

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 14, 2005 Hearing Room E

1:00 P.M. Tape 56

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Linda Flores, Chair

Rep. John Dallum, Vice-Chair

Rep. Steve March, Vice-Chair

Rep. Debi Farr

Rep. John Lim

Rep. Arnie Roblan

Rep. Chip Shields

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Keller, Committee Administrator

Kellie Whiting, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 2622 – Public Hearing

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/# Speaker Comments

TAPE 56, A

002 Chair Flores Calls the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and opens the public hearing on HB 2622.

HB 2622 – PUBLIC HEARING

010 Jim Keller Committee Administrator. Reads HB 2622.

017 Edward Dunnigan Canby, OR. Testifies in support of HB 2622. Submits and reads from prepared testimony (**EXHIBIT A**).

047 Rep. Farr Clarifies students in public schools are required to meet benchmarks, which are assessed through testing.

051 Dunnigan Clarifies he stated students in private schools have no government testing requirements.

056 Rep. March Inquires about home schooling being at the direction of the parents or legal guardian.

060 Dunnigan Responds that he feels that parents are best sited to choose the academic path of their children. Notes parents are able to give individual instruction to each child.

065 Rep. March Refers to section one of HB 2622 and clarifies he is inquiring about children being taught by the parent or legal guardian or at the direction of the parent. Comments that statement presumes the student could be sent somewhere other than the home to be educated.

074 Dunnigan Responds there are times when children are educated outside the home and are sent to volunteers, community colleges or sports teams to be instructed for such subjects that cannot be taught by the parent.

083 Rep. March Comments there may be a language problem in the bill.

088 Dunnigan Responds the best steward for a child is his or her parent and if the parent does not have the knowledge to teach in a certain area, then it is up to the parent to find someone who can.

091	Rep. Farr	Comments she is in support of home school as a choice and inquires why he is resistant to required assessments.
096	Dunnigan	Responds the required assessment is inappropriate because it is a one-size fits solution. States teaching one method of teaching is counter productive.
109	Rep. Farr	Comments some parents are equipped and some are not in regards to home schooling and providing adequate instruction and notes her concern about the academic attention.
114	Dunnigan	Responds that using the public school as a monitor to grade home schooling is ineffective. Comments on the percentage of students in public schools not meeting the minimums.
120	Rep. Farr	Comments the test may be easy for home schooled students.
122	Dunnigan	Responds the tests are intrusive and unnecessary.
138	Randy Harnish	Oregon Department of Education. Submits and reads from prepared testimony (EXHIBIT B). Testifies in opposition to HB 2622.
163	Chair Flores	Inquires how the truancy problem is currently being monitored.
169	Harnish	Responds he will find out.
173	Chair Flores	Requests the information in which he is making the basis of his objection. Comments the bill is a replication of a bill in 2003, which was vetoed by the governor despite widespread support from the Senate and the House. Inquires if the truancy problem was the basis for the veto.
180	Harnish	Responds he does not know, but similar testimony was given in 2003.
186	Chair Flores	Closes the public hearing on HB 2622 and adjourns the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. **HB 2622, prepared testimony, Edward Dunnigan, 3 pp**
- B. **HB 2622, prepared testimony, Randy Harnish, 1 pp**