

Committee bill to revise Fish and Wildlife Commission

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SALEM—A bill to reorganize the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission was sent back to committee last week over the objections of Legislators who said enough time has been spent on the controversial proposal.

Rep. Bud Byers, D-Lebanon, chairman of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, asked to have the bill returned to committee because he said, "Some members feel there are questions that need to be answered."

But opponents of the measure said supporters were trying to retrench because they didn't have the votes to pass it in the House last week.

"I oppose sending it back to committee," said Rep. Tom Throop, D-Bend. "It will serve no purpose and take legislative time."

The measure, House Bill 2416, would shift the balance on the commission in favor of rural and agricultural interests by stipulating that the commissioners must be chosen from six geographic areas in the state. The sixth member would be selected at large.

Opponents of the bill argued that four commissioners—enough to control the votes of the panel—would be chosen from counties with only 27 percent of the population.

After reorganization, two commission members would be chosen from farm groups and four of the seven members would represent the eastern and southern portions of the state.

Critics said altering the current make-up of the commission—which includes one commissioner from each of Oregon's four congressional districts, one from Eastern Oregon, one from Western Oregon and a seventh member from the state at-large—would result in a vast imbalance in representation.

Farmers and ranchers have long been dissatisfied with the present Fish and Game Commission which they say failed to consider their problems.

Rep. Denny Jones, R-Ontario, the bill's sponsor, said the measure would assure representation on the com-

mission for landowners who provide feed refuge for wildlife.

"We own land, we pay taxes

on it and allow the hunters on it," said Jones at a committee hearing on the measure. "All others don't pay anything,

don't provide any feed and don't do anything. That's the reason the one-man, one-vote principle (of representation)

doesn't apply."

But crowds of sportsmen from the more heavily populated areas of the state showed

up to protest the proposed change at a series of hearings. Randy Rancourt, president of Save Oregon's Resources

Today, a sports and conservation group, called the bill "dangerous" and said singling out agriculture for special

treatment is unfair. The House voted 40-17 to send the measure back to committee.

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Computer companies including Burroughs, NCR, IBM, Apple (F & H Sound), Byte Shop, Jaynes Business Machines and Digital will participate in the program. Seminar speaker will be Jerry DeMoss, instructor of business at BMCC. The topic of his remarks will be "The many uses of a computer."

The seminar is sponsored by the student chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors of Blue Mountain. Registration is \$10. Additional information is available from the BMCC business department, 276-1260, ext. 208 in Pendleton.

"We believe the seminar will be of extreme educational benefit for people in the business community," said Rockne Larvick, BMCC business instructor and advisor to the student group. Participants will listen to experts lecture on computers, and see demonstrations of different computers, Larvick said.