

## **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**June 1, 2005 Hearing Room E**

**1:00 P.M. Tapes 120 - 121**

**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:**

**SB 342A – Public Hearing**

**SB 48 – Public Hearing**

**SB 52A – Public Hearing and Work Session**

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
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TAPE 120, A

**SB 342A – PUBLIC HEARING**

005	Jim Keller	Committee Administrator. Explains SB 342A.
020	Andrea Henderson	Oregon Community College Association. Submits and refers to the prepared testimony in support of SB 342A ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ). Provides the history of SB 342A. Explains that SB 342A requires the removal of barriers that students encounter as they transfer among educational institutions. Notes that the bill requires community colleges and universities to continue collaborative efforts to implement a seamless articulation and transfer system that will benefit students.
071	Rep. Roblan	Asks for the percentages of courses that currently do not transfer.
075	Henderson	Responds that she does not know the exact percentage, responds about the students who transfer successfully and notes that there is room for improvements.
080	Rep. Roblan	Inquires if there are always courses that will not be transferred.
085	Henderson	Responds there are courses that will not transfer.
090	Rep. Lim	Inquires if the policy includes international students.
092	Henderson	Responds the focus is for students within the state of Oregon.
095	Chair Flores	Speaks to the amendments regarding reporting requirements for the interim.
104	Cam Preus-Braly	Commissioner, Community College. Speaks to the language of the bill and the conversations with the Legislative Fiscal Office.
123	Chair Flores	Closes the public hearing on SB 342A and opens a public hearing on SB 48.

## **SB 48 – PUBLIC HEARING**

125	Jim Keller	Committee Administrator. Explains SB 48.
140	Keith Menk	Deputy Director, Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). Submits and explains prepared testimony in support of SB 48 ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ). Describes the three changes made to the TSPC statutes with the passage of the bill.
193	Rep. Roblan	Comments on the removal of teachers whose licenses has been suspended for failure to give 60 days notice from the annually published discipline list. Inquires if the bill gives the decision-making responsibility to TSPC.
198	Menk	Clarifies that the decision is still with the school districts to decide to report it to TSPC, TSPC will still process it, but it will not automatically compel TSPC from putting the teacher on the list.
210	Rep. Dallum	Comments on the reviews conducted after seeing a teacher on the national list.
218	Menk	Responds if a persons name appears on the national list, TSPC will review them anyway.
223	Rep. Dallum	Inquires about the review of the names on the list and reasons for being on the national list.
236	Menk	Responds the school districts should know why the name is on the list as well as do reference checks. Explains the process and obligations for review, notification and appropriate action when a person is listed. Comments on the judgment the districts use in regards to reporting and decision-making.
274	Rep. Dallum	Inquires about the center for the process.
287	Beth Ann Darby	Oregon Education Association. States although there is flexibility for the districts to report when a teacher leaves within 60 days, there are discrepancies between school districts. Comments on the appeal process and the timeframe for resolution.
341	Rep. Roblan	Inquires about the teachers loosing licenses for leaving 60 days early.

360	Jim Green	Oregon School Boards Association. Responds about the district's decision to report, the ability to remove the license and the appeal process.
375	Menk	Responds about the process and jurisdiction for taking action on a teacher's license.
394	Chair Flores	Closes the public hearing on SB 48 and opens a public hearing on SB 52A.

### **SB 52A – PUBLIC HEARING**

410	Keith Menk	Deputy Director, Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of SB 52A <b>(EXHIBIT C)</b> . Explains the action and due process taken on teachers licenses.
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### **TAPE 121, A**

006	Chair Flores	Clarifies that the rather than referring to the Office of Administrative Hearings, to be signed to a administrative law judge, the duties are being transferred to TSPC and asks if it is expanding the scope and authority of TSPC.
012	Menk	Responds he does not believe it does. Responds the commission already conducts hearings on issues around disciplines and licensure.
016	Chair Flores	Closes the public hearing on SB 52A and opens a work session on SB 52A.

### **SB 52A – WORK SESSION**

020	Rep. Shields	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 52A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
025	Rep. Lim	Inquires about the number of past instances in which teachers have not been able to give 60 days notice, prior to leaving employment.
032	Darby	Responds less than 20 instances, according to a chart from TSPC and four or five instances were appealed.

040	Rep. Lim	Inquires if the persons did not know of the 60 days notice requirement.
044	Darby	Responds there are reasons for not giving notice in the 60 days, but the 60 days notice is a part of the collective bargaining agreements and contracts.
055	Rep. Shields	<b>Withdraws motion.</b>
060	Chair Flores	Accepts the withdrawal of Rep. Shield's motion. States there is more information needed and states the issue will be brought back on Friday, June 3, 2005. Closes the work session on SB 52A and adjourns the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

#### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

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- A. SB 342A, prepared testimony, Andrea Henderson, 1 p
- B. SB 48, prepared testimony, Keith Menk, 2 pp
- C. SB 52A, prepared testimony, Keith Menk, 1 p