

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 02, 2005 Hearing Room E

1:00 P.M. Tapes 49 - 50

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 2478 – Public Hearing

HB 2554 – Public Hearing

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TAPE/# Speaker Comments

TAPE 49, A

002 Vice - Chair Dallum Calls the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and opens the public hearing on HB 2478.

HB 2478 – PUBLIC HEARING

010 Jim Keller Committee Administrator. Reads HB 2478.

033 Rep. Donna Nelson House District 24. Testifies in support of HB 2478. Speaks about the costs for unfunded mandates for the school districts. Encourages the review of unfunded mandates.

165 Rep. Nelson Speaks about the expense and time in regards to unfunded mandates.

175 Rep. Lim Inquires about the mandates.

179 Rep. Nelson Responds that she will submit a list of the mandates to Rep. Lim.

191 Rep. March Inquires why the issue is not intended for the Education Interim Committee as opposed to a taskforce.

202 Rep. Nelson Responds the Interim Committee has tremendous responsibilities during the interim and states her hopes were to have a taskforce that focused solely on this particular issue.

215 Chair Flores Requests that copies of the mandates be given to Jim Keller to disperse to the members.

219 Rep. Dallum Inquires if the taskforce would look at time as well as money.

221 Rep. Nelson Concurs.

230 Chair Flores Closes the public hearing on HB 2478 and opens a public hearing on HB 2554.

HB 2554 – PUBLIC HEARING

232	Jim Keller	Reads HB 2554.
243	Rep. Billy Dalto	House District 21. Testifies in support of HB 2554. States the costs for childcare for students is significant and resources are needed in order to provide students with assistance to better their lives and their children's lives.
318	Morgan Cowling	Legislative Director, Oregon Student Association. Testifies in support of HB 2554. Submits and reads from prepared testimony (EXHIBIT A) . Submits prepared testimony on behalf of Larry Roper in support of HB 2554 (EXHIBIT B) .
425	Rep. March	Inquires about the amount of the federal block grant.
433	Cowling	Responds it is currently does not receive any federal funding. States that it is solely funded by the state's general fund.

TAPE 50, A

002	Rep. Lim	Inquires if the program is solely for public universities or if it includes private universities. Inquires about the administrative costs.
005	Morgan	Responds any student in post-secondary education is eligible. Responds the Department of Human Services had been administrating the program with zero administrative costs.
006	Rep. Dalto	Requests – 1 amendments to delay the implementation date.
008	Chair Flores	Responds they will coordinate.
013	Rep. Lim	Reads line 14, (2) of HB 2554 and asks why the Governor is involved in the matter of a dispute.
013	Cowling	Responds she does not have an answer.
019	Rep. March	Responds the language is standard when dealing with these types of programs.
028	Marge Reinhart	Oregon Department of Human Services. Testifies in support of HB 2554. Submits and reads from prepared testimony (EXHIBIT C) .

069	Chair Flores	Inquires if the Department of Human Resources is supportive of the bill with -1 amendments.
074	Rep. Lim	Inquires the reasoning behind eliminating this program first.
077	Reinhart	Responds the Department of Human Services is large, diverse, and complex in regards to funding.
086	Rep. Roblan	Inquires about the average grant for the students.
089	Reinhart	Responds she will research the question. States the amounts are dependent on the income level of the student, the area in which they reside and the number of children they have.
098	Rep. Dallum	Inquires about the amount for each family served.
106	Reinhart	Responds there has been fluctuation in regards to the amount of persons served and the level of payments.
128	Rep. Roblan	Clarifies the full amount was not expended.
132	Reinhart	Concurs.
134	Margie Lowe	Oregon Student Assistance Commission. Testifies in support of HB 2554. Submits and reads from prepared testimony (EXHIBIT D). Suggests adding eligibility for recipients who are attending profit educational facilities on page 2, line 43 of HB 2554.
183	Chair Flores	Asks for clarification in regards to current group of recipients.
187	Lowe	Clarifies there are students receiving grants who are attending private for profit organizations and in order to not disrupt their education they would need to be included in the modifications.
190	Chair Flores	Inquires if the funds would be dispersed to the schools or the students.
195	Lowe	Responds it would be a combination to both.
202	Rep. March	Responds the word non-profit or profit could be taken out.

206	Lowe	Responds research would need to be conducted in regards to the language.
213	Rep. Lim	Inquires how much money goes to public and private institutions.
219	Lowe	Responds she does not know about the past distributions.
226	Rep. Lim	Asks how long the students can receive the fund.
232	Lowe	Responds the Oregon Opportunity Grant is for four-year periods. States eligibility is for eight semesters or 12 quarters.
238	Reinhart	Responds the criteria are for a full-time student working toward a two or four year degree.
242	Rep. Shields	Clarifies that the childcare program can be used in private-for-profit colleges and the change would concur with current law.
248	Reinhart	Clarifies it is a service to the student not the school.
255	Chair Flores	Requests they coordinate with Rep. Dalto and Morgan Cowling in regards to the corrections with the language of HB 2554.
263	Brian Clem	Oregon Student Association. Testifies in support of HB 2554.
292	Julie Suchanek	Oregon Community College Association. Testifies in support of HB 2554. Submits and reads from prepared testimony (EXHIBIT E). Notes that they support the – 1 amendments if the grants for profit organizations were degree granting, Oregon based and if they provided three percent of their own revenue for financial aid.
359	Rep. Roblan	Inquires if the grant process through the Oregon Students Assistance Commission would affect other grant opportunities.
367	Clem	Responds the question will be researched.
374	Rep. Lim	Inquires about the 200 families served and the different quoted amounts by the witnesses.
389	Suchanek	

Responds she used an average nation wide cost and states the grant varies.

- 410 Rep. Roblan Comments that the amount is per family.
- 416 Clem Comments that he will provide a range of grant sizes for informational purposes.
- 482 Jessica Scott Student, Portland State University. Testifies in support of HB 2554. Submit and reads from prepared testimony **(EXHIBIT F)**. Presents the benefits she has personally experienced in regards to the student childcare program.

TAPE 49, B

- 001 Betty Haus American Association of University Women (AUW). Testifies in support if HB 2554. Submits and reads from prepared testimony **(EXHIBIT G)**.
- 028 Marcia Kelley Oregon Woman's Rights Coalition. Testifies in support of HB 2554.
- 077 Chair Flores Closes the public hearing on HB 2544 and adjourns the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. **HB 2554, prepared testimony, Morgan Cowling, 2 pp**
- B. **HB 2554, prepared testimony of Larry Roper, Morgan Cowling, 1 p**
- C. **HB 2554, prepared testimony, Marge Reinhart, 2 pp**
- D. **HB 2554, prepared testimony, Margie Lowe, 1 p**
- E. **HB 2554, prepared testimony, Julie Suchanek, 1 p**
- F. **HB 2554, prepared testimony, Jessica Scott, 1 p**
- G. **HB 2554, prepared testimony, Betty Haus, 1 p**