

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND SCHOOL
ACCOUNTABILITY**

January 16, 2001
8:30 AM

Hearing Room E
Tapes 4 - 6

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Vic Backlund, Chair**
 Rep. Elaine Hopson, Vice Chair
 Rep. Tootie Smith, Vice Chair
 Rep. Phil Barnhart
 Rep. Bill Morrisette
 Rep. Donna Nelson
 Rep. Mary Nolan
 Rep. Bruce Starr
 Rep. Cliff Zauner

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: **Janet Adkins, Committee Administrator**
 Paula Merritt, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **Invited Testimony**
 Education Leadership Team Proposals
 Department of Education Legislative Proposals
 Oregon School Boards Association

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 4, A		
005	Chair Backlund	Calls the committee to order at 8:30 a.m.
<u>INVITED TESTIMONY</u>		
<u>EDUCATION LEADERSHIP TEAM PROPOSALS</u>		
012	Kate Dickson,	Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Education (ODE). Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT A) various materials from the Education Leadership Team (ELT). Reads from written testimony.
062	Lynn Snodgrass	Former Speaker of the House. Gives purpose of HB 3633. Reads from written testimony.
357	Snodgrass	Continues to read from written testimony.
391	Rep. Smith	Questions how this fits with current benchmarks.
394	Snodgrass	Responds that it fits well but needs to focus more on reading.
400	Rep. Smith	Comments on her concern with teacher overload.
TAPE 5, A		
004	Snodgrass	Responds that reading needs to be one of their priorities.
038	Rep. Smith	Questions if the statute is on the books.
040	Dickson	Responds that there are but they were focused on in the late 60's.
042	Rep. Smith	Questions if committee should have a copy of this statute.
045	Chair Backlund	Responds that they should.
048	Dickson	Responds that she will provide the committee with a copy.

049	Rep. Smith	Questions the added cost.
050	Snodgrass	Responds that it will increase costs only if chosen and how implemented.
068	Chair Backlund	Questions Ms. Snodgrass' reaction to the Governor's proposal.
070	Snodgrass	Responds that she is in favor of it.
075	Chair Backlund	Comments that the ELT had an impact on the Governor's budget proposal decision.
079	Snodgrass	Notes that it is her hope for someone to continue work on this issue to move ahead.
085	Rep. Nolan	Comments on the model without additional resources and questions the implications.
100	Snodgrass	Responds that there would be reprioritization but she is unsure of what this would be.
120	Snodgrass	Comments on the good and bad research and our need to find the actual results.
138	Rep. Zauner	Asks how big phonics is in the program.
142	Snodgrass	Responds that the phonics debate is distracting and range of teaching options should be available.
159	Rep. Hopson	Notes that this provides a framework for teachers to review.
184	Rep. Nelson	States her concern that Head Start is not being funded.

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

239	Stan Bunn	Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oregon Department of Education. Comments on the participation of businesses and educational associations in the ELT's work on this task force. Notes that it was the team's work that has driven the Governor's budget decisions.
305	Bunn	Comments that the Oregon Legislature has made a commitment to pre-K and will match federal funding.
356	Rep. Nelson	Asks if there is a 50% match.
358	Bunn	Responds that it is close to 50%.
359	Dickson	Comments that Oregon is serving 50% of children whom qualify for Head Start and are hoping to move to 60% of children.
376	Rep. Nelson	Questions whether this committee could develop a program that would return more federal money back for kids

TAPE 4, B

007	Rep. Nelson	Asks if she can give her ESD hope for funding.
009	Bunn	Responds that grants have increased 16%.
043	Bunn	Notes the report card results and how the ODOE has the ability to help low performing schools. Notes that the information has been collected on the drop out rate and he has hopes of funding for better success. Comments on the mentor programs and the success of the California model. Comments on student standards and benchmarks. Refers to charts in the written testimony.
148	Rep. Smith	Comments on the declining benchmarks and the reasons for this.
165	Bunn	Responds that we are in the process of tracking.
169	Rep. Smith	Comments on her concern about the CAM requirements.
172	Bunn	Responds that the CAM has not been finished at state level. States that certain school districts do well.
193	Rep. Barnhart	Asks if consideration of the report-card formula will be modified.
200	Bunn	Responds that there was an adjustment made. Reads from written testimony.
224	Rep. Nelson	Asks if it would be advisable to have a mandatory school attendance to age 18.

232	Bunn	Responds that he would not support making that mandatory. Comments on the obligation to ensure that the last two years are successful.
250	Rep. Nelson	Comments on the advisability of separating special education.
263	Bunn	Responds that it is his belief it would be helpful to disaggregate information when it can be done.
272	Rep. Nelson	Comments on the possibility of seeking additional federal funding for students.
274	Bunn	Responds that he has reminded D.C. of the short funding issue and will continue to do so as he can.
305	Snodgrass	Notes the need to focus on positive project success. Notes that HB 3633 was designed to be a 3-year bill.

OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

372	John Marshall	Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA). Submits and reads from written testimony (EXHIBIT B).
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TAPE 5, B

004	Marshall	Notes that the Ways and Means Committee will look for appropriation this session and the school improvement funds allocated require schools to apply for these funds. Reads from written testimony.
121	Jim Green	Oregon School Boards Association. Refers to Marshall's written testimony.
217		Continues written testimony.
239	Rep. Starr	Comments on the readiness of this committee to review.
245	Green	Responds that LC will be working on this.
248	Rep. Hopson	Comments on the priority order of written testimony.
249	Green	Responds that the list is not in any priority.
252	Rep. Hopson	Asks for an explanation of the prioritizing process he will use.
261	Marshall	Responds that this does not represent priorities and he did not bring the legislative agenda today.
271	Rep. Barnhart	Comments on the financial responsibility of the OSBA.
282	Green	Responds that they will address this issue and also modify the financial responsibility.
291	Rep. Nolan	Asks about the last item and how it differs from the formula for children requiring special consideration.
317	Green	Responds that there are special funds set up for hospital programs with requirements by residence and child need.
369	Rep. Nolan	Comments on her concerns with this funding.

TAPE 6, A

005	Green	Responds that the hospital program is being addressed and the level will match the need.
020	Chair Backlund	Adjourns the committee at 10:20 a.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

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