

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

March 09, 2005
3:00 P.M.

Hearing Room D
Tapes 44 - 45

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Vicki Walker, Chair
Sen. Charles Starr, Vice-Chair
Sen. Jeff Kruse

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sen. Ryan Deckert
Sen. Bill Morrisette

STAFF PRESENT: Marjorie Taylor, Committee Administrator
Dawn Tuso, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

Community College and Workforce Issues - Informational Meeting
SB 85 - Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 187 - Public Hearing
SB 394 - Public Hearing and Work Session
SCR 5 - Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 575 - Public Hearing
SB 543 - Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 44, A		
005	Chair Walker	Calls meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Meets as a subcommittee. Opens informational meeting on community college and workforce issues.
<u>COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND WORKFORCE ISSUES – INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
018	Andrea Henderson	Executive Director, Oregon Community College Association. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT A). Gives overview of the Community College Association.
030	Cam Preus-Braly	Commissioner for Community Colleges and Director, Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. Refers to (EXHIBIT A) and discusses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who we are• New economy - 21st century jobs high skill – high wages• Fastest growing jobs require some education beyond high school• Completion versus attrition
077	Sen. C. Starr	Asks how well the cohort is being followed. Asks if it is the same cohort.
084	Preus-Braly	Responds.
095	Preus-Braly	Continues discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oregon must raise the bar• High learning = high earning
110	Henderson	Discusses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community colleges deliver on dreams and opportunities• We are responsive
144	Sen. C. Starr	Asks for clarification on what the FTE is related to.
147	Henderson	Says that FTE is a full time equivalent. Explains.
155	Henderson	Continues discussion on:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon’s Community Colleges and satellite campuses – We are everywhere • Community colleges serve students of all ages • Enrollment varies for community college students • What is happening with funding • What is happening with access • What has been happening with enrollment • OCCA legislative priorities • Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development Mission
231	Chair Walker	Asks about capitol construction.
236	Henderson	Talks about capitol construction.
249	Chair Walker	Asks if the projects had to show that they could pass a bond levy.
251	Henderson	Replies yes and explains.
267	Preus-Braly	Discusses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Workforce Boards • WorkSource Oregon • WorkSource Oregon regions and one-stop centers
324	Chair Walker	Asks if they charge a fee to businesses who use the services.
326	Preus-Braly	Replies no and explains.
353	Chair Walker	Explains scenario of how the WorkSource would be used.
362	Preus-Braly	Replies yes.
373	Preus-Braly	Continues discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who manages WorkSource Oregon • WorkSource for business • WorkSource for workers
TAPE 45, A		
005	Preus-Braly	Continues discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services delivered: 2003-2004
017	Susan Wolff	Dean of Instruction, Columbia Gorge Community College. Submits editorial opinion article (EXHIBIT B). Discusses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinch us, we’re dreaming • Economic vitality • Contact information
080	Chair Walker	Comments on the editorial (EXHIBIT B). Announces that the subcommittee is now a full committee.
092	Chair Walker	Closes informational meeting and opens public hearing on SB 85.
<u>SB 85 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
095	Marjorie Taylor	Committee Administrator. Gives overview of SB 85.
100	Cam Preus-Braly	Commissioner for Community Colleges and Director, Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. Testifies in support of SB 85. Explains that SB 85 is the same as SB 272 from the 2003 session except for a few changes. Explains the changes. Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 85.
130	Chair Walker	
<u>SB 85 – WORK SESSION</u>		
136	Sen. C. Starr	MOTION: Moves SB 85 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 3-0-2
		EXCUSED: 2 - Sen. Deckert, Sen. Morrisette
	Chair Walker	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. KRUSE will lead discussion on the floor.

146	Chair Walker	Closes work session and opens public hearing on SB 187.
<u>SB 187 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
148	Marjorie Taylor	Committee Administrator. Gives overview of SB 187.
150	Cam Preus-Braly	Commissioner for Community Colleges and Director, Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. Testifies in support of SB 187. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT C).
165	Gwen Harvey	Chair, Oregon Workforce Investment Board. Testifies in support of SB 187.
210	Sen. Kruse	Asks what number is required for membership.
212	Harvey	Explains that it is a representation with a majority of business.
215	Sen. Kruse	Says that 41 members is an unmanageable number for a board.
216	Harvey	Continues testimony on SB 187. Mentions support for proposed amendments.
251	Chair Walker	Talks about a bill in the Rules Committee regarding executive appointments. Asks Harvey’s opinion regarding members of the workforce board being subject to Senate confirmation.
270	Harvey	Responds.
283	Chair Walker	Agrees.
293	Chair Walker	Asks Preus-Braly if she has amendments or if she is currently drafting them.
295	Preus-Braly	Says that she has not submitted amendments yet. Talks about the proposed amendments and how SB 187 would be changed.
325	Chair Walker	Asks Preus-Braly to have amendments drafted and to bring them back to the committee.
330	Chair Walker	Closes public hearing on SB 187 and opens public hearing on SB 394.
<u>SB 394 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
335	Marjorie Taylor	Committee Administrator. Gives overview of SB 394. States that SB 394 has a subsequent referral to the Revenue Committee.
350	Sen. Ben Westlund	Represents Senate District 27. Testifies in support of SB 394.
TAPE 44, B		
005	Sen. Westlund	Continues testimony in support of SB 394.
040	Kaelyn Smith	Central Oregon Community College graduate. Testifies in support of SB 394. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT D).
080	Chair Walker	Asks what state offers a tax credit.
082	Smith	Replies Colorado. Says that they now have a voucher program instead of a tax credit.
089	Rachel Nolin	Student, Central Oregon Community College. Testifies in support of SB 394. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT E).
125	Chair Walker	Comments on Nolin’s testimony.
144	Tammy Chappell	Student, Central Oregon Community College. Testifies in support of SB 394. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT F).
184	Ryan Swearingen	Graduate Student, Portland State University. Testifies in support of SB 394. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT G).
220	Linda Swearingen	Resident, Redmond. Testifies in support of SB 394.
240	Chair Walker	Comments on Ryan Swearingen’s testimony. Talks about tax credit availability. Says she is prepared to move SB 394 to the Revenue committee.
The following prepared testimony is submitted for the record without public testimony:		
	Debbie Griffith	Student, Central Oregon Community College. Submits written testimony on SB 394 (EXHIBIT H).
260	Chair Walker	Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 394.
<u>SB 394 – WORK SESSION</u>		
264	Sen. C. Starr	MOTION: Moves SB 394 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Revenue.
267	Sen. Kruse	Feels that an income test is not necessary.
280	Sen. C. Starr	Talks about restriction regarding the credit not exceeding the tax liability of the student who is receiving the credit. Feels that it is appropriate.

		Supports SB 394.
		VOTE: 3-0-2
		EXCUSED: 2 - Sen. Deckert, Sen. Morrisette
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		Closes work session and opens public hearing on SCR 5.
290	Chair Walker	
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	<u>SCR 5 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>	
303	Marjorie Taylor	Committee Administrator. Gives overview of SCR 5.
309	Sen. Richard Devlin	Represents Senate District 19. Testifies in support of SCR 5.
378	Sen. Kruse	Supports SCR 5.
395	Sen. C. Starr	Supports SCR 5.
417	Chair Walker	Closes public hearing on SCR 5 and opens a work session on SCR 5.
	<u>SCR 5 – WORK SESSION</u>	
420	Sen. C. Starr	MOTION: Moves SCR 5 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
		VOTE: 3-0-2
		EXCUSED: 2 - Sen. Deckert, Sen. Morrisette
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. DEVLIN will lead discussion on the floor.
	Chair Walker	
	TAPE 45, B	
005	Chair Walker	Closes work session and opens public hearing on SB 575.
	<u>SB 575 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>	
007	Marjorie Taylor	Committee Administrator. Gives overview of SB 575.
013	Sen. Richard Devlin	Represents Senate District 19. Testifies in support of SB 575.
079	Chair Walker	Mentions letter received regarding the suggestive change mentioned.
084	Sen. Devlin	Believes the issues are not partisan issues.
092	Chair Walker	Asks for amendments.
094	Sen. Devlin	Requests a few weeks to bring amendments back to the committee.
110	Karl Jorgenson	Oregon Military Department. Testifies in support of SB 575. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT I).
141	Lisa Zavala	Oregon University System. Testifies in support of SB 575.
173	Andrea Henderson	Oregon Community College Association. Testifies in support of SB 575. Mentions amendment request to SB 575.
185	Chair Walker	Closes public hearing on SB 575 and opens a public hearing on SB 543.
	<u>SB 543 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>	
190	Marjorie Taylor	Committee Administrator. Gives overview of SB 543.
200	Sean Cruz	Legislative Aide, Sen. Avel Gordly. Testifies in support of SB 543. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT J).
250	Karl Jorgenson	Oregon Military Department. Testifies in support of SB 543. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT K). Asks for an amendment to SB 543.
290	Sen. Kruse	Asks when a person technically becomes a veteran.
295	Jorgenson	Explains.
313	Taylor	Says that the most significant change SB 543 makes is that it adds veterans to the individuals eligible to receive in-state tuition.
332	Andrea Henderson	Oregon Community College Association. Testifies in support of SB 543. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT L).
353	Chair Walker	Asks Cruz if he is aware of the amendment that was suggested today. Asks if Sen. Gordly is in agreement with the amendment.
350	Sean Cruz	Says that he was aware of the proposed amendment and that Sen. Gordly is in agreement with the amendment.
361	Sen. C. Starr	Comments on SB 543.
390	Chair Walker	Closes public hearing on SB 543 and adjourns meeting at 5:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. **Community Colleges and Workforce Issues, PowerPoint handout, Andrea Henderson, 30 pp**
- B. **Community Colleges and Workforce Issues, Susan Wolff, editorial article, 1 p**
- C. **SB 187, written testimony, Cam Preus-Braly, 1 p**

- D. **SB 394, written testimony, Kaelyn Smith, 1 p**
- E. **SB 394, written testimony, Rachel Nolin, 1 p**
- F. **SB 394, written testimony, Tammy Chappell, 1 p**
- G. **SB 394, written testimony, Ryan Swearingen, 1 p**
- H. **SB 394, written testimony, Debbie Griffith, 1 p**
- I. **SB 575, written testimony, Karl Jorgenson, 2 pp**
- J. **SB 543, written testimony, Sean Cruz, 2 pp**
- K. **SB 543, written testimony, Karl Jorgenson, 2 pp**
- L. **SB 543, written testimony, Andrea Henderson, 1 p**