

**SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BUDGET – 2005 SESSION
EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

TAPE LOG

Date: May 24, 2005
Tapes: 4B, 5A

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Tape / Counter	Speaker	Comments
Members Present: Senator Devlin, chair; Senators Gordly, Nelson, Walker, Whitsett, Members Excused:		
TAPE 4B		
003	Chair Devlin	<p>Calls the meeting to order at 3:00. Opens a Work Session on SB 5592 – Health Licensing Office - Fee Bill.</p> <p>SB 5592 – HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE – FEE BILL</p> <p>WORK SESSION</p> <p>(Refer to HB 5035 for prior Exhibits).</p>
007	Deborah Manthe, Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO)	<p>Discusses the Health Licensing Office – Fee Bill. Refers to (Exhibit #1, Memorandum from Deborah Manthe, LFO Budget Analyst, dated May 24, 2005). Explains that LFO recommends the fees be ratified and that SB 5592 be amended accordingly. (Exhibit #2, Senate Bill 5592).</p>
025	Chair Devlin	<p>Asks if the agency has any comments. Confirms that they are in agreement with the adjustments being ratified.</p> <p>Asks for any questions from the committee. Indicates he barely has a quorum.</p>
036	Chair Devlin	Agrees to accept a motion.
039	Sen. Gordly	MOVES approval of the LFO recommendation.
042	Chair Devlin	<p>Vote: 3 – 0 – 2</p> <p>Ayes: Senators Devlin, Gordly, Whitsett.</p> <p>Exc.: Senators Nelson, Walker</p> <p>Hearing no objections, declares the motion CARRIED.</p>
043	Sen. Gordly	MOVES SB 5592, be Amended, and reported out Do Pass as amended.
045	Chair Devlin	<p>Vote: 3 – 0 – 2</p> <p>Ayes: Senators Devlin, Gordly, Whitsett.</p> <p>Exc.: Senators Nelson, Walker</p> <p>Hearing no objections, declares the motion CARRIED.</p> <p>Opens a hearing on SB 5591 – Health Licensing Office.</p>
049	Deborah Manthe	<p>Refers to (Exhibit #3, Memorandum from Deborah Manthe relating to SB 5591), (Exhibit #4, Health Licensing Office, Work Session Action Report), and (Exhibit #5, Legislatively Adopted Performance Measures, 2005-07). Reviews Package 801, Legislative Fiscal Office Technical Adjustments. Comments on Package 802, Ways and Means Adjustments. Discusses Policy Package 090, Smart Buy Savings indicating that LFO is recommending approval of the package. (Exhibit #6, SB 5591).</p>

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SB 5591 – HEALTH LICENSING OFFICE		
WORK SESSION		
071	Chair Devlin	Opens a Work Session on SB 5591. (Refer to HB 5034 for prior Exhibits)
073	Deborah Manthe	Discusses Package 101 indicating that LFO is recommending approval. Also discusses Package 102. Explains that LFO is recommending approval of the package.
085	Deborah Manthe	Covers package 103, National Testing Contract. Explains that LFO recommends approval.
093	Deborah Manthe	Discusses the next two packages, 201 and 202.
105	Chair Devlin	Notes that 70% of the fees for the Health Licensing office come from cosmetologists.
108	Sen. Gordly	MOVES approval of the LFO recommendation.
111	Chair Devlin	Asks for any discussion.
112	Sen. Whitsett	Asks in Package 101 whether the 3 individuals will receive a \$5,000 a year salary increase.
115	Deborah Manthe	Replies that it represents 24 months worth of expenditures.
118	Sen. Whitsett	Confirms about \$5,000 a year increase.
120	Chair Devlin	Responds in total compensation it would be.
121	Sen. Whitsett	Asks if it is total or in salary increase.
123	Chair Devlin	Responds in total.
125	Sen. Whitsett	Asks about increasing the exam fee by 150% in Package 103.
126	Deborah Manthe	Agrees that it is correct and indicates that it represents the cost from the National Organization to receive the test and the agency is passing it along to the licensee.
131	Sen. Whitsett	Discusses how it looks like from an outsider looking in.
134	Chair Devlin	Asks if the director wants to comment.
137	Deborah Manthe	Explains that the budget officer is here.
139	Ronald Riggs, Fiscal Division Manager for the Health Licensing Office.	Responds that it does represent in percentage of 150% and believes it is from \$15 to \$25 in real terms. Discusses the advantage it gives to practitioners.
146	Sen. Whitsett	Asks if it will give reciprocity to all the states that use the same test.
148	Ronald Riggs	Replies about 31 states use the same test.
150	Sen. Whitsett	Comments on package 202 and confirms that they are ratifying something that has already been done.
153	Chair Devlin	Agrees.
154	Deborah Manthe	Explains that they notified the previous legislature that they would have to increase fees.
156	Sen. Whitsett	Clarifies that the previous legislature authorized them to raise the fees.
161	Chair Devlin	Vote: 4 – 0 – 1

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		Ayes: Senators Devlin, Gordly, Walker, Whitsett. Exc.: Senator Nelson Hearing no objections, declares the motion CARRIED .
163	Deborah Manthe	Moves to the Performance Measures. Asks for direction from the chair on how he would like her to proceed.
168	Chair Devlin	Asks her to high-light some of the issues.
172	Deborah Manthe	Discusses the recommended deletions and additions referring to page 3 and 4 in Exhibit #3.
183	Chair Devlin	Agrees to accept a motion.
185	Sen. Gordly	MOVES approval of the LFO recommendation.
187	Chair Devlin	Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 Ayes: Senators Devlin, Gordly, Walker, Whitsett. Exc.: Senator Nelson Hearing no objections, declares the motion CARRIED .
189	Sen. Gordly	MOVES SB 5591 be amended and reported out Do Pass as Amended.
192	Chair Devlin	Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 Ayes: Senators Devlin, Gordly, Walker, Whitsett. Exc.: Senator Nelson Hearing no objections, declares the motion CARRIED .
209	Chair Devlin	Opens a Public Hearing on SB 467. SB 467 – SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAMS
210	Ken Rocco, Legislative Fiscal Office	Discusses SB 467 – Relating to Summer Lunch Programs. Refers to (Exhibit #7, Staff Measure Summary) . Provides a summary of the bill explaining that reimbursement is at 5 cents per meal. Comments on a similar bill that was passed last session, SB 287. Indicates that it was a policy package in the Dept. of Education's agency request budget but wasn't included in the Governor's budget. (Exhibit #8, Senate Bill 467) .
235	Sen. Walker	Asks Mr. Rocco to repeat that and confirms that the agency had it in their budget but the Governor didn't have it in his recommended budget.
237	Ken Rocco	Agrees she is correct.
238	Chair Devlin	Clarifies that the agency listed it but the Governor chose not to actually fund it. Believes that the House will find the resources to fund the package.
252	Sen. Walker	Indicates that the bill came out of her committee. Quotes Ms. Lowe saying in the past "Hunger doesn't take a vacation and the heaviest month of the food bank is in July because kids have no place to eat".
262	Chair Devlin	Calls. Rep. Farr forward to testify.
267	Representative Debi Farr, District #14	Testifies in support of SB 467. Indicates that there are a lot of dumb ways to save money but not feeding kids is about the dumbest.
287	Chair Devlin	Calls the next speaker forward to testify.

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291	Phillip Kennedy-Wong, Representing Ecumenical Ministries	Testifies in support of SB 467 because it benefits hungry children during the summer months. Indicates he has a list of 486 schools that have more than 50% of their children that are eligible for free or reduced lunch. Urges their support of SB 467. (Exhibit #9, Schools with greater than 50% Free and Reduced Eligibility).
326	Patti Whitney-Wise, Director for the Oregon Hunger Relief Taskforce	Explains that the bill builds on a bill that was passed last session that provided money for the highest need summer food sites. Explains that many school districts have a hard time providing the food in the summer and need additional financial help. Comments about the 5 cent boost. Urges their support of the bill.
349	Chair Devlin	Thanks them for their comments. Calls the next two speakers forward.
355	Ellen Lowe, Legislative Advocate for the Oregon Food Bank	Agrees that hunger doesn't take a vacation. Makes a few brief remarks and discusses the summer being a time of real need. Indicates that it isn't just food that isn't available to the children but is also supervision. Encourages them to get SB 467 on its way.
400	Tina Kotek, Children First for Oregon, Policy Director	Refers to (Exhibit #10, Testimony of Tina Kotek) . 0-Hopes to get the bill out before the summer. Explains that the bill is about public and private partnership. Urges them to quickly move the bill out.
428	Sen. Whitsett	Asks what the threshold is for free or reduced lunches in the school.

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003	Tina Kotek	Responds for free it is 130% of the federal poverty level and reduced is 185%.
007	Sen. Whitsett	Questions that 200% of the poverty level is living in a home where they don't know where their next meal is coming from.
009	Tina Kotek	Indicates many of the homes are food insecure.
015	Sen. Gordly	Thanks her for her testimony. Asks about the faith-based component which she finds very compelling. Asks what it will look like in our communities this summer. Doesn't see any faith-based organizations on the list.
030	Tina Kotek	Explains why they see mostly school districts and large nonprofits on the list because it is difficult to run. Indicates that smaller faith based groups find it a real challenge to run financially. Explains the bill will help the programs to continue to operate.
035	Ellen Lowe	Replies that she is aware that when she was more involved in the faith-based community than she is now that there were congregations that provided lunches. Explains it would be a combination program with the church and volunteers working with the recreation program.
040	Phillip Kennedy-Wong	Explains that they are looking at ways they can partner with the hunger taskforce. Comments that Redeemer Lutheran Church in NW Portland has a base of volunteers. Believes it would be a great opportunity to bring people together in a neighborhood setting.
067	Chair Devlin	Asks if there is anyone else that wishes to testify. Closes the public hearing on SB 467.

Opens a work session on SB 467.

SB 467 – WORK SESSION

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		Agrees he would accept a motion.
071	Sen. Gordly	Asks where he wants to move the bill.
072	Chair Devlin	Responds to the Full Committee.
073	Ken Rocco	Agrees and then confirms the Senate Special Committee on Budget.
075	Sen. Gordly	MOVES SB 467 to the Senate Special Committee on Budget with a Do Pass recommendation.
080	Sen. Walker	Comments that they had a good hearing on this bill. Indicates that they are just adding the 5 cents. Discusses SB 287 from last session. Explains that the goal of this bill was to expand that bill. Indicates that it is a lot of schools in Oregon that serve free or reduced meals. Comments on the poverty level.
104	Sen. Whitsett	Indicates it would be a lot less than minimum wage.
105	Sen. Walker	Comments about a chart being available.
107	Chair Devlin	Agrees that he has seen the charts before.
110	Sen. Walker	Indicates that it is 130% of federal poverty level and is still very low income. Believes that the bill is doing something for hunger in the state.
118	Chair Devlin	Confirms that she has concluded her statements.
120	Sen. Walker	Agrees.
121	Chair Devlin	Comments on the number of school children in Oregon that has greatly increased.
127	Sen. Walker	Indicates that the additional 5 cents a lunch can serve more than 3 million more lunches.
130	Sen. Gordly	Asks how quickly that SB 467 can be moved through the process.
133	Chair Devlin	Indicates that he expects it can be moved out today and could be on the agenda on Friday. It then could hit the Senate floor sometime next week. Believes Rep. Farr will try to get the House to expedite it as well.
141	Sen. Nelson	Notes that he supports the bill and comments about 4 out of 10 of our children being on the poverty level.
144	Chair Devlin	Vote: 5 – 0 – 0 Ayes: Senators Devlin, Gordly, Nelson, Walker, Whitsett. Hearing no objections, declares the motion CARRIED . Discusses the needed carriers. Explains that they need a Ways and Means person to carry it to the floor for the financials.
156	Ken Rocco	Agrees to make that happen.
158	Chair Devlin	Informs of the holiday on Monday. Lists the budgets that remain to be heard by the committee. Believes the Dept. of Education will be the next bill that they attempt to move but doesn't believe it will be next week. Adjourns the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Additional Exhibit:

Exhibit #11 – Witness Registration Sheet