was reached with State Treasurer Bill Rutherford on a plan to liquidate \$800 million in stocks and bonds the state holds in companies involved in South Africa.

The vote came just before the State Board of Higher Education on Friday unanimously voted to divest itself of South Africa-related investments. Board members said the decision was made to reaffirm a decision it made to divest in 1977. However, the Attorney General has ruled it does not have authority to order divestiture.

Last week the House defeated a bill earlier approved by the Senate that would require Oregonians to wear seat belts. This is the second time in as many years the bill has been defeated by the House after being approved by the Senate.

Supporters of the bill are now trying to gather enough support to get the controversial issue put before the voters. This comes at a time when Oregon is considering raising the speed limit to 65 mph. Washinton State has just made the decision to raise the speed limit on rural interstate freeways to 65 mph and may begin changing speed limit signs as early as today.

Wine cooler bottles came one step closer last Monday to being added to the list of returnable bottles in Oregon. The Senate voted 26-3 to pass SB

508, which would require that a nickle deposit be put on wine cooler containers. According to a survey of Oregon roadside litter wine cooler bottles account for more than 8 times their 1 percent market share of the beverage market.

A bill now before the House would allow food to be irradiated to kill harmful germs and bacteria but requires food items that have been irradiated be clearly marked as such. The bill was passed out of the Consumer and Business Affairs Committee last week on a vote of 4-3.

The bill originally would have banned food irradiation entirely but was ammended after lobbying efforts by the food packing industry who want to be allowed to irradiate food products to increase their shelf life.

Brooks, Gaffney plan transition to ASUO

By Lisa Kosse
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ASUO President and Vice President Elect Kasey Brooks and Karen Gaffney held an informal organizational meeting on Sunday night to plan their transition into office.

Discussed were the two's immediate and long-range goals for office and the hiring of transition teams.

In the near future, Brooks said she will set up a hiring committee to screen applicants for next fall. A transition team also will be hired and work through the summer.

The team will set up a workshop designed for the student directors of organizations to assist in their operation. Hiring for both groups will begin by early next week. "I would like to have it done before we take office," Brooks said.

As for retaining any present executives, Brooks said she is not sure whether they will have to file applications. "I have all the respect in the world for Jodie (Mooney)," Brooks said,

and she is hoping for a smooth budget transition. Brooks also gave her support to Steve Frichette, who has not re-evaluated his plans for student government.

Other goals Brooks cited included making appointments and reorganizing the office.

Long-term goals include such items as putting a student on the parking sub-committee and one on the semester system transfer committee. By Fall term, Brooks would like to have a new system for the registration/insurance purchasing requirement foreign students are required to have.

Foreign students presently must purchase insurance before they can register — but Oregon Hall will not release any money

until after they register. Brooks would like to see a system of checking a box on the registration form in order for both registration and insurance purchasing to be done at once.

Because Brooks and Gaffney are supported by the Concerned Students for Responsive Leadership, "I am afraid it's going to be a rough battle" in the IFC, Brooks said. "Hopefully there will be no problem at all. . . We have a cooperative attitude."

"We are very reasonable," Brooks concluded. "(Because of election-hype) we were thought of (as an administration) that would make sweeping changes. No. We are reasonable people. The students have nothing to fear."

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