

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

March 08, 2001
8:30 A.M.

Hearing Room E
Tapes 48- 50

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Vic Backlund, Chair**
 Rep. Elaine Hopson, Vice Chair
Rep. Tootie Smith, Vice Chair
 Rep. Phil Barnhart
 Rep. Bill Morrisette
 Rep. Mary Nolan
 Rep. Bruce Starr
 Rep. Cliff Zauner

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Rep. Donna Nelson**

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

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **HB 2489-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 48, A		
003	Chair Backlund	Calls committee to order at 8:30 a.m. and opens public hearing on HB 2489.
<u>HB 2489-PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
004	Janet Adkins	Explains HB 2489. Submits veterinary school proposal from Dr. Kelvin Koong (EXHIBIT A).
032	Sen. Kate Brown	District 7. States her experience as a horse owner and the advantages of having access to the OSU vet school.
059	Sen. Dave Nelson	Senate Majority Leader. Supports HB 2489.
070	Rep. Kurt Schrader	District 23. Practicing veterinarian. Supports HB 2489. States his beliefs on funding of the vet college in Oregon. Presents testimony. Explains Oregon State University's (OSU) plan to work with Washington State University and the conflicting costs of Oregon and Washington residents. Stresses the unfairness of these costs. Describes the livestock industry in Oregon and the vets that are needed for this industry. Mentions that companion animals are at an all time high, which results in the need for additional veterinarians.
240	Sen. Lenn Hannon	District 6. Supports HB 2489. Explains Dick Magruder's vision for a four-year vet school at OSU and suggests sending this bill to the Ways and Means Committee.
285	Sen. Ted Ferrioli	District 28. Supports HB 2489. States his vision for a four-year vet school in Oregon. Compares Oregon schools to California's. Believes a land grant college should have this.
369	Dr. L. J. Koong	Dean, Oregon State University. Supports HB 2489. Explains the establishment of OSU and the needs for animal health.

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003	Koong	States that the initial connection was made with Washington State University (WSU) due to lack of dollars. Explains changes incurred through past legislative sessions and how these have affected the college with challenges for staff and students. Explains that OSU includes 36 students per class and 32 facility members with a full hospital staff. Explains the \$1.3 million dollars sent to WSU and explains the planned proposal and refers to Exhibit A in packet.
204	Rep. Kelley Wirth	District 35. Supports HB 2489 and mentions the impact the vet school would have on Oregon. Explains Pet Day at the vet school and the significance of this outreach.
250	Rep. Morrisette	Asks when Pet Day is held and asks to be invited.
252	Rep. Wirth	Responds May 5 th .
256	Rep. Barnhart	Comments that he represents farm and pastureland in the south and clarifies the benefits to his district.
260	Rep. Wirth	Agrees that OSU is the only large animal school in the state.
283	Steven Brown, DVM	Veterinarian, Animal Medical Care of Newport. Submits and presents written testimony (EXHIBIT B). Supports HB 2489 and mentions the difficulty in recruitment of veterinarians.

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003	Brown	Expresses the travel from Oregon to Washington to continue schooling and states his needs for consultations with OSU on a daily basis.
040	Tracey Liskey	Second Vice President, Oregon Farm Bureau Federation. Submits and presents written testimony (EXHIBIT C). Supports HB 2489. Explains the benefits of the vet school to livestock in Oregon.
082	Rep. Morrisette	Asks about the outreach program and asks if this is a statewide program.
090	Liskey	Responds that through extension services and local vets, is a statewide service.
093	Sharon Harmon	Executive Director, Oregon Humane Society (OHS). Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT D). Supports HB 2489. Explains the quality of care needed for companion animals today and the economic impact. States that pet owners spend over 20 billion dollars annually and explains that vets are essential in this relationship. Explains OHS working relationship with OSU due to the 150 animals taken in daily and explains plans for a teaching hospital at their facility.
100	Rep. Morrisette	Asks how many vets OHS employs.
102	Harmon	Responds none, that vet services are donated by various vet clinics.
105	Rep. Smith	Comments on the location of the OHS.
170	Harmon	Responds Portland.
189	Scott Campbell, DVM	Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT E). Explains the benefits of the OSU vet school and explains beginning salaries of vets is approximately \$51,000 annually.
327	Rep. Barnhart	Comments on the number of professionals needed to work with clinics.
350	Chair Backlund	Mentions that being a pet owner adds 3-5 years to your life.
358	Campbell	Concurs.
369	Kathryn A. Minx	President, Blue Paw Family Pet Insurance. Supports HB 2489.

Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT F**) and explains her company and their needs with the OSU vet school. Mentions that Banfield is their sister company.

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- 003 Hugh Lewis, DVM Senior VP, Banfield Hospital. Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT G**). Explains sharing of the environment with pets today and explains collaboration with OSU.
- 055 Doug Whitsett, DVM Retired DVM. Oregon Cattlemen's Association, Klamath Falls. Presents testimony. Supports HB 2489 and describes his needs for the OSU vet school.
- 130 George Pugh Oregon Grass Seed Council and Board of Agriculture. Supports HB 2489 and presents testimony. Explains the need to utilize OSU for identifying grass seed toxins in animal feeds. Mentions the hardships of out of state schooling.
- 204 Patty Strand President, Responsible Dog Breeders of Oregon. Supports HB 2489. Believes the bill an essential to all pet owners throughout the state. Explains the economy generated by dog shows and comments on her club's scholarships awarded to OSU.
- 299 Dr. Susan Tornquist College of Veterinary Medicine, Oregon State University Faculty. Supports HB 2489 and describes her experience with the decision of attending OSU. Believes that the top students choose other schools so they won't have to continue in Washington.
- 329 Jerud Rhen Senior vet student, Oregon State University. Presents testimony and explains his concerns and experiences with education and financial and emotional aspects of a veterinary education at OSU.

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- 003 Jilinda Simpson Senior vet student, Oregon State Universtiy. Supports HB 2489 and explains her experience with education at OSU.
- 028 Sarah Vielbig Senior vet student, Oregon State University. Supports HB 2489 and explains her experience with education at OSU. Agrees with Rhen on the financial and emotional obligations.
- 063 Herb Goodman Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Oregon Humane Society. Supports HB 2489 and explains his role with the humane society.
- 084 Kathy Neely OSU Alumni. Supports HB 2489.
- 105 Margaret Magruder Oregon Sheep Growers Association. Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT H**). Supports HB 2489.
- 131 Don Moisan Oregon Dairy Farmers Association. Presents testimony. Supports HB 2489. Believes OSU vet school will keep the dairy industry competitive.
- 161 Glen Pfefferkorn Willamette Valley Llama Association. Submits and presents written testimony (**EXHIBIT I**). Supports HB 2489. Explains his interest in the OSU vet school and his utilization of their services on his ranch.
- 165 Katie Cate Oregon Cattlemen's Association. Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT J**). Supports HB 2489.
- 230 Lt. Randall Covey Police Officer, Oregon Humane Society. Supports HB 2489 and presents testimony in favor of.
- 245 Chair Backlund States that he will recommend the passage of this bill and closes public hearing on HB 2489. Adjourns committee at 10:40 a.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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Janet Adkins,
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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - HB 2489, written summary and program for Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine, staff, 37 pp

B - HB 2489, written testimony, Dr. Steven Brown, 2 pp

C - HB 2489, written testimony, Tracey Liskey, 1 page

D - HB 2489, written testimony, Sharon Harmon, 2 pp

E - HB 2489, written testimony, Dr. Scott Campbell, 2 pp

F - HB 2489, written testimony, Kathryn Minx, 1 page

G - HB 2489, written testimony, Dr. Hugh Lewis, 1 page

H - HB 2489, written testimony, Margaret Magruder, 2 pp

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