

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

February 01, 2001
8:30 AM

Hearing Room E
Tapes 18-21

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: **HB 2291 Public Hearing**
 HB 2230 Public Hearing
 HB 2483 Public Hearing
 HB 2483 Public Hearing
 HB 2431 Public Hearing and Work Session

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 18, A		
003	Chair Backlund	Calls committee to order at 8:30 a.m. Opens public hearing on HB 2291.
<u>HB 2291-PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
011	Staff	Submits HB 2291 -2, -3, -5, -6, -8 amendments (EXHIBIT A).
014	Connie Clark	Citizen, Riverdale School District. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT B). Presents testimony. Supports amendments.
060	Clark	Continues with testimony.
068	Ellen Everson	Citizen. Supports amendments.
070	Marty McCall	Citizen. Supports amendments.
121	Lynn O'Brien Wolfe	Citizen, Portland Public School District. Supports amendments. Gives views on HB 2291.
150	Rep. Nolan	Asks Ms. Wolfe if her objection is to the high school or the tuition.
181	Wolfe	Responds that her objection is to the tuition not the high school.
189	Rep. Nolan	Notes that if there were no cost, would she support.
190	Wolfe	Responds yes.
195	Molly Hilts	Citizen, Portland Public School District. Supports amendments.
198	Sandi Sheets	Citizen, Portland Public School District. Agrees with previous testimony. States that she also would support school if there were no cost.

227	Sheets	Continues with testimony.
230	Rep. Morrisette	Comments on how many students in the surrounding area would attend the school if there were no tuition.
240	Sheets	Responds, approximately 100-200 students.
253	Michael Schiewie	Citizen, Portland Public School District. States views on HB 2291. Supports amendments.
300	Schiewie	Continues to present views on bill.
328	Sheets	Comments on –6 amendments.
339	Dixie Johnston	Citizen, Portland Public School District. Supports HB 2291 with the amendments. Agrees with statements from previous testimony.
372	Rep. Nolan	Discusses concerns and asks if they have been taken to Portland School District.
375	Johnston	Responds that they have.
378	Rep. Nolan	Suggests this issue be presented to an elected board at local level, not state level.
404	Representative Chris Beck	House District 12. Represents both Riverdale and the neighborhood proposed for school and adds his views on this issue. States that this would divide the school districts for years to come.
TAPE 19, A		
003	Rep. Beck	Continues with testimony. Disagrees with Rep. Nolan’s comments of this being a local issue. Mentions that the neighborhood was not informed and the process level was not given to this issue. Submits written letter from Portland legislators (EXHIBIT C) .
020	Chair Backlund	Asks Rep. Beck to explain the amendments.
040	Rep. Beck	Explains -3, -5, -6 amendments.
100	Rep. Morrisette	Inquires of the other schools in Riverdale.
104	Rep. Beck	Responds that they have an excellent reputation.
118	Rep. Barnhart	Asks to clarify the –6 amendments.
128	Rep. Beck	Explains -6 amendments.
140	Rep. Barnhart	Comments on the procedure if school was not filled.
148	Cindy Hunt	Legislative counsel responds that there is no procedure at this time except permission of other schools in district. Explains –6 amendments.
165	Rep. Back	States the intention of putting all amendments into one.
200	Jim Mabbott	Superintendent, Riverdale School District. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT D) . Presents testimony regarding information submitted at the previous hearing.
256	Mabbott	Continues with testimony.
300	Rep. Starr	Asks the number of students transferred from Portland Public School District.
340	Mabbott	Responds approximately 10 and others come from Lake Oswego and West Linn.
358	Rep. Zauner	Agrees with Rep. Nolan’s concerns and asks audience if they could try to solve among themselves without the committee's involvement.
370	Rep. Beck	Responds that the neighborhood has tried to do so without support from the Portland Public School Board.
TAPE 18, B		
003	Rep. Nolan	Asks Debbie Menashe to testify. States her concerns of the format, restrictions and neighborhood access to the school.
029	Debbie Menashe	Chair, Portland Public School District Board. States that her

058	Jim Scherzinger	concern was the budget, best use of facilities, and balancing the decision and needs of the neighborhood. Finance Officer, Portland Public Schools. Submits and reads from written testimony (EXHIBIT E).
085	Scherzinger	Continues with testimony regarding Portland's decision.
130	Rep. Hopson	Comments on tuition issues and increased enrollment problems.
143	Scherzinger	Responds that they discussed it and this is another private school in Portland School District. States that the creation of one more school will not increase the demand.
150	Rep. Hopson	Inquires about additional students and revenue.
160	Scherzinger	Responds that this revenue will be put into programs and education.
183	Barbara Chalmers	Chairman, Riverdale School Board. Believes in this new school.
189	Chris Swanson	Concurs with Ms. Chalmers.
190	Chair Backlund	Closes public hearing on HB 2291 and opens public hearing on HB 2230.

HB 2230-PUBLIC HEARING

200	Janet Adkins	Committee Administrator. Explains HB 2230 and -1 amendments (EXHIBIT F).
220	Sheila Baker	Legislative Fiscal Office. Submits and presents written testimony (EXHIBIT G).
264	Baker	Explains HB 2230.
308	Baker	Continues with testimony and explains the -1 amendments.
365	Chair Backlund	Closes public hearing on HB 2230 and opens public hearing on HB 2483.

HB 2483-PUBLIC HEARING

002	Adkins	Explains HB 2483 and -2 amendments (EXHIBIT H).
014	Representative Bill Witt	House District 7. Explains HB 2483 and -2 amendments.
TAPE 19, B		
004	Rep. Witt	Continues with testimony. States that there will be -3 amendments.
020	Rep. Morrisette	Comments on changes from existing statute.
063	Rep. Witt	Responds that this is not in law now. Gives example. States that this bill would clarify the situation.
116	Rep. Nolan	Comments on activities outside of regular school and participation being confused with FTE.
130	Rep. Witt	Responds that this would not happen.
140	Rep. Nolan	Notes there may be a fiscal impact statement.
156	Rep. Witt	Explains the language and limit of space available. Continues with testimony.
166	Rep. Nelson	Comments on a reciprocity issue.
200	Rep. Witt	Responds that it is not required.
220	Rep. Nelson	Comments on sharing talents from one school to another.
240	Rep. Witt	Responds the distinction is public and private dollars.
245	Rep. Barnhart	Comments on the effect of the bill.
280	Jim Green	Supports this bill. Gives testimony.
300	Rep. Starr	Questions the verbiage on amendments.
319	Green	Responds that the wording is to be in compliance with the OSAA rules.
350	Wes Ediger	Director, Oregon Schools Activity Association

384 Ediger (OSAA). Responds that he agrees with the wording and explains.
399 Tom Welter Continues with testimony.
Assistant Director, Oregon Schools Activity Association.
Supportive of this legislation.

TAPE 20, A

003 Rep. Nelson Questions the requirements of this bill.
010 Green Explains the bill.
030 Rep. Nelson Asks how this impacts programs competing in the same district.
040 Ediger Responds that policies are flexible and they don't want to dictate.
States that they would not have to change anything to put bill
into effect.
074 Chair Backlund Closes public hearing on HB2483 and opens public hearing on
HB 2431.

HB 2431-PUBLIC HEARING

081 Adkins Explains HB 2431 and the -1 amendments **(EXHIBIT I)**.
113 Sen. Vern Duncan Senate District 12. Explains HB 2431. Stresses that they have an
obligation to the state to give encouragement to these students.
134 Rep. Morrisette Mentions the article in the Oregonian about HB 2431 and Adam
Cornell.
142 Adam Cornell Legal Law Clerk, Juvenile Rights Project, Lewis and Clark Law
School. Submits written testimony **(EXHIBIT J)**. Introduces
foster children and former foster children accompanying him.
Explains HB 2431 and presents testimony.
199 Cornell Continues with testimony supporting the bill.
270 Representative Lane House District 34. Supports HB 2431. States his hope that this
Shetterly committee will support.
284 Adkins Submits 11 letters from students **(EXHIBIT K)**.
313 Rebecca East Former foster child. Submits written testimony **(EXHIBIT L)**.
350 East Continues with testimony about her background.
356 Cornell Asks Chair Backlund to allow foster children time to testify.
360 Alice Benson Student Prineville, Oregon. Supports HB 2431 and gives
testimony.
395 Joe Kimmell Student. Supports HB 2431. Presents testimony.

TAPE 21, A

034 Don Darlin Supports HB 2431. Gives testimony.
080 Kevin George Submits written testimony **(EXHIBIT M)**. Gives testimony.
099 Nancy Miller Citizen Review Board Program. Supports bill. Presents
testimony and asks committee to make this a priority issue for
Ways and Means.
105 Mary Cunningham Student, Portland State University. Presents testimony in favor
of HB 2483.
106 Chair Backlund Closes public hearing and opens work session on HB 2483.
108 Rep. Nelson **MOTION: Moves HB 2483 to the floor with a DO PASS AS
AMENDED recommendation and BE
REFERRED to the Committee on Ways and
Means by prior reference.**
VOTE: 7-0
EXCUSED: 2 - Hopson, Starr
110 Chair Backlund **Declares the motion CARRIED.**
112 Chair Backlund Closes work session on HB 2483 and adjourns committee at
11:20 a.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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Committee Assistant

Janet Adkins,
Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A - HB 2291, -2, -3, -5, -6, -8 amendments, staff, 5 pp**
- B - HB 2291, written testimony, Connie Clark, 2 pp**
- C - HB 2291, written testimony, Rep. Chris Beck, 3 pp**
- D - HB 2291, written report, Jim Mabbott, 32 pp**
- E - HB 2291, written report, Jim Scherzinger, 4 pp**
- F - HB 2230, -2 amendments, staff, 1 p**
- G - HB 2230, written testimony, Sheila Baker, 1 p**
- H - HB 2483, -2 amendments, staff, 1 p**
- I - HB 2431, -1 amendments, staff, 1 p**
- J - HB 2431, written testimony, Adam Cornell, 3 pp**
- K - HB 2431, written letters, staff, 21 pp**
- L - HB2431, written letter, Rebecca East, 1 p**
- M - HB2431, written letter, Kevin George, 1 p**