

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 2070

August 5, 2005 Hearing Room C
2:00 A.M. Tape 1

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Tom Butler, Chair**
 Rep. Deborah Boone
 Rep. Susan Morgan
 Sen. Kate Brown
 Sen. Margaret Carter
 Sen. David Nelson

STAFF PRESENT: **Jim Keller, Committee Administrator**
 Kellie Whiting, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:
 HB 2070 – Work Session

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| TAPE 1, A | | |
| 002 | Chair Butler | Calls the meeting to order at 2:11 a.m. and asks Jeff Gilmore, Justin Martin and Julia Edwards to come forward and testify. |
| <u>HB 2070 – WORK SESSION</u> | | |
| 014 | Julia Edwards | Former Portland School Board Member. Testifies in support of HB 2070. |
| 035 | Justin Martin | Representing Portland Public Schools. Provides background of the bill and it's effect on Portland Public Schools. Testifies in support of HB 2070. |
| 063 | Chair Butler | Asks Steve Myer to come forward. |
| 067 | Steve Myer | Legislative Revenue. Provides background of the bill. Explains the gap bond rate. |
| 089 | Chair Butler | Inquires if the school board went with a local option. |
| 091 | Edwards | Explains why the school board did not go with the local option. |
| 098 | Chair Butler | Inquires about the authority from the legislature to allow the continuance of the 5.27 rate. |
| 100 | Myer | Concurs. Explains the rate. |
| 116 | Chair Butler | Inquires why the local request was not dealt with. |
| 122 | Edwards | Responds about the items on the ballot, the election and the difficulties for the voters. |
| 126 | Chair Butler | Inquires about previous legislation. |
| 132 | Edwards | Responds about the bond measure not placed on the ballot and the anticipated shortfalls. |
| 159 | Chair Butler | Inquires about the shortfall including the gap bonds. |
| 160 | Martin | Explains what the shortfall includes. Comments on the intent of the HB 2070. |

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| 178 | Chair Butler | Asks for an explanation of the plan and inquires about the decision to not extend the plan. |
| 184 | Martin | Responds about the difficult decisions made and the alternatives being addressed. |
| 203 | Edwards | Comments on the strategy of the labor agreements. |
| 246 | Chair Butler | Inquires about the additional tax revenues and resources going into the Portland school system. |
| 254 | Myers | Responds about the additional formula revenue. |
| 257 | Chair Butler | Inquires if any other school has the magnitude of having this type of revenue. |
| 260 | Myers | Responds at least two other school districts have above what the formula would allocate to them. |
| 270 | Sen. Vicki Walker | Senate District 7. Testifies in support of HB 2070. |
| 298 | Sen. Brown | Asks what the total budget is for Portland public schools. |
| 300 | Edwards | Responds approximately 390 million. |
| 304 | Sen. Brown | Inquires about the number of schoolchildren. |
| 307 | Edwards | Responds approximately 48 thousand. |
| 315 | Sen. Brown | Inquires about the number of languages spoken within the districts and the percentage of special needs students. |
| 320 | Edwards | Responds about the special needs students and the different languages spoken. |
| 325 | Sen. Brown | Asks if it is correct that the bill does not increase property taxes. |
| 330 | Edwards | Responds it does not and notes that some will see decreases. |
| 340 | Chair Butler | Closes the work session on HB 2070 and adjourns the meeting at 2:30 a.m. |

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

None submitted.