

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

January 11, 2001 Hearing Room B  
3:00 PM Tapes 1 - 2

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Charles Starr, Chair  
Sen. Susan Castillo, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Ryan Deckert  
Sen. Bill Fisher  
Sen. Avel Gordly  
Sen. Tom Hartung

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Sen. Ted Ferrioli

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jan McComb, Administrator  
Jennifer Simmons, Administrative Support

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** Organizational meeting to adopt committee rules.  
Informational meeting regarding vocational-technical education.

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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.

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>TAPE 1, A</b>		
001	Chair Starr	Calls meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.
<b>007</b>	<b>Sen. Fisher</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules dated 01/11/01.</b>
009	Sen. Castillo	Asks for clarification regarding filing minority reports.
023	Jan McComb	Administrator. Responds that she will check with Judy Hall.
031	Sen. Castillo	Asks for more clarification.
033	Jan McComb	Clarifies further. <b>VOTE: 4-0</b> <b>EXCUSED: 3 - Deckert, Ferrioli, Hartung</b>
<b>037</b>	<b>Chair Starr</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
040	Chair Starr	Closes organizational meeting, and opens an informational meeting on vocational-technical education. Introduces Rep. Alan Brown.
<b><u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u></b>		
050	Rep. Alan Brown	Speaks on Newport High School's vocational program.
095	Chair Starr	Thanks Rep. Brown for his testimony.
098	Robert Hermansen	Citizen, Newport. Explains the closure of Newport High School's vocational automotive program due to insufficient funds. Relates progress of fundraising to reopen the program. Comments on community support.
365	Sen. Fisher	Asks how many students can participate in the program.
368	Hermansen	Answers that program accommodated six to seven students last year.
386	Chair Starr	Thanks Hermansen. Introduces Department of Education.

395	Kate Dickson,	Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction. Acknowledges challenges expressed by Rep. Brown and Hermansen. States Department of Education is very interested in creating opportunities for students to learn by contextual and applied experiences. Introduces Ron Dexter.
<b>TAPE 2, A</b>		
015	Ron Dexter	Associate Superintendent, Board of Education. Reads from Exhibit A.
230	Sen. Gordly	Asks if trend suggests that there are a number of students ready to leave high school before graduation to take college classes.
240	Dexter	Responds that Department of Education is working on statistics with several other agencies.
260	Sen. Gordly	Asks if there is a report reflecting their work with the other agencies. States interest in looking further into this issue.
270	Dickson	Responds that schools are each keeping this data in own ways. States they are still working on compiling this data.
294	Sen. Gordly	Asks how students pay for credits.
298	Dickson	Responds this data is also being worked on. Describes some of the ways the credits are paid for.
316	Chair Starr	States this is an issue important to him also.
324	Dexter	Discusses work with student leadership organizations.
345	Chair Starr	Recognizes importance of the 4-H organization.
360	Sen. Gordly	Recognizes importance of the Junior Achievement organization.
364	Dexter	States that they are working to extend relations with these types of organizations and businesses.
372	Dickson	Praises Rep. Brown, Hermansen, and their community for their support of their local schools.
383	Chair Starr	Comments on dropout rate in Oregon.
401	Dexter	States that professional-technical education motivates students to stay in school.
417	Sen. Deckert	Asks what thoughts are on Oregon's dropout rate.
425	Dickson	Responds that Department of Education is alarmed by Oregon's dropout rate. Explains that statistics are compiled differently by each state. Discusses some reasons why students dropout.
<b>TAPE 1, B</b>		
025	Chair Starr	Comments on potential of students that dropout to become valuable members of society.
035	Dickson	Agrees with Chair Starr.
039	Sen. Hartung	Discloses information regarding work in Ways and Means committee.
072	Sen. Starr	Thanks the Board of Education. Introduces next witnesses.
080	Ken Fry	NECA Local IBEW 48. Speaks on importance of professional-technical programs within Oregon.
092	Bob Kimes	Local 290. Explains importance of having applied learning in schools.
145	Fry	Comments on opportunities for high school graduates.
161	Sen. Hartung	Comments on organized labor and the need for skilled workers.
180	Chair Starr	Thanks Fry and Kimes. Introduces Auto Services Association.
189	Deb Elkins,	Director, Auto Services Association. Reads from Exhibit B.
302	Bob Anderson	AJ's Auto Repair. States changes in auto industry should change the way we educate students. Highlights California's SB 1146.
408	Sen. Fisher	Relates own experience of increasing difficulty in maintaining his automobile.

**TAPE 2, B**

063	Anderson	Reiterates need for education of skilled workers.
070	Sen. Fisher	Asks how to help the programs with government's limited budget.
072	Chair Starr	Explains Ways and Means will handle budget issues. Speaks on putting together a group to look into issue further.
082	Deb Elkins	Responds to Sen. Fisher. Proposes educational software as one solution to the fiscal issue.
098	Anderson	Responds to Sen. Fisher also. Proposes more use of school credit for job experience.
119	Chair Starr	Thanks Anderson.
122	Malcolm Rose	Malcolm's Auto Electric. Relates personal history. Discusses founding the Mid-Valley Auto Association. Says students need to be encouraged to have interest in auto industry. Describes a student that benefited from Newport's program. Describes discontinuation of automotive programs in Corvallis. Suggests supplying basic training only.
329	Chair Starr	Thanks Rose and all witnesses. Introduces committee staff.
378	Sen. Gordly	Thanks witnesses.
403	Chair Starr	Declares meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - Written testimony, Ron Dexter, 7pp**

**B - Written testimony, Deb Elkins, 3pp**