

# SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 18, 2003  
3:00 PM

Hearing Room C  
Tapes 17 - 18

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**     **Sen. Charles Starr, Chair**  
                              **Sen. Ryan Deckert, Vice-Chair**  
                              **Sen. Ted Ferrioli**  
                              **Sen. Bill Morrisette**

**STAFF PRESENT:**       **Jan McComb, Committee Administrator**  
                              **Heather Gravelle, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**     **Informational Meeting**  
                                  **SB 238 - Public Hearing and Work Session**  
                                  **SB 372 - Public Hearing**  
                                  **Informational Meeting**

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>TAPE 17, A</b>		
005	Chair Starr	Calls meeting to order at 3:05p.m. Opens Informational Meeting.
<b><u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u></b>		
015	John Longanecker	Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Provides written testimony ( <b>EXHIBITS A, B</b> ).
020	Longanecker	Explains the programs within Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.
170	Sen. Morrisette	Inquires where the collected data originated.
175	Longanecker	Describes history.
180	Sen. Morrisette	Asks if the data is in step with economic trends.
185	Longanecker	Replies and elaborates.
220	Longanecker	Explains policy goals.
240	Longanecker	Comments Oregon has one of the lowest college completion rates.
340	Longanecker	Expresses access is a risk. Oregon has one of the highest tuition rates in the West.
<b>TAPE 18, A</b>		
010	Chair Starr	Closes informational meeting. Opens public hearing on SB 238.
<b><u>SB 238 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
015	Nan Heim	Oregon Library Association. Testifies in support of SB 238.
020	Jim Scheppke	Oregon State Library. Testifies in support of SB 238. Provides written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).
025	Scheppke	States SB 238 would not create a burden on local school districts.
040	Kelly Kuntz	Oregon Educational Media Association. Testifies in support of SB 238. Provides written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ).
075	Sen. Morrisette	Inquires how many elementary schools have certified librarians.
080	Kuntz	Approximates number of certified librarians.
110	Chair Starr	Closes public hearing on SB 238. Opens work session on SB 238.
<b><u>SB 238 – WORK SESSION</u></b>		

115	<b>Sen. Deckert</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 238 to floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 4-0</b>
120	<b>Chair Starr</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
		<b>SEN. MORRISSETTE will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
125	Chair Starr	Closes work session on SB 238. Opens public hearing on SB 372.

**SB 372 – PUBLIC HEARING**

150	Sen. David Nelson	District 29. Testifies in support of SB 372.
175	Joe McElligott	Ione resident. Testifies in support of SB 372. Provides written testimony from Al Meunier <b>(EXHIBITS E, F)</b> .
220	McElligott	Explains position. States the school was developed to increase population.
290	McElligott	Provides history. Cuts were made to create long term stability.
400	Anne Morter	Ione resident. Testifies in support of SB 372.

**TAPE 17, B**

005	Sen. Kate Brown	District 21. Testifies in support of SB 372. Provides written testimony <b>(EXHIBIT F)</b> .
020	Sen. Brown	States schools will close if SB 3721 does not pass. Comments the school is the life blood of the community. States it would be a disservice if the schools were consolidated.
030	Sen. Morrisette	Inquires if supporting SB 372 would set a new trend.
035	Sen. Brown	Asserts it may.
040	Lisa Rietmann	Ione resident. Testifies in support of SB 372. Speaks on the fiscal impact of SB 372.
085	Sen. Morrisette	Asks if the school districts were once consolidated.
090	Rietmann	Provides history of the school districts.
100	Sen. Morrisette	Asks what the population is in Ione.
105	McElligott	Approximates Ione population.
135	John Osburn	Attorney. Testifies in support of SB 372. Provides written testimony <b>(EXHIBIT G)</b> .
200	Chuck Bennett	Confederation of Oregon School Administrators. Testifies against SB 372. Comments there needs to be more discussion. Adds if the issue can't be resolved locally, at that point come back before the committee for resolution.
260	Chair Starr	Closes public hearing on SB 372. Opens informational meeting on Charter Schools in Texas.

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

295	Kevin Youngblood	Pathway Publishers. Explains he helped to establish 23 campus Texas charter schools to address needs of at risk inner city youth.
320	Youngblood	States he believes that charter schools help to provide a better education.

**TAPE 18, B**

015	Youngblood	Comments he established Pathway Publishers to create computerized curriculum to meet the needs of at risk youth.
040	Chair Starr	Inquires what the impact has been.
045	Youngblood	Outlines impacts.
060	Chair Starr	Inquires what type of youth is targeted.
070	Youngblood	Identifies target areas.
090	Chair Starr	Asks for a five year projection.
095	Youngblood	Indicates goals.
140	Sen. Deckert	Asks what the challenges are.
145	Youngblood	Specifies challenges.

185	Sen. Morrisettee	Comments the education process is revolutionary, we need innovative ideas to teach children.
190	Chair Starr	Closes information meeting. Adjourns meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A – Informational, written report, John Longanecker, 2 pp**
- B – Informational, written report, John Longanecker, 8 pp**
- C – SB 238, written testimony, Jim Scheppke, 1 p**
- D – SB 238, written testimony, Kelly Kuntz, 1 p**
- E – SB 372, written testimony, Al Meunier, 1 p**
- F – SB 372, written testimony, Sen. Kate Brown, 1 p**
- G – SB 372, written testimony, John Osburn, 3 pp**