

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

March 01, 2001
8:30 AM

Hearing Room E
Tapes 43-45

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. Cliff Zauner

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Rep. Bruce Starr**

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

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **Informational Meeting-Oregon Education Benchmarks**
 SB 253 Public Hearing and Work Session
 SB 264 Public Hearing and Work Session
 HB 2851 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 43, A		
003	Chair Backlund	Calls committee to order at 8:30 a.m. Announces that Ron Page, Educational Secretary will be visiting the Capitol 3/2/01 and all are invited to hear him speak.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
<u>Oregon Education Benchmarks</u>		
005	Jeff Tryens	Executive Director, Oregon Progress Board. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT A). Gives presentation. Explains the Oregon benchmark procedures. Describes his trip to Mexico with the Governor to explain Oregon's benchmark program.
067	Rep. Nelson	Asks if there are benchmarks for preschool.
071	Tryens	Answers there are none in place to date. Continues with presentation.
100	Tryens	Explains that Oregon is on target to what the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) had set in the 60's.
170	Rep. Barnhart	Comments on the chart in his testimony, Exhibit A, for reading benchmarks and improvements.
178	Tryens	Confirms this improvement and explains that the trend from year to year is more important.
180	Rep. Zauer	Comments on the chart showing an increase in reading and the reason for this.
190	Tryens	Responds that he does not know but will get the answer from the ODE.

217	Rep. Nelson	Comments on percentages and asks for clarification.
245	Rep. Hopson	Suggests that improvement is the important issue.
259	Rep. Barnhart	Comments on the expectation of 8 th grade score improvements.
260	Tryens	States that advances are not showing at the 8 th grade level.
275	Rep. Nelson	Asks for the corresponding documents for charts and figures.
280	Tryens	Responds that the legislature lowered the targets because they thought they were too high and the timeline was extended at that time.
307	Tryens	Suggests looking at the disparities between counties and notes the 40 points between the most and least successful.
349	Rep. Nelson	Asks about the majority of students with Head Start programs.
350	Tryens	States that this would be difficult to answer because of hard to find data. Continues with presentation and explains that due to drop out rates we have lost 10,600 students in the last ten years.
382	Rep. Morrisette	Comments on the drop out figures and suggests a higher amount.
390	Tryens	Responds that it is 6% of every class.
TAPE 44, A		
003	Tryens	Explains that the ODE has determined the reporting used for measuring the rates.
122	Rep. Morrisette	Comments on the college waiting lists.
125	Tryens	Continues presentation. Explains that nationally Oregon is 48 th with 18-24 year olds who have not completed high school. States that the highest ranked community services are community colleges.
190	Rep. Nolan	Comments on the legislative decision for benchmark levels.
212	Tryens	Explains that the targets determined are less ambitious than the Quality Education Model.
237	Chair Backlund	Opens public hearing on SB 253.
<u>SB 253-PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
239	Janet Adkins	Committee Administrator. Explains SB 253 and submits the revenue impact statement (EXHIBIT B).
259	Steve Johnson	Associate Superintendent, Oregon Department of Education. Supports SB 253. Explains the benefits of SB 253 and states it is a technical change.
281	Rep. Nelson	Asks for clarification of the bill.
289	Johnson	Responds that education is a state responsibility and this bill addresses current practices for utilizing state funds and there is no direct impact on federal funding.
300	Rep. Nelson	Voices her concern with federal funding.
325	Johnson	Concurs with Rep. Nelson.
350	Johnson	Requests that the referral to the Ways and Means Committee be removed.
358	Chair Backlund	States there is no referral to the Ways and Means Committee. Closes public hearing and opens work session.
359	Rep. Zauner	MOTION: Moves SB 253 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 8-0
		AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye
		EXCUSED: 1-Starr
360	Chair Backlund	The motion CARRIES.
361	Rep. Morrisette	MOTION: Moves SB 253 be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.

362 **Chair Backlund**
370 Chair Backlund

Hearing no objection declares the motion CARRIED.
Closes work session on SB 253 and opens public hearing on SB 264.

SB 264-PUBLIC HEARING

384 Adkins

Explains SB 264.

TAPE 43, B

003 Johnson

Explains that this is another technical bill that would not reduce the funds districts are currently receiving.

022 Rep. Nelson

Inquires of the students who continue to higher education.

030 Johnson

States that this bill addresses K-12 only, not higher education programs.

044 Rep. Nelson

Asks if funding stops once students leave high school.

048 Johnson

Responds yes.

054 Chair Backlund

Closes public hearing and opens work session.

SB 264-WORK SESSION

Rep. T. Smith

MOTION: Moves SB 264 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

VOTE: 8-0

AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.

EXCUSED: 1 - Starr

The motion CARRIES.

Chair Backlund

Rep. T. Smith

MOTION: Moves SB 264 to be placed on the CONSENT CALENDAR.

Chair Backlund

Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

070 Chair Backlund

Closes work session on SB 264 and opens public hearing on HB 2851.

HB 2851-PUBLIC HEARING

090 Adkins

Explains bill.

113 Rep. Gary Hansen

District 17. Voices support for and explains HB 2851.

150 Rep. Randy Leonard

District 21. Supports HB 2851 and explains his experience as a firefighter.

213 Rep. Nelson

Asks why this bill has not been introduced earlier.

222 Rep. Leonard

Responds due to the expense.

244 Rep. Nelson

Comments on sprinkler requirements for meeting facilities.

245 Rep. Leonard

Responds that all counties have their own requirements.

266 Rep. Smith

Comments on the funding for this bill.

276 Rep. Hansen

Responds that there is a proposal for low interest loans available to schools.

290 Rep. Smith

Comments on retrofitting current facilities and asks for further clarification of funding.

321 Rep. Hansen

Responds that he does not know the exact costs.

333 Rep. Leonard

Responds that there are associated savings, as in insurance rates, etc.

343 Rep. Morriesette

Suggests further clarification of loans.

351 Rep. Hansen

Responds that he does not have other information.

400 Rep. Barnhart

Comments on sorority and fraternity houses.

TAPE 44, B

003 Ron Murray

Agent, Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 290. Submits written information, reports, and testimony (**EXHIBIT C**). Explains his past experience as fire chief. Comments on the cost for sprinkler system installation.

080 Don Pamplin

Retired Firefighter. National Fire Sprinklers Association. Submits and presents written testimony (**EXHIBIT D**). Supports

		HB 2851. Explains fire prevention process and liabilities that occur after a fire. Mentions that most deaths occur in residential occupancies.
286	William Love	Executive Director, Health, Housing, Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority. Explains that the authority is not a loan program and section 4 is not necessary. Submits written report and testimony (EXHIBIT E) .
384	Grattan Kerans	Oregon University System. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT F) . Presents testimony.
TAPE 45, A		
003	Kerans	Continues with testimony and states there is no funding.
030	Rep. Nelson	Asks about the number of facilities without fire protection.
040	Lynda Swanson	Oregon University System, Lane County. Responds that all high rise facilities have sprinklers overall approximately 50% without.
101	Rep. Nelson	Asks Ms. Swanson for written testimony.
179	Kerans	Recommends that this bill be referred to the Ways and Means Committee.
180	Rep. Barnhart	Comments on student fire safety training.
182	Swanson	Responds that they have fire training and drills.
189	Adkins	Submits written testimony from Doug Vanpelt, Corvallis Fire Chief (EXHIBIT G) and states his support for HB 2851.
217	Jim Crawford	Fire Marshall, City of Portland. Presents testimony. Supports HB 2851.
288	Shannon Thorson	McMinnville Fire Department. Supports HB 2851. Explains where sprinklers do and do not exist and states that all schools and elderly care facilities have sprinklers. Explains that installation of fire sprinklers would cost less than installing carpeting in dormitories.
352	Robert Garrison	State Fire Marshal. Submits and presents written testimony (EXHIBIT H) . Supports HB 2851.
354	Adkins	Submits written testimony from Lynda Swanson (EXHIBIT I) .
403	Chair Backlund	Adjourns the committee at 10:55 a.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A -INFORMATIONAL MEETING

- Oregon Progress Board, written presentation testimony, Jeff Tryens, 6 pp.**
- B - SB 253, staff, Revenue Impact Statement, 1 page**
- C - HB 2851, written information, reports and testimony, Ron Murray, 51 pp.**
- D - HB 2851, written testimony, Don Pamplin, oversized exhibit**
- E - HB 2851, written report, William Love, 22 pp.**
- F - HB 2851, written testimony, Grattan Kerans, 2 pp.**
- G - HB 2851, written testimony, staff, 2 pp.**
- H - HB 2851, written testimony, Robert Garrison, 1 page**
- I - HB 2851, written testimony, Lynda Swanson, 4 pp**

