

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

March 13, 2001  
8:30 A.M.

Hearing Room E  
Tapes 51-54

**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:**      **Informational Meeting**  
  **HB 3004 – Public Hearing**

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<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 51, A</b>		
003	Chair Backlund	Calls committee to order at 8:30 a.m. and opens informational meeting.
<b><u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u></b>		
003	Staff	Submits Financial Aid Commission Final Report ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
005	Roger Bassett	Co-Chair, Financial Aid Commission. Submits written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ). Explains options for utilizing financial aid and explains the Oregon Opportunity Grant. Believes decisions should be for the student. Presents conclusions of report.
142	Nancy Goldschmidt	Chancellor, Oregon University System. Presents testimony.
150	Chair Backlund	Comments on the determination of need vs. merit.
170	Barrett	Responds that there are other sources of aid that recognize merit and Oregon should select on a broader objective.
191	Rep. Hopson	Comments on the importance of the Ways and Means Committee on this issue.
198	Barrett	Responds that he will follow up with the Ways and Means
216	Chair Backlund	Closes informational meeting and opens public hearing on HB 3004.
<b><u>HB 3004 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
217	Staff	Submits HB 3004 –1 amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ) and the fiscal impact statement ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ).
218	Rep. Morrisette	Explains HB 3004.
220	Jamon Kent	Superintendent, Springfield School District. Supports HB 3004. Submits and presents written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ).

351	Dr. Stan Paine	Principal, Springfield School District. Submits and reads from testimony <b>(EXHIBIT F)</b> .
<b>TAPE 52, A</b>		
003	Paine	Continues with testimony.
070	Rep. Carolyn Tomei	District 25. Supports HB 3004. Submits written testimony <b>(EXHIBIT G)</b> . Discusses importance of early education.
150	Rep. Monnes Anderson	District 22. Supports HB 3004. Submits written testimony <b>(EXHIBIT H)</b> . Discusses need to reach at risk children.
199	Rep. Smith	Comments on beginning school at the age of six.
200	Rep. Tomei	Responds that the younger children begin, the better they proceed.
212	Rep. Monnes Anderson	States that half-day kindergarten is easiest for parents.
220	Rep. Smith	Comments on the mandatory age in other states.
230	Rep. Monnes Anderson	Responds that she has not researched data from other states.
280	Rep. Cedric Hayden	District 43. Opposes HB 3004. States that he will provide testimony for the committee at a later date. Explains that our current process is the best to date and explains his personal situation with his own children.
295	Rep. Morrisette	States the need for amendments to allow parental choices.
318	Rep. Smith	Comments on "at risk" children.
320	Rep. Hayden	Responds that there are vulnerable families who should be held harmless and admits he does not have one solution for all children.
342	Rep. Hopson	Asks Rep. Hayden if home school would be mandated and asks about disadvantaged children.
350	Rep. Hayden	Responds by reading the statute and states he does not want to add restrictions on home schooling. Recommends encouragement vs. mandates for at risk and dysfunctional children.
381	Roger Williams	Home School Father. Opposes HB 3004. Submits written testimony <b>(EXHIBIT I)</b> .
<b>TAPE 51, B</b>		
003	Williams	Mentions it was his understanding that this is a mandatory bill and he is not hearing that today. Questions the original intent.
080	Rep. Morrisette	Explains his experience with his grandson repeating first grade and how he also began learning at a later age.
139	Rep. Barnhart	Comments on 339.010, 339.020 and 339.030 in the ORS and how exceptions will continue to be in the law if this bill passes.
147	Williams	States that his issues are broader than home schooling and feels some children will be hurt by this bill.
189	Cynthia Skaegen	Home schooling mother. Opposes HB 3004 and explains her experience with her own children. Questions the discrimination forward minorities and single moms.
224	Chair Backlund	Responds that if this is law it will not be discrimination.
266	Rep. Morrisette	Explains that school districts would stay in contact with parents.
312	Kent	Explains that the intent is not to change the way we partnership with schools.
400	Rep. Nolan	Asks Mr. Kent to explain his definition of "client".
405	Kent	Responds that the student is the client.
<b>TAPE 52, B</b>		
003	Brian Ray	Science teacher and father of eight. Opposes HB 3004. Submits written testimony <b>(EXHIBIT J)</b> and states his belief of a

		paradigm occurring with the state of Oregon acquiring the authority over children instead of parents.
120	Rep. Nelson	Comments on age readiness and asks Ray if he would agree to an amended bill.
140	Ray	Responds no; the state should not have the power to make these decisions.
150	Rep. Hopson	Comments on the testimony heard and explains that this bill was meant to address at risk children.
160	Ray	Responds it is not Oregon's responsibility but the parents.
170	Rep. Hopson	Comments on the possibility of at risk children becoming prisoners.
180	Ray	Responds that Oregon's focus should be for parental involvement in children's lives.
198	Rep. Morrisette	Comments on the term "compelling interest" and states it is not defined as ownership.
223	Ray	Comments on the authority of the parents vs. the state.
237	Kevin Starrett	Opposes HB 3004. Comments on the 1997 legislative session and the bills that the Governor vetoed.
350	Lawrence Hall	Attorney and father. Opposes HB 3004 and submits written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT K</b> ). Agrees that it is the parents who should determine and not the state.
<b>TAPE 53, A</b>		
003	Rep. Nelson	States her concern for the prison system and her wishes to prevent incarceration.
070	Hall	Agrees with Rep. Nelson and emphasizes his concern of mandating.
077	Rep. Nelson	Stresses the need for the state to care for individuals who are not cared for by parents.
080	Amy Grant	Oregon Home School Network. Submits written reports and testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT L</b> ).
159	Rep. Morrisette	Reads the ORS statutes and asks Ms. Grant if she believes that this bill is doing anything differently.
160	Grant	Responds yes and states the public's understanding of this bill. States her belief that his law will increase angry children in classes.
193	Sharon Roy	Teacher. Opposes HB 3004. Presents testimony and states her beliefs on early schooling.
334	Gabe Winslow	Legislative Assistant to Senator Charles Starr. Submits and reads from Senator Starr's written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT M</b> ). Opposes HB 3004. States Sen. Starr's belief that this bill is not needed because parents are able to opt out currently. Opposes the costs that this bill will incur.
<b>TAPE 54, A</b>		
003	Winslow	Continues with testimony.
020	Susan Farmer	Early Childhood Education Specialist. Submits written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT N</b> ). Opposes HB 3004. Believes the Head Start program should be made available to those who want it. Expresses her belief that kindergarten does not make a difference in a child's learning ability.
154	Janet Adkins	Submits signatures of individuals opposing HB 3004 ( <b>EXHIBIT O</b> ).
161	Deborah Butler	Piano teacher. Opposes HB 3004. Presents testimony. Believes that children are not ready for teaching instruction at the age of 6.

221	Chuck Bennett	Confederation of Oregon Schools Association. Supports HB 3004 and asks the committee to provide space and dollars.
230	Patty O’Sullivan	Portland Public Schools. Supports HB 3004. Explains that there are 3,921 first graders and 3,586 kindergartners in school, which include Head Start and pre-k programs and indicates there is funding for available half day kindergarten.
300	Chair Backlund	Closes public hearing and adjourns committee at 11:15 a.m.

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A –Informational Meeting, Financial Aid Commission Final Report, staff, 76 pp.**
- B – Informational Meeting, written testimony, Roger Bassett, 6 pp**
- C –HB 3004, -1 amendments, staff, 1 page**
- D –HB 3004, fiscal impact statement, staff 1 page**
- E –HB 3004, written testimony, Jamon Kent, 2 pp**
- F –HB 3004, written testimony, Dr. Stan Paine, 4 pp**
- G –HB 3004, written testimony, Rep. Carolyn Tomei, 3 pp**
- H –HB 3004, written testimony, Rep. Laurie Monnes Anderson, 1 page**
- I – HB 3004, written testimony, Roger Williams, 1 page**
- J – HB 3004, written testimony, Dr. Brian D. Ray, 1 page**
- K –HB 3004, written testimony, Lawrence J. Hall, 1 page**
- L - HB 3004, written testimony, Amy Grant, 15 pp**
- M -HB 3004, written testimony, Gabe Winslow, 4 pp**
- N - HB 3004, written testimony, Susan Farmer, 2 pp**
- O - HB 3004, written signatures, staff, 1 page**