

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 17, 2003 Hearing Room E
1:00 PM Tape 46

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Vic Backlund, Chair**
 Rep. Pat Farr, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Elaine Hopson, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Brad Avakian
 Rep. Billy Dalto
 Rep. Mary Nolan

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Rep. Wayne Scott**

STAFF PRESENT: **Jim Keller, Committee Administrator**
 Jeana Harrington, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD: **HB 2894 - Public Hearing**

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 46, A		
004	Chair Backlund	Calls meeting to order at 1:04 PM. Welcomes members and audience. Opens public hearing on HB 2894.
<u>HB 2894 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
008	Jim Keller	Committee Administrator. Reads Staff Measure Summary (SMS).
015	Rep. Phil Barnhart	House District 11. Testifies in favor of HB 2894. Raises issues of a specific school district. Notes the current requirements of statute.
049	Bob Siewert	Associate Superintendent, Office of Curriculum Instruction Field Services and Special Education, Oregon Department of Education (ODE). Testifies in favor of HB 2894. Notes its congruency with the current budget situation.
073	Randy Harnisch	ODE. Testifies in favor of HB 2894. Explains the purpose of the original law. Informs the committee of options relating to compliance.
103	Rep. Nolan	Notifies the current statute's wording. Asks if the Superintendent has ever used the granted authority.
107	Harnisch	Negates. Notes the situation has been present although ODE has never had to follow through.
112	Rep. Nolan	Inquires concerning Superintendent use of the option.
117	Rep. Barnhart	Comments. Notes there is no time limit in the bill.
131	Rep. Hopson	Clarifies there is no timeline by the bill.
137	Harnisch	Comments on the extension of time.
142	Rep. Hopson	Asks who determines if a district can merge.
148	Harnisch	Responds there are several possible avenues that could lead to merger.
153	Rep. Hopson	Comments on the bill being budget related.
162	Siewert	Speaks to the districts that will not be in compliance due to

186	Rep. Farr	budget issues. Comments on Rep. Barnhart's district and his sponsorship of the bill.
198	Chair Backlund	Closes the public hearing on HB 2894. Comments on the coming Talented and Gifted (TAG) bills. Notes the coming amendment to HB 2894. Adjourns at 1:21 PM.