

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

February 08, 2001
8:30 AM

Hearing Room E
Tapes 25-26

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 2462-Public Hearing and Work Session**
 HB 2327-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 25, A		
003	Chair Backlund	Calls committee to order at 8:30 a.m. Opens public hearing on HB 2462.
<u>HB 2462-PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
005	Janet Adkins	Committee Administrator. Explains HB 2462.
008	Leila Aman	Oregon Student Association. Submits and reads from written testimony (EXHIBIT A). Explains the average cost of child care in Oregon and explains that it is non-subsidized.
064	Rep. Nelson	Comments on the creative ways to take care of child care issue.
080	Aman	Responds that there are a number of ways through the child care block grant. Explains that she will get information and get back to the committee.
092	Rep. Nelson	Suggests the possibility of sharing this activity.
099	Representative Jackie Winters	District 31. Supports HB 2462. Explains that the general fund does not supply support for child care. States that 22% of families who are eligible receive it and the average wait time is 15 months. Explains the situations of students having to choose between child care and an education.
168	Rep. Smith	Comments on subsequent referral to Ways and Means.
175	Rep Barnhart	Asks Winters if the bill would cover half of the waiting list and asks how this amount was settled on.
184	Rep. Winters	Responds that was the amount requested last session and mentions collaboration with Rep. Darlene Hooley.

191	Rep. Nolan	Volunteers to go through budget with Winters due to the importance. Suggests finding state money to provide half the cost.
202	Rep. Nelson	Comments on the possibility of duplicate services available throughout agencies and the possibility of sharing this issue.
216	Rep. Winter	Responds that we already share some but the dollars are not available for individuals who are at an income that doesn't fit into the required category.
231	Rep. Nelson	Asks if the majority of these students are part time employees.
232	Aman	Responds yes.
233	Rep. Nelson	Inquires as to the average income of a student.
240	Aman	Responds that she does not know but will provide information to the committee.
254	Kristen Wallace	Student, Portland State University. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT B) . Explains how she works two jobs and there should be programs available on a sliding scale based on income.
281	Wallace	Continues with testimony.
330	Sarah De Vore	Student, University of Oregon. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT C) . Explains that she received financial aide and is now in debt because of the financial burden of child care and attending college.
TAPE 26, A		
003	Dennis Reynolds	Director, Child Care Development Center. Submits and reads from written testimony (EXHIBIT D) . Presents examples of students he counsels and explains programs that are offered throughout Oregon.
054	Reynolds	Continues testimony. Urges the committee's support.
069	Rep. Morrisette	Comments on the Adult and Family Services figures and the market rates for average cost of care.
082	Reynolds	Explains market factors with higher to lower costs.
091	Rep. Barnhart	Comments on family child care.
092	Reynolds	Responds that family child care businesses are out of homes and listed with Adult and Family Services.
099	Maria Kelley	Submits and reads from written testimony (EXHIBIT E) .
137	Amy Scholerman	Student, Western Oregon University. Presents testimony.
164	Scholerman	Explains that she pays more for child care than for tuition and explains the options available to her within the county.
203	Scholerman	Continues testimony and urges committee's support.
216	Billy Dalto	Citizen. Supports HB 2462.
232	Emily Easley	Student, Portland State University. Supports HB 2462. Presents testimony and explains her views and experience on this issue.
257	Mark Overbeck	Oregon Commission on Child Care. Presents testimony. Supports HB 2462 and believes that quality child care means a quality future.
285	Marlene Johnston	Portland State University. Supports HB 2462. Mentions that she receives a grant for child care but rallies groups for child care.
300	Claire Robinson	Student, Lane Community College. Supports 2462. Presents testimony and states examples of friends.
356	Chair Backlund	Closes public hearing on HB 2462 and opens work session.
<u>HB 2462-WORK SESSION</u>		
361	Rep. Smith	Supports bill but does not know if there is money. Addresses audience and ask them to encourage their children in education.

366	Rep. Hopson	Concurs with Rep. Smith and is sympathetic to issues. Supports bill but would refer to Ways and Means.
380	Chair Backlund	Mentions that this is not in the Governors budget but we all concur.
390	Rep. Starr	MOTION: Moves HB 2462 with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means.
		VOTE: 9-0
395	Chair Backlund	AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. The motion CARRIES.

TAPE 25, B

005	Chair Backlund	Closes work session on HB 2462 and opens public hearing on HB 2327.
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HB 2327-PUBLIC HEARING

037	Adkins	Explains HB 2327.
045	Rep. Jeff Kropf	Presents testimony. Supports and explains HB 2327. Explains that this is an opportunity for individuals and corporations to contribute to schools.
112	Rep. Barnhart	Refers to subsection 4 of bill and asks for clarification.
120	Rep. Kropf	Clarifies bill.
138	Rep. Barnhart	Asks if this is a tax credit.
140	Rep. Kropf	Responds yes you could have a tax credit but an individual could give more and claim a deduction but this is not his intention. Mentions that he is unsure if this can be done.
154	Chair Backlund	Responds yes that it can be done.
157	Rep. Nolan	Comments on the eligibility of the tax deduction and suggests we get advice from legal council.
160	Adkins	Explains her conversations with the legislative revenue staff regarding deductions for schools at this time and their response was yes. Mentions that she will confirm this.
165	Rep. Nolan	Points out that the bill proposes a credit not a tax deduction.
166	Rep. Smith	Asks if he thinks this will spur investments to schools?
167	Rep. Kropf	Responds yes.
168	Rep. Smith	Asks Kropf why.
169	Rep. Kropf	States that he believes we are a compassionate and wealthy society and it is always proper to offer incentives over what is available.
180	Rep. Smith	Comments on the financial impact on the state.
200	Rep. Kropf	Responds none at this time.
220	Rep. Morrisette	Explains his college situation and offers that he does not see how to prevent someone from taking the credit and deduction and asks which schools would be affected.
230	Rep. Kropf	Responds that the ORS 345-575 statute deals with the vocational and technical type of institutions and not private religious schools.
240	Rep. Barnhart	Understands that tax credit will be given to a couple and they will also be able to deduct from income tax.
250	Rep. Kropf	Responds, yes this is correct.
280	Adkins	Reads from ORS and says that this does include private schools.
334	Rep. Kropf	Responds that he will amend if he needs to do so and that it was not intended this way.
335	Rep. Nelson	Comments on the effect to charter schools.

340	Rep. Kropf	Responds that they would benefit.
345	Rep. Nelson	Asks Kropf if he is aware of the College Trust Fund tax shelter and the College Savings Plan.
368	Rep. Kropf	Responds that he is not.
370	Rep. Smith	Asks Nelson about the college savings plan.
378	Rep. Nelson	Responds that there are other programs that bring about tax credits and shelters.
393	Rep. Kropf	Suggest moving forward with this issue and will address the committee's comments.
407	Rep. Nelson	Comments on a CPA's opinion on this bill and suggests having them testify.
TAPE 26, B		
003	Rep. Kropf	Responds that he had planned to have the Lebanon Community Schools Foundation and higher education representatives here but there were last minute changes.
030	Morrisette	Asks Kropf if the Habitat for Humanity type school building is going ahead and discusses consolidation of recent bond.
050	Kropf	Responds that it is still a valid concept but there is not enough interest and he may make motion to take off the books.
054	Laurie Wimmer-Whelan	Oregon Education Association. States that she does not support HB 2327. Submits and reads from written testimony (EXHIBIT F).
082	Wimmer-Whelan	Continues with testimony.
102	Barnhart	Comments on the tax code as he understands it and we already allow tax deduction for contributions.
110	Wimmer-Whelan	Responds yes.
124	Adkins	Explains her conversation Mark Siegel and the fact he was unable to be here today but he does support this bill.
131.	Chair Backlund	Closes public hearing on HB 2327 and adjourns committee at 10:05 a.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A - HB 2462, written letter, Leila Aman, 2 pp**
- B - HB 2462, written letter, Kristen Wallace, 1 page**
- C - HB 2462, written letter, Sarah De Vore, 1 page**
- D - HB 2462, written letter, Dennis Reynolds, 2 pp**
- E - HB 2462, written letter, Maria Kelley, 1 page**
- F - HB 2327, written testimony, Laurie Wimmer-Whalen, 1 page**