

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 08, 2005 Hearing Room E

1:00 P.M. Tapes 79 - 80

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. John Dallum, Vice-Chair

Rep. Steve March, Vice-Chair

Rep. John Lim

Rep. Chip Shields

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Linda Flores, Chair

Rep. Debi Farr

Rep. Arnie Roblan

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Keller, Committee Administrator

Kellie Whiting, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 3187 – Public Hearing

HB 3178 – Public Hearing

HB 3185 – Public Hearing

HB 2650 – Public Hearing

HB 2727 – Public Hearing

HB 3164 – Public Hearing

HB 3166 – Public Hearing

HB 3173 – Public Hearing

HB 2989 – Public Hearing

HB 2990 – Public Hearing

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TAPE/# Speaker Comments

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002 Vice-Chair Dallum Calls the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and opens the public hearing on HB 3187 as a sub-committee.

HB 3187 – PUBLIC HEARING

005 Jim Keller Committee Administrator. Explains HB 3187.

015 John Marshall Oregon School Board Association. Submits and presents the merger and boundary change procedure diagram (**EXHIBIT A**). Provides neutral support of HB 3187.

074 Rep. Shields joins the committee and the committee is now a quorum.

081 Marshall Continues to describe the decision-making authority for the Boundary Board.

104 Rep. March Inquires if the diagram is the existing process. Inquires if the Boundary Board gave an objection, could the voters approve it themselves.

106 Marshall Concurs the diagram is current and notes the bill reflects that the voters could not approve it.

114 Dallum Inquires when the last boundary authority was updated.

121 Marshall

Responds significant changes were made in the mid 1980's and modifications were made in 1991 mandating school districts to be unified.

- 132 Rep. Lim Comments in regards to line 11 of HB 3187. Inquires about the definition of impact.
- 139 Marshall Responds it is a finding of the boundary board and would have to state the way in which they view the negative impact.
- 148 Rep. Lim Comments that the bill has veto power.
- 150 Marshall Concurs.
- 154 Larry Glaze Superintendent, Gervais School District. Testifies in support of HB 3187. Shares the findings from the Willamette Education Service District and describes the criteria the boundary change decisions were based on. Comments on the impact on his school district. Comments on the higher tax rates and other negative impacts on the district.
- 255 Glaze Continues to explain the remonstrance process. Comments on the cost of an election on the school district. Comments it does give the Education Service Districts' Boundary Board decision-making authority.
- 284 Rep. March Comment a loss of any value could be considered a negative impact. Inquires the percentage of the total assessed value.
- 290 Glaze Responds less than 10%.
- 304 Rep. March Inquires the percentage of students represented and asks what appeals process would be given to the public.
- 313 Glaze Responds about the opportunity for the public to return and address the issue again.
- 318 Rep. Lim Comments that because of the bill, no district will be able to merge.
- 330 Glaze Recognizes Rep. Lim's point.

363 Michele Paton Teacher, Gervais School District. Submits and reads from prepared testimony (**EXHIBIT B**) in support of HB 3187. Comments on the negative impacts on Gervais School District. Comments upon the passage of HB 3187, the impact on the district would be considered.

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008 Linda Warberg Special Service Director, Gervais School District. Submits and reads prepared testimony (**EXHIBIT C**) in support of HB 3187. Explains the negative impacts without the passage of HB 3187.

040 Deborah Holum Parent, Gervais School District. Testifies in support of HB 3187. Expresses concern over the election process and boundary disputes. Comments on the loss of property the Gervais District endured.

100 Maria Caballero Gervais School Board Member. Testifies in support of HB 3187. Comments on the loss endured and the lack of voice the Willamette Education Service Districts have.

115 Rep. March Inquires if they would consider an equalization of voice.

130 Holum Responds any action is better than none.

138 Ozzie Rose Representing Education Service Districts. Testifies in opposition of HB 3187. Comments on the decision making based on negative funding. Discusses the board's authority.

164 Rep. March Concurs with the issue of negative impacts. Comments on the balancing proposal.

180 Rose Describes the rationale behind the process.

205 Vice-Chair Dallum Closes the public hearing on HB 3187 and opens the public hearing on HB 3178, 3185, 3164 and 3173.

HB 3178, 3185, 3164, 3173 – PUBLIC HEARING

212 Deborah Lincoln Transportation, Department of Education. Submits and describes prepared testimony in opposition of HB 3178, 3185, 3164 and 3173 (**EXHIBIT D**). Comments that removing transportation is not in the best interest of the districts.

- 271 Brain Reader Policy Research Office, Oregon Department of Education. Testifies in opposition of HB 3178, 3185, 3164, and 3173. Speaks about the financial impact of HB 3178, 3185, 3164 and 3173. Comments on the transportation grants and the policy choice to provide resources.
- 342 Michael Shields Transportation Director, Salem/Keizer Schools. Testifies in opposition of HB 3178, 3185, 3164, and 3173. Comments on having a lesser service level in the classrooms. Comments on the impact of reducing service levels for students and the resources. Comments on the attendance factors in regards to not having proper transportation.
- 414 Vice-Chair Dallum Inquires how far a student is walking.
- 416 Shields Responds 1.5 miles.

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- 002 Trisha Smith Oregon Schools Employee Association. Testifies in opposition of HB 3178, 3185, 3164 and 3173. Comments the bills do not assist in efficiency. States adequate transportation assists children getting to school safely.
- 042 Harvey Matthews Associated Oregon Industries (AOI). Submits and reads prepared testimony (**EXHIBIT E**) in opposition HB 3164. Urges the committee to protect rural schools districts upon passage of HB 3164.
- 060 Rep. March Inquires if he opposes HB 3178, 3185 and 3173.
- 061 Matthews Concurs and explains AOI is concerned about the rural school districts.
- 070 Laurie Wimmer-Whelan Relations Consultant, Oregon Education Association. Describes the distribution formula.
- 163 Vice-Chair Dallum Closes the public hearing on HB 3178, 3175, 3164 and 3173. Opens a public hearing on HB 2650, 2727, 3166, 2989 and 2990.

HB 2650, 2727, 3166, 2989, 2990 – PUBLIC HEARING

	Laurie Wimmer - Whelan	Submits prepared testimony (EXHIBIT F) and provides neutral support of HB 2650, 2727, 3166, 2989 and 2990. Describes the Successful Schools Program. Comments on distribution for experienced teachers.
220	Ted Piper	Legislative Assistant for Rep. Betty Komp. Submits and reads from prepared testimony on behalf of Rep. Betty Komp (EXHIBIT G) in support of 2990. Submits and reads from prepared testimony on behalf of Rep. Betty Komp (EXHIBIT H) in support of HB 2989.
290	Trisha Smith	Oregon School Employee Association. Testifies in opposition of HB 2727. States the bill would prohibit school districts to use school fund moneys to support lunch and breakfast programs.
342	Ed Johnston	Speaks in opposition to HB 2727, 2650 and 2990.

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009	Vice - Chair Dallum	Closes the public hearing on HB 2650, 2727, 3166, 2989 and 2990. Adjourns the meeting at 2:30 p.m.
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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. **HB 3187, diagram, John Marshall, 1 p**
- B. **HB 3187, prepared testimony, Michelle Paton, 2 pp**
- C. **HB 3187, prepared testimony, Linda Warberg, 1 p**
- D. **HB 3178, 3185, 3164 and 3173, prepared testimony, Deborah Lincoln, 1 p**
- E. **HB 3164, prepared testimony, Harvey Matthews, 1 p**
- F. **HB 3166, prepared testimony, Laurie Wimmer – Whelan, 2 pp**
- G. **HB 2990, prepared testimony of Rep. Betty Komp, Ted Piper, 1 p**
- H. **HB 2989, prepared testimony of Rep. Betty Komp, Ted Piper, 1 p**