

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

May 11, 2005 Hearing Room E

1:00 P.M. Tapes 107 - 108

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Linda Flores, Chair

Rep. Steve March, Vice-Chair

Rep. Debi Farr

Rep. John Lim

Rep. Arnie Roblan

Rep. Chip Shields

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. John Dallum, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Keller, Committee Administrator

Kellie Whiting, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

SB 755 A – Public Hearing

HB 3053 A – Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 2653 – Public Hearing and Work Session

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TAPE/# Speaker Comments

TAPE 107, A

002 Chair Flores Calls the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and opens the public hearing on SB 755A.

SB 755A - PUBLIC HEARING

005 Senator Vikki Walker Senate District 7. Testifies in support of SB 755A. Explains the bill will open disciplinary records of a school employee convicted of a crime and will remove personally identifiable information of persons affected from abuse or persons who made the report. Comments on the problematic situations and protection for the innocent and the person who made the report. Comments on the release of records of employees without the conviction. Explains the concerns of the -4 amendments (**EXHIBIT A**).

092 Jim Green Oregon School Boards Association. Testifies in support of 755A. Comments on the reports of abuse, the ongoing investigation and the role of law enforcement. Reiterates the concerns of the -4 amendments. Comments on the credibility of the report.

145 Beth Ann-Darby Oregon Education Association. Testifies in support of SB 755A and addresses the concerns over the -4 amendments.

183 Chair Flores Inquires about the disciplinary records and the crimes defined.

200 Sen. Walker Defers the question to Cindy Hunt.

204 Cindy Hunt Senior Deputy, Legislative Council. Responds that if the person were convicted, it would apply.

212 Chair Flores Expresses concern over the reinstatement of convicted persons.

217 Hunt Responds 755A does address convictions and crimes.

222	Sen. Walker	Inquires if misdemeanors are included.
230	Hunt	Responds she is unsure about misdemeanors.
238	Sen. Walker	Responds that if misdemeanors are not included, they can add it.
248	Green	Responds about the bill in which lists the preclusionary crimes and when it was enacted.
272	Rep. March	Clarifies that there is nothing that would hamper mandatory reporting and investigation requirements.
278	Green	Responds he does not believe so.
282	Sen. Walker	Responds protecting investigation efforts are of importance.
300	Chair Flores	Closes the public hearing on SB 755A and opens a public hearing on HB 3053A.

HB 3053A – PUBLIC HEARING

320	Jim Keller	Committee Administrator. Explains HB 3053A.
330	Rep. Betty Komp	House District 22. Submits and reads from prepared testimony in support of HB 3053A (EXHIBIT B) .
381	Col. Mike Caldwell	Deputy Director, Oregon Military Department. Testifies in support of HB 3053A. Refers to line 14 of the bill and explains the intent was to allow guardsmen status to be included.
412	Rep. Komp	Responds about the consistency throughout the bill.
424	Rep. Farr	Comments on the opportunities through the bill.
438	Chair Flores	Inquires about the new definition of the word veteran is encompassed in the bill.

002	Rep. Komp	Responds the new definition will not create conflict.
009	Rep. Lim	Inquires about the limit for high poverty areas.
013	Rep. Komp	Explains it is consistent with federal grant.
026	Chair Flores	Inquires about the lack of process in regards to recovering funds if students do not complete their education and asks if it needs to be addressed in amendments.
031	Rep. Komp	Responds she will contact the needed departments and will provide the information.
040	Karen Chambers	Federal Troops to Teachers Program, Oregon Department of Education (ODE). Responds the Oregon Department of Education is supportive of the idea behind the bill. Comments on the participation and collaboration for funding access.
073	Margie Lowe	Executive Director, Student Assistance Commission. States the commission supports the concept of the bill. Explains the role of the Student Assistance Commission. Explains the intent of the bill and states they see it being operated as a scholarship program.
103	Chambers	Explains that the oversight is done by the Department of Defense for the federal financial assistance portion.
113	Chair Flores	Clarifies that federal program monitors individuals.
114	Chambers	Concurs. States the name Oregon Teacher's Assistance Program already exists within the Department of Education (ODE).
130	Chair Flores	Clarifies that there is already a program within the ODE and HB 3053A is establishing the same program for the Students Assistance Program.
138	Rep. March	Inquires what the differences in programs are.
142	Chambers	Explains the existing program within ODE and the intent of HB 3053A.

162	Rep. Komp	Responds the major difference is that the program within HB 3053 is in support of the younger veterans having stability.
178	Rep. Roblan	Responds there is no accountability for not finishing the program.
187	Lowe	Responds the program can operate as a scholarship program or a loan forgiveness program.
204	Rep. Farr	Recalls the veteran would have to sign a contract to fulfill the program or pay back the given funds.
213	Rep. Komp	Concurs.
221	Chair Flores	Closes the public hearing on HB 3053 and opens a work session on HB 3053A.

HB 3053A – WORK SESSION

239	Rep. March	Comments on the appropriate venue for the bill.
260	Rep. Farr	Responds about the budget committee.
283	Chair Flores	Comments on the discussion needed.
294	Rep. March	MOTION: Moves HB 3053A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on BUDGET.
298		VOTE: 6-0-2
		AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
		EXCUSED: 2 - Dallum, Shields
	Chair Flores	The motion CARRIES.
311	Chair Flores	Closes the work session on HB 3053A. Opens a public hearing on HB 2653.

HB 2653 – PUBLIC HEARING

314 Jim Keller Explains HB 2653 and refers to the -1 amendment (**EXHIBIT C**).

333 Rep. Lim Explains the -1 amendment.

358 Chair Flores Closes the public hearing on HB 2653 and opens the work session on HB 2653.

HB 2653 – WORK SESSION

362 Rep. Lim **MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2653-1 amendments dated 5/9/05.**

365 **VOTE: 6-0-2**

EXCUSED: 2 - Dallum, Shields

Chair Flores **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

379 Rep. Lim **MOTION: Moves HB 2653 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Revenue by prior reference.**

398 Rep. Farr Explains she will give a courtesy vote.

420 Rep. March Concurr.

TAPE 107, B

002 Rep. Roblan Comments on the costs of the tests and explains he will give a courtesy vote.

007 **VOTE: 6-0-2**

AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.

EXCUSED: 2 - Dallum, Shields

Chair Flores **The motion CARRIES.**

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Chair Flores

Closes the work session on HB 2653 and adjourns the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. **SB 755A, -4 amendments, staff, 2 pp**
- B. **HB 3053A, prepared testimony, Rep. Betty Komp, 2 pp**
- C. **HB 2653, -1 amendment, staff, 1 p**