

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

February 5, 2003  
1:00 PM

Hearing Room B  
Tape 9

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**     **Sen. Bill Fisher, Chair**  
                                  **Sen. Bill Morrisette, Vice-Chair**  
                                  **Sen. Kate Brown**  
                                  **Sen. Bev Clarno**  
                                  **Sen. Charles Starr**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**     **Sen . Ginny Burdick**

**STAFF PRESENT:**       **Marjorie Taylor, Administrator**  
                                  **Saranelle Allen, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**     **SB 13 – Public Hearing and Work Session**

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>Tape 9, A</b>		
005	Chair Fisher	Calls the committee to order at 1:11 pm. Opens a public hearing on SB 13.
<b><u>SB 13 – PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
009	Marjorie Taylor Sheila Baker	Committee Administrator. Explains the bill. Legislative Fiscal Office. Gives background and testimony on SB 13 which includes a recent audit prepared on Oregon's program for children and families ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
030		Reviews the recommendations for incremental improvements as noted on the back page ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ), and advises there is no fiscal impact in the bill.
061	Sen. Morrisette	Asks if Baker was instrumental in drawing up the performance measures.
	Baker	Replies that she was more involved in how things were going, not in implementing the legislation.
080	Donna Middleton	Director of the State Commission on Children and Families. Gives reply on various programs currently in place, and tools being used for measurement.
110	Middleton Sen. Starr	Replies that process is based on outcome. States that he is watching teaching and learning issues, since he feels early training impacts the drop-out rate.
133	Sen. Clarno	Expresses concerns on the amount of bureaucracy in place, that inhibits local success in the programs. Emphasizes the need to develop a program for everyone in the state, whether a big or small community, and key it toward the children.
	Sen. Morrisette	Expresses concern on the programs having local flexibility.

155	Middleton	Advises efforts are in place to combine some of the previous cumbersome process. Explains the present intent is to focus on the needs of local communities.
	Sen. Clarno	Questions how 36 counties could submit plans, and only have 10 accepted. Feels staff time is spent completing forms and not on the kids.
210	Chair Fisher Baker	Asks about reality of no fiscal impact. Clarifies that the reporting process does not impact the fiscal aspect of the bill.
	Sen. Clarno	Asks about local representatives gathering information for the state.
	Middleton	Replies that additional information gathering is not required.
	Sen. Brown	Asks for clarification on SB 555 (1999 session).
280	Middleton	Reviews background used in determining criteria and guidelines.
	Sen. Brown	Asks for an example of a specific guideline.
	Middleton	Replies concerning population make-up.
320	Sen. Brown	Asks if Middleton had worked with the audit committee.
	Middleton	States that she and Baker had both worked with the audit committee.
	Sen. Clarno	Asks how many of the 36 counties accepted were east of the mountains.
	Middleton	Unable to answer at this time.
367	Sen. Clarno	Advises that she had understood most were geographically east, and feels this is an example of where communication failure and communities east of the mountains are losing out due to logistics and being small. Expresses the need for more in-field knowledge by policy makers.
	Sen. Morrisette	Raises question on whether guidelines are Federal or State.
	Middleton	Response is both, and that states are working in many areas to insure the full circle is met.
420	Sen. Clarno	Welcomes group from Deschutes County.
<b><u>SB 13 – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
431	Sen. Morrisette	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 13 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
433		<b>VOTE: 5-0</b>
	Chair Fisher	<b>EXCUSED: 1 - Burdick</b>
	Chair Fisher	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. SEN. MORRISETTE will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
	Chair Fisher	Adjourns the meeting at 1:35 pm.

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – SB 13, Audit of Oregon’s Programs for Children and Families, staff, 3 pp.**