

## HOUSE SCHOOL FUNDING AND TAX FAIRNESS/REVENUE COMMITTEE

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MAY 8, 2001 — 1:00 P.M. - HEARING ROOM A - STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

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Members Present: Representative Lane Shetterly, Chair

Representative Janet Carlson, Vice Chair (1:28 arrived)

Representative Deborah Kafoury, Vice Chair (1:18 arrived)

Representative Alan Bates (1:17 arrived)

Representative Chris Beck

Representative Alan Brown

Representative Mark Hass

Representative Bill Witt

Members Excused: Representative Max Williams

Staff: Paul Warner, Legislative Revenue Officer

Steve Meyer, Economist, Legislative Revenue Office

Ed Waters, Economist, Legislative Revenue Office

Joan Green, Committee Assistant

Witnesses: Rep. Jeff Merkley, Legislative House  
District 16

Rep. Alan Brown, Legislative House District 4

John Reitman, Morrow County Schools

Bruce Anderson, Morrow County Schools

Barbara Ceniga, Helix School District

Tim LaBrousse, Pilot Rock Schools

Peter Tarzian, Falls City Schools

Terry Thompson, Citizen

Peggy Soto, Georgia Pacific

**TAPE 173, SIDE A**

005 Chair Shetterly Meeting called to order at 1:15 p.m.

**OPENED PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 519 A-ENG.**

016 John Reitman Spoke in support of the measure.

101 Rep. Beck Commented on the challenges faced by small rural districts and the challenges faced by the legislature to reconcile the special needs of small rural schools and large urban schools.

214 Rep. Hass Commented on small rural schools class sizes and subsidy issues to maintain small rural schools.

248 Rep. Witt Questioned if the small school districts had used the local option.

267 Bruce Anderson Addressed question on local option usage in small rural areas and its not being a viable solution for these districts.

293 Rep. Witt Questions and discussion regarding the dollars this measure would bring small rural districts, if it passed.

346 Rep. Bates Questions and discussion regarding how Educational Service Districts help fund small schools.

386 Anderson Spoke in support of the measure.

**TAPE 174, SIDE A**

003 Rep. Beck Discussed the frustrations of this issue and stressed the need to stop the polarization. Noted that rural lawmakers occupy two of the four leadership offices in this building and that is where the conversation needs to start to resolve

the problems faced by Oregon.

- 092 Rep. Hass Questions and discussion regarding the distances between Ione and Heppner high schools.
- 120 Barbara Ceniga Spoke in support of the measure.
- 191 Tim LaBrousse Spoke in support of the measure.
- 244 Peter Tarzian Spoke in support of the measure.

**OPENED PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 3972**

- 350 Ed Waters Described what the measure does and reviewed the Revenue Impact statement. (Exhibit 1)
- 384 Chair Shetterly What would the "tail effect" of a change like this do to the Revenue impact?
- 386 Waters It would be minimal.
- 388 Rep. Alan Brown Spoke in support of the measure.

**TAPE 173, SIDE B**

- 025 Rep. Jeff Merkley Spoke in support of the measure.
- Questions and discussion regarding how calculations for the tax credit are implemented.
- 126 Terry Thompson Spoke in support of the measure.
- 153 Peggy Soto Spoke in support of the measure.
- Chair Shetterly Left at 2:22 p.m., passed gavel to Vice Chair Carlson.
- 177 Vice Chair Carlson Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

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Exhibit Summary:

1. HB 3972, Revenue Impact and Fiscal statements, Waters, 2 pages