

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 3, 2003 Hearing Room E

1:00 PM Tapes 34 - 36

**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**  
                                  **Rep. Wayne Scott**

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

**ISSUES HEARD:**        **HB 2415 – Public Hearing**  
                                  **HB 2744 – Public Hearing**

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<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 34, A</b>		
004	Chair Backlund	Calls meeting to order at 1:03 PM. Welcomes colleagues and audience. Opens public hearing on HB 2415. Opens public hearing on HB 2744.
<b><u>HB 2415 PUBLIC HEARING and HB 2744 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
009	Jim Keller	Committee Administrator. Reads Staff Measure Summary (SMS) on HB 2415. Reads SMS on 2744.
013	Rep. Randy Miller	House District 37. Testifies in favor of HB 2415 ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ). Speaks to the rationale behind opposition of the Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM) and the Certificate of Advanced Mastery (CAM). Speaks to the percentage of the public in opposition of CIM and CAM.
140	Rep. Hopson	Asks how he equates a nationalized test with local control issues.
149	Rep. Miller	Explains the potential of local involvement with national testing corporations.
168	Chair Backlund	Comments on the reasoning behind the committee's sponsorship of HB 2744. Points out that the bill does not encompass CAM. Informs of the intent of the measure. Submits the merits of HB 2744. Counters opposition of the CIM as a test of mastery. States belief that the CIM is a necessary standard.
253	Jill Kirk	Chair, Oregon State Board of Education. Testifies in favor of HB 2744 ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ). Refers to the Oregon Report Card (ORC) and the <i>First Year</i> study. States that the board recognizes the need for improvement and refinement of assessment standards. Explains the board has asked the Oregon Department of Education to provide assessment models in other subject areas. Explains the intent of CAM.
350	Pat Burk	Deputy Superintendent, Oregon Department of Education.

		Explains the lack of nationwide assessment. Testifies in favor of HB 2744 ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).
<b>TAPE 35, A</b>		
002	Burk	Relates the measure to statute. Points out the penalties of non-compliance.
017	Bill Auty	Associate Superintendent, Office of Assessment and Evaluation, ODE. Provides information on the statewide assessment system ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ). Testifies in favor of HB 2744. Speaks to the time required by testing.
069	Rep. Farr	Poses question regarding the need for a CIM outside of high school.
078	Kirk	Negates. Speaks to the value of the standards set by CIM.
082	Rep. Farr	Clarifies that the business community is becoming more accepting of the CIM.
085	Kirk	Believes the worlds are merging and that proficiency is affected by the CIM.
091	Farr	Inquires about the need for the current standards.
093	Kirk	Responds that legislation and implementation may have differed with current knowledge. Believes the high standards and assessments are still necessary.
106	Rep. Nolan	Speaks on Mr. Auty's comments on CIM's effectiveness in college success and testing. Asks if they may have a marketable product to other states.
124	Bill Auty	Comments that ODE has looked into tradeoffs especially in the areas of the online assessments.
129	Rep. Nolan	Responds.
133	Auty	Speaks to proficiency testing relating to federal grants.
138	Rep. Dalto	Asks Mr. Auty to elaborate on the test time matrix.
146	Auty	Explains the ODE recommendations in testing areas.
152	Rep. Dalto	Refers to the time allotted for the testing provided in <b>EXHIBIT D</b> and poses question.
159	Auty	Explains the calculation time for testing.
167	Rep. Dalto	Inquires how ODE is able to verify the time spent.
171	Auty	Responds that there are several mechanisms and elaborates.
186	Susan Castillo	Superintendent of Public Instruction, ODE. Explains that ODE welcomes changes to the current assessment system. Testifies in favor of HB 2744. Speaks to the accountability of the system. Expresses that the elimination of the system is not a proper way to reduce funding.
230	Michael Kozlow	Northwest Regional Education Laboratory. Comments on the issues that states face in contraction of testing services to meet federal requirements. Speaks on the strengths of the system. Testifies in favor of HB 2744. States that teachers will teach 'to the tests'.
304	Rep. Linda Flores	House District 51. Conveys the views of her constituents on CIM and CAM. Expresses belief that a CIM falls third in importance to grade point average (GPA) and Student Achievement Test (SAT).
353	Rep. Hopson	Notifies Rep. Flores has placed SAT higher in the system of CIM. Asks how she regards grade school assessments.
360	Flores	Responds.
367	Rep. Hopson	Asks if she is aware the state has gained approval for the use of CIM and CAM as part of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.
375	Rep. Avakian	Comments on HB 2744. Poses question to Ms. Castillo about

		content of the bill.
385	Castillo	Clarifies
395	Rep Avakian	Explains he believes should have more discussion on certain areas of the bill.
410	Rep. Dalto	Comments.
420	Castillo	Refers to Rep. Avakian's earlier comments and explains.
436	John Valley	Oregon Advocacy Director, American Heart Association. Testifies against HB 2415 <b>(EXHIBIT E)</b> .
<b>TAPE 34, B</b>		
003	Valley	Continues testimony. Explains the importance of continuing the physical education requirements of CIM.
046	Jim Needham	Molalla River School District. Testifies in favor of HB 2415 <b>(EXHIBIT F)</b> . Explains that CIM and CAM have been under funded since inception.
073	Rep. Hopson	Clarifies that NCLB should replace CIM and CAM.
077	Needham	Responds that NCLB should be the focus to eliminate duplication.
082	Rep. Hopson	Points out that the federal government has agreed that CIM and CAM meet NCLB standards.
085	Needham	Believes there is an extra burden on teachers.
090	Bob Willner	Executive Director, Oregon International Coalition (OIC) . Expresses concern for non college bound students in relation to CIM and CAM. Testifies against HB 2415. Believes that the foreign language and social science areas of the CIM are necessary.
133	Keith Thomson	Oregon Business Coalition (OBC) Education Committee. Testifies in favor of HB 2744.
185	Morgan Anderson	Education Manager, Intel Corporation. Testifies in favor of HB 2744. Calls attention importance of the math and problem-solving portions of the CIM. Notes that the standards set out by CIM help Oregon students to compete.
242	Bill Scott	Leaders Roundtable of Multnomah County. Testifies in favor of HB 2744 <b>(EXHIBIT G)</b> . Expresses the belief of local business leaders in the merits of the CIM and CAM. Speaks of early education reform.
314	Rep. Kropf	House District 17. Testifies in support of HB 2415. Recalls the initiation of the CIM and CAM. Explains the views of his constituents on the CIM and CAM. States that he approves of high standards, but does not agree with the current reforms as they reduce flexibility.
408	Rep. Hopson	Requests the portion of the CIM Rep. Kropf suggest be removed.
<b>TAPE 35, B</b>		
003	Rep. Kropf	Replies he is speaking the views of his constituents. Conveys that standards should be equal. Expresses his desire for districts to be accountable.
034	Caleb Burns	Testifies in support of HB 2415. Qualifies 'good' and 'bad' tests. Refers to 'high stakes' tests. Points out that there were no pilot tests on the CIM and CAM. Speaks to the recent high school GPA and SAT scores.
073	Brian Brown	Senior, Sheldon High School. Testifies in support of HB 2415. Explains the feelings of high school students who do not achieve a CIM.
102	Aeylin Summers	Principal, Milwaukee High School. Testifies in favor of HB 2744.

150	Joel Mobley	Teacher, Putnam High School. Testifies in favor of HB 2744. Testifies in opposition of HB 2415 ( <b>EXHIBIT H</b> ).
172	Tim King	Teacher, Putnam High School. Testifies in favor of HB 2744 ( <b>EXHIBIT I</b> ). Describes the relevance of the CIM to his physics class.
220	Martha W. Daniels	Teacher. Testifies in favor of HB 2415 ( <b>EXHIBIT J</b> ).
278	Velma Hartwig	Testifies in favor of HB 2415 ( <b>EXHIBIT K</b> ). Suggests an alternative to the CIM and CAM. Describes the programs at her school.
337	M.L. Young	Testifies in opposition of HB 2415.
410	Courtnei Dresser	Oregon Advocacy Manager, American Cancer Society. Testifies in opposition to HB 2415 ( <b>EXHIBIT L</b> ). Speaks specifically to wording in HB 2415.
<b>TAPE 36, A</b>		
002	Jason Williams	Executive Director, Oregon Taxpayers Association Testifies in favor of HB 2415 ( <b>EXHIBIT M</b> ). Expresses there is no viable success evident with the CIM and CAM.
030	Brent Jostad	Student, Lake Oswego High School (LOHS) and Member, Student Alliance for Economic Responsibility (SAER). Testifies in favor of HB 2415. Explains opposition to curriculum, scoring, and grading of the assessments. Notes GPA as the most important factor of assessment. Displays a petition of those opposed to CIM and CAM.
110	Steve Dickenson	Student, LOHS. Lists the goals he believes CIM intended upon inception. Expresses there are extensive costs of CIM and CAM.
154	Ian Green	Student, LOHS. Informs the committee of a recent Youth in Government meeting where CIM and CAM was discussed. Explains that the assessment system was opposed and that the Iowa Test of Basic Skills was favored as a replacement.
	Dick Trtek	Student and Science Chair, LOHS. Submits written testimony on HB 2415 ( <b>EXHIBIT N</b> ).
186	Dick O'Connor	Testifies in opposition of HB 2415 from a business perspective.
228	Chair Backlund	Informs of future public hearings on the measures. Closes public hearings on House Bills 2415 and 2744. Adjourns meeting at 3:21 PM.

## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A – HB 2415, Rep. Randy Miller, 2 p**
- B – HB 2744, Jill Kirk, 12 p**
- C – HB 2744, Pat Burk, 6 p**
- D – HB 2744, Bill Auty, 4 p**
- E – HB 2415 and HB 2744, John Valley, 2 p**
- F – HB 2415, Jim Needham, 1 p**
- G – HB 2415, Bill Scott, 2 p**
- H – HB 2415, Joel Mobley, 1 p**
- I – HB 2415, Tim King, 2 p**
- J – HB 2415, Martha Daniels, 1 p**
- K – HB 2415, Velma Hartwig, 1 p**
- L – HB 2744, Courtnei Dresser, 1 p**
- M – HB 2415, Jason Williams, 1 p**
- N – HB 2415, Dick Trtek, 3 p**

