SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BUDGET – 2005 SESSION EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

TAPE LOG

Date: June 6, 2005 Tapes: 6B, 7B, 8A

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	Members Present: Senator Devlin, chair; Senators Gordly, Nelson, Walker, Whitsett,	
	Members Excused:	
TAPE 6B		
003	Chair Devlin	Calls the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Opens a Work Session on SB 5543 – Department of Education – Operations and Grant-In-Aid. (Exhibit #1, Senate Bill 5543).
SB 5543 – DI WORK SESS		UCATION – OPERATIONS AND GRANT-IN-AID
008	Sue MacGlashan, Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO)	Refers to (Exhibit #2, Memorandum from Sue MacGlashan dated June 6 & 7, 2005), (Exhibit #3, Work Session Action Report). Points out that Exhibit 3 starts with page 3 of 16 and comments on the missing pages which have to do with the State School Fund which they aren't considering today.
022	Sue MacGlashan	Explains the different units within the agency's budget.
		Reviews the Department Operations unit, Package 090: Analyst Adjustments.
043	Sue MacGlashan	Reviews Package 095: CNIC: Participating Agency.
053	Sen. Whitsett	Comments on Package 090 and asks what the FTE reduction reflects.
057	Sue MacGlashan	Responds that it is a reduction from the last biennium.
059	Sue MacGlashan	Reviews Package 102: Pre K – 12 Integrated Data Systems. Discusses the LFO recommendation which is to remove the package from the agency's budget and establish a special purpose appropriation in the Emergency Fund.
076	Chair Devlin	Understands that this is a relatively normal thing to occur.
080	Sen. Whitsett	Asks what the reduction reflects.
084	Sue MacGlashan	Responds that the adopted budget would show a reduction or incorporate the reduction of 1.8 million dollars and then elaborates.
093	Chair Devlin	Clarifies that this is not the cuts that were identified in the Senate and House version.
		Explains that they will take one motion for all of the packages within each division.
105	Sue MacGlashan	Reviews Package 108: Agency Reorganization.
117	Sue MacGlashan	Covers Package 801: LFO Analyst Adjustments.
126	Sen. Nelson	Comments on the attorney general's rate reduction which is from the Governor's budget. Notes that it actually reflects an increase from where they are now.
132	Sue MacGlashan	Clarifies that all the adjustments are from the Governor's proposed budget.

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134	Sen. Whitsett	Asks for a clarification on the attorney general's rate.
135	Chair Devlin	Responds \$98.
136	Sue MacGlashan	Reviews Package 811: Special Budget Committee Adjustments #1.
138	Sue MacGlashan	Provides a wrap up of the Department Operations unit.
154	Sue MacGlashan	Reviews the Special Schools unit discussing Package 090: Analyst Adjustments.
162	Sue MacGlashan	Reviews Package 801: LFO Analyst Adjustments.
169	Sen. Walker	Comments about the attorney general rate and asks if the Governor increased it and now it is being lowered.
176	Chair Devlin	Responds yes and then elaborates.
183	Sen. Gordly	Comments that the \$111 rate reflects a result in the Ways and Means Public Safety process when they were a joint committee and also reflects the Senate version of the attorney general rate.
191	Sue MacGlashan	Wraps up the Special Schools unit.
201	Sen. Whitsett	Comments about the number of kids that don't live on campus at the School for the Deaf. Questions the need for 157 FTE when they serve only 179 students.
221	Chair Devlin	Responds that the students have very special needs. Comments on the budget note that actually asks the Dept. of Education to look at merging the two schools and contracting out the operation of the schools to another institution like an ESD.
230	Sen. Whitsett	Believes that it will perhaps be helpful. Understands that many of the students have multiple disabilities at the School for the Blind. Doesn't believe that is the case at the School for the Deaf.
241	Chair Devlin	Asks if he would like the department to respond.
243	Vickie Fleming, Deputy Superintendent, ODE	Responds that it is why they are happy to cooperate with the budget note. Discusses her understanding of some of the residential costs.
272	Sue MacGlashan	Moves to page 8 of 16 in Exhibit #3 reviewing the Youth Corrections Educational Program, Package 090: Analyst Adjustments.
298	Sue MacGlashan	Covers Package 801: LFO Analyst Adjustments.
321	Sue MacGlashan	Moves to page 10 of 16 in Exhibit #3.
324	Chair Devlin	Asks Ms. MacGlashan to high-light the differences between the House and Senate versions as she proceeds.
326	Sue MacGlashan	Agrees. Continues her discussion regarding the Grant – In – Aid unit, covering Package 090: Analyst Adjustments.
340	Chair Devlin	Clarifies that they are restoring 11 million dollars.
343	Sue MacGlashan	Agrees and provides the specifics regarding the restoration of \$11 million to the Oregon Pre-Kindergarten program.
374	Sen. Nelson	Asks about the SMART program.
378	Sue MacGlashan	Explains that the Governor's budget added it back in.
387	Chair Devlin	Clarifies the restorations in the Senate and House budgets.
401	Sue MacGlashan	Explains one additional difference.
404	Sen. Whitsett	Is pleased about the \$100,000 going back into the SMART program.

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		Also comments about the Frontier Program which he believes is extremely important.
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002	Chair Devlin	Agrees he understands that. Indicates that there are a number of issues still to be resolved.
010	Sen. Gordly	Also discusses the Frontier Learning Network program and believes it was one of the few examples of an Urban/Rural partnership. Expresses her grief about the omission of the program from the budget and agrees to wait and see what happens.
020	Chair Devlin	Explains that he has spoken to the co-chair about this issue.
023	Sen. Walker	Recalls about their discussion on the Frontier Network and then elaborates.
031	Chair Devlin	Agrees that they will be discussing the issues over the next 3-4 weeks.
033	Sen. Gordly	Comments on the virtual learning network. Asks for the proper terminology.
035	Vickie Fleming	Responds that their note would be to create a Virtual Porthole and then elaborates.
043	Sen. Gordly	Indicates that they need to understand at what point they hand off a Frontier Network because it is becoming something else which is much broader.
048	Chair Devlin	Indicates that there are a number of items that still need to be discussed relative to that issue.
061	Sue MacGlashan	Reviews Package 801: LFO Analyst Adjustments.
075	Sen. Whitsett	Comments on the Federal Grant and Aid funds that were not utilized yet. Asks how it comports with the figures that she has presented.
083	Sue MacGlashan	Replies that they are two separate issues and explains what Package 801 is.
099	Sue MacGlashan	Reviews Package 811: Special Budget Committee Adjustments #1.
115	Sue MacGlashan	Summarizes the budget unit.
129	Sue MacGlashan	Covers the Debt Service Costs for Lottery Bonds. Explains how the lottery bonds were to be used and would be paid off in 2016.
150	Chair Devlin	Indicates that they will go to the recommended bill amendments. Asks the committee if they are comfortable with the information.
166	Sen. Gordly	Believes she would like them to be read into the record for the sake of the public and listening audience.
168	Sue MacGlashan	Moves to item #3 in the memo (Exhibit 2) regarding the Recommended Bill Amendments. Provides the specific appropriations in the General Fund.
197	Sue MacGlashan	Covers the Lottery Funds Expenditure Limitations and Other Funds Expenditure Limitations.
205	Sue MacGlashan	Reviews the specific breakdown in the Federal Funds Expenditure Limitations.
223	Sue MacGlashan	Explains that the bill would establish two special purpose appropriations in the Emergency Fund.
232	Chair Devlin	Notes that they are including the other items to establish the two

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234 Sue MacGlashan Agrees that she did already review that information. Chair Devlin 235 Agrees to accept a motion. Sen. Gordly MOVES to accept the LFO recommendations and to amend SB 240 5544 by deleting the contents of the blank appropriations bill and add the items that Ms. MacGlashan has indicated. 242 Chair Devlin Asks for any comments. 250 Sen. Walker Knows that this won't be their last vote. 256 Chair Devlin Believes they will be out by labor day. Vote: 3-2-0 Aves: Senators Gordly, Walker, Chair Devlin No: Senators Nelson, Whitsett Declares the motion CARRIED. 268 Sue MacGlashan Continues with the Performance Measures. 287 Sue MacGlashan Discusses the two approaches that they could take regarding the performance measures. Explains that the targets aren't included and need to be a part of the adopted performance measures. Chair Devlin 315 Reminds the committee that the department was directed to revise completely their performance measures and to finish the process sometime in March. Notes that the performance measures are very extensive. Believes that it is best to refer them on to the Audit Committee process. 340 Sen. Whitsett Indicates he has a problem with the way the performance measures are separated out. (We Report on Behalf of Others / We Report on Behalf of ODE) Believes that the buck should stop at their desk. Chair Devlin 365 Believes Sen. Whitsett's concern is legitimate. Wants his concern to be noted in the Budget Report. 391 Sen. Whitsett Expresses his concern which is the denial on the part of ODE as far as responsibility goes. Chair Devlin 400 Agrees to accept a motion. 403 Sen. Gordly MOVES to accept the LFO recommendation to direct the department work with the respective agencies and report back to the joint Audit Committee. Also indicates she would like to suggest an amendment to the motion. Wants to point out that the performance measure discussion should carry forward through the interim House and Senate education committees. Believes it should be reported to these committees as well. 422 Chair Devlin Clarifies what she is suggesting. 424 Sen. Gordly Wants continuity. 430 Chair Devlin Asks for any discussion. 432 Sen. Walker Indicates she also noticed that omission. **TAPE 8A**

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special purpose appropriations.

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Replies with his understanding about appointing back to the Joint

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Chair Devlin

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		Audit Committee.
010	Sen. Walker	Supports Sen. Gordly's motion.
012	Chair Devlin	Agrees.
020	Chair Devlin	Vote: 3 – 2 – 0
		Ayes: Senators Gordly, Walker, Chair Devlin
		No: Senators Nelson, Whitsett
		Declares the motion CARRIED.
023	Sue MacGlashan	Moves to the Budget Notes beginning with the Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education Program Update.
037	Sue MacGlashan	Reviews the second budget note titled "Special Schools Cost- Effectiveness Review".
059	Sen. Walker	Asks about the last part and whether they are speaking about an ESD.
062	Sue MacGlashan	Responds that it could be.
066	Vickie Fleming	Replies yes and indicates that the quality of the program is normally enhanced in this situation.
081	Sen. Walker	Indicates she would like to see the ESD bill pass the session before signing off on something like that.
086	Sue MacGlashan	Reviews the third budget note titled "Report on Youth Corrections Educational Program Funding Options".
095	Sue MacGlashan	Covers the final budget note titled "Report on Use of English as a Second Language Programs".
104	Sen. Gordly	Indicates that she supports the budget note regarding the ESOL programs and their funding. Comments on the concern about how they monitor expenditures of the No Child Left Behind funds. Asks the department how they currently monitor the allocation and expenditure of No Child Left Behind funds out in the districts.
115	Vickie Fleming	Replies that they have a variety of things that they do to monitor this and then elaborates. Comments on an internal audit that they did.
138	Sen. Gordly	Asks if there is a current report that details the allocations and the expenditures at the district level. Asks who has not spent the available dollars.
149	Vickie Fleming	Responds yes.
159	Sen. Gordly	Comments that one of the issues she hears a lot about is how much money is the state receiving for the No Child Left Behind program. Explains what they need to be tracking within the State.
175	Vickie Fleming	Indicates that her suggestion does make sense.
180	Sen. Gordly	Agrees she wants to see it district by district. Explains that they need a tool that they can look at that tells them how much money the State receives and which districts receive the money, which student populations are being targeted with the dollars and what are the results that they are getting.
194	Vickie Fleming	Responds regarding some of the things that they are doing in this area.
213	Sen. Gordly	Indicates that she is asking for the same thing they are asking for in the budget note on the ESOL program. States she is suggesting

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		another budget note be drafted.
225	Chair Devlin	Believes that they are willing to explore an additional budget note.
235	Pat Burk, Chief Policy Officer for ODE	Indicates that they do have a district by district comparison about how much federal money was received and in what category and then elaborates.
251	Chair Devlin	Notes that this won't be their final vote on this budget.
256	Chair Devlin	Agrees to accept a motion.
258	Sen. Gordly	MOVES to approve the Budget Notes.
265	Chair Devlin	Vote: 4 – 1 – 0
		Ayes: Senators Gordly, Walker, Whitsett, Chair Devlin
		No: Senators Nelson
		Declares the motion CARRIED.
267	Sen. Gordly	MOVES to move SB 5543, as Amended, to the Senate Special Committee on Budget with a Do Pass as amended recommendation.
269	Chair Devlin.	Vote: 3 – 2 – 0
		Ayes: Senators Gordly, Walker, Chair Devlin
		No: Senators Nelson, Whitsett
		Declares the motion CARRIED.
276	Chair Devlin	Indicates that they won't be meeting tomorrow. Anticipates that they might have an Oregon University System next week if he sees some movement within the Capitol.
304	Sen. Gordly	Asks about Senate Bill 300.
306	Chair Devlin	Comments on the many bills that are on the list. Doesn't know when he will get to schedule them.
Exhibit #5, N	Iemorandum from Sena	ator Whitsett to the Education Subcommittee
318	Chair Devlin	Adjourns the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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Additional Exhibit:

Exhibit #4 – Memo from Vickie Fleming regarding ODE Performance Measures

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