

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

January 23, 2001
8:30 AM

Hearing Room E
Tapes 9-11

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: **Rep. Bruce Starr**

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

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **Oregon's Community College System**
 HB 2342 Public Hearing and Work Session
 HB 2291 Public Hearing

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 9, A		
003	Chair Backlund	Calls the committee to order at 8:30 a.m.
<u>OREGON'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM</u>		
005	Cam Preus-Braly	Commissioner, Community College and Workforce Development. Begins powerpoint presentation (EXHIBIT A).
050	Preus-Braly	Continues presentation.
109	Jerry Berger	President, Chemeketa Community College. Continues presentation.
164	Berger	Continues to read from written testimony.
199	Rep. Morrisette	Asks if students pay fees
200	Berger	Responds that few students pay fees and they do not charge fees at Chemeketa Community College. States that there are other schools who charge a \$30.00 fee. Continues with presentation.
278	Berger	Explains the joint enrollment program.
324	Rep. Morrisette	Mentions the Skills Center and asks about interest in program.
340	Berger	Responds that the Milwaukie Skills Center allows students to get skills not offered in other schools
368	Rep. Morrisette	Comments on the cooperation within school districts.
370	Berger	Responds that this is a good option for funding. Continues presentation.
400	Rep. Nolan	Asks about the total cost per student increase since 1990.
407	Berger	Responds that he is aware of this but does not know the actual dollar amount. Agrees to get this information for the committee.

TAPE 10, A

003	Andrea Henderson	Director, Community College Association. Continues powerpoint presentation.
60	Henderson	Continues to read from written testimony
105	Rep. Barnhart	Comments about certification procedure.
113	Henderson	Responds that community colleges do not have certificate requirements from the state but do have accrediting agencies. States that with each range, the standards are different.
140	Rep. Hopson	Comments on shortages of master degree graduates for teaching positions.
152	Henderson	Responds that co-ops require a Master's degree but there are university systems that believe high school students cannot do college level work and our program helps accreditation.
173	Rep. Morrisette	Comments on how they determined the cost program and what kind of members participated in this.
179	Preus-Braly	Responds that they were appointed by the Governor.
299	Henderson	States that colleges are at capacity and there are waiting lists.
242	Rep. Nelson	Comments on the fact that there is a waiting list of 10,000 students.
252	Preus-Braly	Responds that this program has reduced the number of the waiting list but not eliminated it.
260	Chair Backlund	Asks what impact the funding model would have.
270	Henderson	Responds that it would help the waiting list challenge but would not eliminate.
277	Rep. Nelson	Asks if and how students would be tracked to see if they graduate.
280	Preus-Braly	Responds that they do track and the graduation rate is comparable and she will bring back exact statistics for the committee.
299	Rep. Nelson	Comments on the tuition comparisons with four-year schools.
300	Preus-Braly	Responds that community colleges average tuition is one third of the cost of a university system.
305	Rep. Nelson	Comments on the off campus programs.
307	Henderson	Responds that they do have these programs and most of these are online courses.
319	Chair Backlund	Opens public hearing on HB 2342.
<u>HB 2342-PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
320	Rep. Susan Morgan	Submits and reads from written testimony (EXHIBIT B).
TAPE 9, B		
005	Rep. Morgan	Continues testimony.
050	Rep. Smith	Comments on cost for program.
055	Rep. Morgan	Responds that she believes this committee should determine this.
059	Rep. Morrisette	Comments on grants to the state.
060	Morgan	Responds that she believes the committee should determine this as well.
066	Sandy Cutler	The Oregon Small Business Development Center Network. Submits and reads from written testimony (EXHIBIT C).
089	Rep. Smith	Comments on mandates.
091	Cutler	Responds that they are setting up online counseling for business owners though this is not a mandate.
100	Rep. Nelson	Comments on the availability of the courses.
108	Cutler	Responds that the online courses are currently being offered through the business center and they are part of the community college system.
120	Rep. Nelson	Comments on the need for more services of this kind.

125	Rep. Jeff Merkley	Responds that this only brings existing practices current.
160	Chair Backlund	Comments on HB 2342 -1 amendments (EXHIBIT D).
165	Cutler	Responds that on page 2, line 33, the word "existing" would be deleted. Refers to amendment.
174	Lisa Zavala	Associate Director, Government Relations for the Oregon University System. Submits and reads from written testimony (EXHIBIT D).
177	Rep. Nolan	Asks Ms. Preus-Braly's opinion of this bill.
179	Preus-Braly	Responds that she is in support of the bill.
197	Rep. Smith	Comments on the additional burden to the current system.
200	Preus-Braly	Responds that these services are already being provided and there would be no additional burden.
205	Amanda Rich	Oregon Community College Association. States that she concurs with Ms. Preus-Braly but the board has not taken an official position.
209	Chair Backlund	Closes the public hearing and opens a work session on HB 2342.
<u>HB 2342-WORK SESSION</u>		
210	Rep. Morrisette	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2342-1 amendments dated 01/23/01.
211	Chair Backlund	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. REP. MORRISETTE will lead discussion on the floor.
212	Rep. Morrisette	MOTION: Moves HB 2342 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 8-0
		EXCUSED: 1 - Starr
214	Chair Backlund	The motion CARRIED. REP. MORRISETTE will lead discussion on the floor.
216	Chair Backlund	Closes work session on HB 2342 and opens a public hearing on HB 2291
<u>HB 2291-PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
300	Janet Adkins	Committee Administrator. Reads from and explains HB 2291.
303	Rep. Kathy Lowe	Comments on the crises in the Riverdale School District. (EXHIBIT E).
TAPE 10, B		
003	Rep. Kurt Schrader	Continues explanation of situation between Oregon City and Riverdale School District.
084	Rep. Schrader	Continues to comment from written testimony.
100	Rep. Smith	States that she is not a proponent of unification and does not believe is in the best interest of the schools.
105	Rep. Lowe	Comments that Riverdale is now being cooperative but the patterns of past behavior speaks for itself.
118	Dr. Barry Rotrock	Superintendent, Oregon City School District. Testifies regarding situation. Supports HB 2291.
260	Rep. Nolan	Comments on the negotiation between Riverdale and the Portland School District.
267	Dr. Rotrock	Responds that the charter law would pertain to this negotiation.
270	Julie O'Dwyer	Parent. Comments that her children attend school in Redland. Explains her feelings on this situation. Supports HB 2291.
300	O'Dwyer	Continues to testify.
343	Tina Moore	Parent. Comments that her children attend school in Redland. Explains her experience with Riverdale School District. Supports HB 2291.
TAPE 11, A		
005	Debbie Poppe	Citizen. Comments on the misrepresentation by Riverdale.

064	Poppe	Comments on her support of Oregon City School District. Supports HB 2291.
070	Carol Sturman	Parent. Comments that her children attend school in Redland. Comments on her experience with Riverdale. Supports HB 2291.
106	John Marshall	Oregon School Boards Association. Supports HB 2291. Encourages cooperation in all parties.
141	Rep. Hopson	Comments on the pros and cons of this bill and the attendance restriction.
153	Marshall	Responds that this was a joint venture by a number of school districts.
155	Rep. Hopson	Comments on her concern of children benefits in the end.
156	Rep. Smith	Asks if there can be discussions regarding sanctions.
160	Chair Backlund	Responds that he would like to prepare an amendment and bring this back to the committee after sanctions have been reviewed.
180	Rep. Morrisette	Comments that he believes the sanctions are already stated.
186	Rep. Smith	Comments that if we are going to strike the sanctions out of this bill she will need the evidence.
189	Adkins	States that there will be a sanction with holding school support for an existing process for sub-standard school language.
193	Rep. Smith	Comments that she would like to hear additional testimony.
203	Rep. Barnhart	Responds that he agrees and would like to hear more testimony.
205	Rep. Nolan	Comments on the issue of sanctions.
220	Chair Backlund	States that we will bring this bill back at a later date. Closes the public hearing on HB 2291 and adjourns the committee at 10:40 a.m.

Submitted By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A - Accessibility, Affordability, Adaptability, and Accountability of Oregon's Community Colleges, Cam Preus-Braly, 11 pp**
- B - HB 2342, written testimony, Rep. Susan Morgan, 1 page**
- C - HB 2342, written materials, Sandy Cutler, 2 pp**
- D - HB 2342, -1 amendments, staff, 1 page**
- E - HB 2342, written testimony, Lisa Zavala, 1 page**
- F - HB 2291, written testimony, Rep. Kathy Lowe, 2 pp**
- G - HB 2342, written testimony, J. L. Wilson, 1 page**