

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

March 04, 2003 Hearing Room E
1:00 PM Tape 20

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Dan Doyle, Chair
Rep. Linda Flores, Vice-Chair
Rep. Vic Backlund
Rep. Phil Barnhart
Rep. Betsy L. Close
Rep. Joanne Verger

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Cara Filsinger, Administrator
Annetta Mullins, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Introduction of Committee Bills – Work Session
HB 2557 – Public Hearing
HJR 12 – Public Hearing

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Tape 20, A		
004	Chair Doyle	Calls meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. and opens a work session on introduction of committee bills.
<u>INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS – WORK SESSION</u>		
005	Rep. Flores	MOTION: Moves LCs: 3476, 3088, AND 3089 BE INTRODUCED as committee bills.
006		VOTE: 5-0-2
	Chair Doyle	EXCUSED: 2- Reps. Close and Monnes Anderson Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
	Chair Doyle	Opens public hearings simultaneously on HB 2557 and HJR 12.
<u>HB 2557 AND HJR 12 – PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>		
022	Rep. Jeff Kruse	District 7. Explains history of introducing the same legislation. Comments on constitutional provision that allows the governor to appoint the superintendent of public instructions. States that the election of the superintendent is a popularity contest, not an election on the business of running education.
064	Rep. Kruse	Explains the provisions of HB 2557. States amendments are needed. States that a suggestion was made last session that school boards within the congressional districts elect the five positions on the board. Suggest that the committee take this one step further and consider having one board for K-college.
107	Chair Doyle Rep. Backlund Rep. Barnhart	Asks if the state board currently covers community colleges. Defers to Rep. Barnhart. Comments on community college board.
132	Rep. Backlund	Asks if all issues suggested by Rep. Kruse should be included in

		this one bill.
	Rep. Kruse	Responds that the relating clause would allow the inclusions, but would assume that it would depend on the perspective of the community colleges.
	Rep. Backlund	Asks how willing electors would be to give up their vote.
	Rep. Kruse	Responds they would not willingly do that. Suggests there would be more accountability under the proposal to have the local school boards elect the five members.
172	Chair Doyle	Asks Rep. Kruse if he sees this improving how government works and how the department would be more accountable to the citizens.
	Rep. Kruse	Responds, commenting on greater accountability and credentials and management skills to run a business the size of the Department Education. Adds that true efficiency could include community colleges and higher education because then the Board of Higher Education and the chancellor's office could be eliminated.
209	Rep. Verger	Comments on public criticism of elected people not having experience and skills. Asks how the appointments would be made within congressional districts when there are multiple boards.
	Rep. Kruse	Responds there would be elections by each of the boards. Comments that agency heads with the exception of Bureau of Labor and Industries, Treasurer, and Secretary of State are hired based on their ability o do the job.
248	Andrea Henderson	Executive Director, Oregon Community College Association. Comments on governance structure of community colleges. States that community colleges are under the State Board of Education. The board meets on a separate docket for community colleges. The State Board of Education hires and oversees the commissioner for community colleges. The commissioner oversees community colleges and workforce development.
272	Chair Doyle	Closes the public hearings on HB 2557 and HJR 12.
	Chair Doyle	Announces that the he does not expect the committee to meet on Thursday and the committee will resume hearings next week on election issues.
291	Chair Doyle	Adjourns meeting at 1:57 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

NONE