

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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January 18, 2001 Hearing Room B

3:00 p.m. Tapes 5 - 6

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Charles Starr, Chair

Sen. Susan Castillo, Vice-Chair

Sen. Ryan Deckert

Sen. Ted Ferrioli

Sen. Bill Fisher

Sen. Avel Gordly

Sen. Tom Hartung

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MEMBER EXCUSED:

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STAFF PRESENT: Jan McComb, Committee Administrator

Jennifer Simmons, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Governor's Budget/Ballot Measure One

SB 254

SB 326

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
<b>TAPE 5, A</b>		
005	Chair Starr	Calls meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.
<b><u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u></b>		
010	Jan McComb	Administrator. Introduces witnesses.
013	Jean Thorne	Governor's Education Policy Advisor. Comments on priorities made when working on the Governor's Recommended Budget.
100	Linda Ames	Department of Administrative Services. Submits written material ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ) and begins PowerPoint presentation on the Governor's recommended budget.
221	Thorne	Submits ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ) and comments on Quality Education Model.
262	Sen. Ferrioli	States that cost of the Quality Education Model is too high to implement.
296	Thorne	States that the Quality Education Model is meant to be a frame to build the budget around.
328	Sen. Ferrioli	Expresses concern for getting ahead of themselves.
351	Thorne	Suggests bringing in Quality Education Commission to give further details on the model. Explains that model is to be used as a tool to understand funding at

		several levels.
372	Sen. Deckert	States that he believed that the Quality Education Model was part of Ballot Measure 1.
386	Thorne	Gives statistics regarding the cost of the model per student.Ý Comments on reading benchmarks.
<b>TAPE 6, A</b>		
033	Sen. Gordly	Asks why professional development for teachers is not number one on their list.
041	Thorne	Answers that this is not a prioritized list.Ý Continues with presentation.Ý
079	Sen. Ferrioli	Expresses concern that the Quality Education Model is not a realisticÝÝ model.
098	Thorne	Continues with presentation.
117	Sen. Ferrioli	States that the report of the commission does not meet legislatively required mandate created by Ballot Measure One.
135	Chair Starr	States that they will be deliberating on that issue as session goes on.
141	Thorne	Continues presentation.
202	Sen. Gordly	Asks why the performance expectation is 90% and not 100%.
214	Thorne	Answers that the commission desires growth for all students but is trying to recognize that some students can not achieve performance expectations.
245	Sen. Gordly	States that in Portland their expectation level is 100%.Ý Expresses concern for the Quality Education Model not being 100%.
261	Chair Starr	Gives some statistics regarding illiteracy.Ý Conveys a strong desire to change reading curriculum.
290	Ames	Speaks about school funding.
337	Thorne	Begins to speak about community colleges.
373	Ames	Continues presentation.
388	Sen. Gordly	Points out that the learning centers are helping a lot of communities.
418	Sen. Castillo	Asks how much the additional state funding for the basic skills centers.
426	Ames	Answers \$3.4 million.
430	Sen. Ferrioli	States that the enhancements are critical.Ý Also praises learning centers.Ý Expresses concern over the reductions in the budget.
<b>TAPE 5, B</b>		
021	Sen. Gordly	States that we need more revenue.
036	Thorne	Continues with presentation.
054	Ames	Comments on Department of Higher Education budget.
071	Sen. Fisher	Asks what the total of the reductions is.
084	Ames	Answers \$18 million reduction from current service level.
110	Ames	Goes through list of reductions.Ý
131	Thorne	Points out that there are other policy changes that can be made staying within the constraints of the budget.
144	Sen. Fisher	Comments that he is available to give examples for schools to cut costs.
174	Thorne	Reiterates that the governor is willing to take



**C ñ written testimony, Grattan Kerans, 1 pp**