

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

January 23, 2001 Hearing Room B
3:00 p.m. Tapes 7 - 9

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Charles Starr, Chair
Sen. Susan Castillo, Vice-Chair
Sen. Ryan Deckert
Sen. Ted Ferrioli
Sen. Bill Fisher
Sen. Tom Hartung

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Avel Gordly

STAFF PRESENT: Jan McComb, Committee Administrator
Jennifer Simmons, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Introduction of LC 6
SB 307
SB 324
SB 250

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 7, A		
002	Chair Starr	Opens the meeting at 3:06 p.m.
<u>PUBLIC HEARING – SB 307</u>		
010	Jan McComb	Administrator. Gives overview of bill.
018	Jim Scheppke	State Librarian, Oregon State Library. Reads from written testimony. (EXHIBIT A)
081	Sen. Hartung	Asks if interest earned by the fund is redeposited in the endowment fund rather than the state fund.
085	Scheppke	Answers yes.
090	Sen. Hartung	Asks if board has discretion to put any funds into the endowment fund.
096	Scheppke	Answers yes.
106	Sen. Fisher	Asks what is 88 percent of operating support.
109	Scheppke	Answers about one million dollars.
111	Sen. Fisher	Asks if that is from the budget of Commission For the Blind.
114	Scheppke	Answers no. States that it is a budget for the State Library.
121	Sen. Fisher	Asks if there are charges by the Treasurer.
125	Scheppke	Answers that he believes that is the responsibility of the Treasurer.
128	Sen. Fisher	Asks what exactly the budget is.
132	Scheppke	Answers 1.2 million dollars last biennium.
133	Sen. Fisher	Asks how the budget is coming along this biennium.
134	Scheppke	Answers that there has been some difficulty since Ballot Measure 5.
153	Sen. Fisher	Says that he has a blind daughter. Asks if he believes there will be many cuts in the coming budget.

164	Schepke	Answers that the Governor's recommended budget is adequate funding.
178	Sen. Hartung	Asks how many Talking books and Braille books are in the state Library.
178	Schepke	Answers that their total collection is 170,000.
193	Connie Fritz	Chair, Talking Books and Braille. Testifies in favor of the bill.
216	Sen. Fisher	Asks how many vision-impaired people are in the state.
218	Schepke	Answers that there are approximately 8000 people benefiting from the program.

WORK SESSION – SB 307

233	Sen. Hartung	MOTION: Moves SB 307 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
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237	Sen. Fisher	Enters statement of potential conflict.
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Chair

VOTE: 5-0
EXCUSED: 2 - Ferrioli, Gordly
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
SEN. FISHER will lead discussion on the floor.

INTRODUCTION OF LC 6

263	Jan McComb	Gives brief overview of introduction.
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271	Sen. Hartung	MOTION: Moves LC 6 BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill.
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Chair

VOTE: 5-0
EXCUSED: 2 - Ferrioli, Gordly
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING – SB 324 & SB 250

306	Jan McComb	Gives brief overview of each bill.
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319	David Myton	Executive Director, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBITS B & C)
368	Carolyn Ortman	Member, TSPC. Talks about the cost of the certification program. Speaks about the need to assist teachers with this cost.
402	John Miner	Director of Human Resources, Gresham-Barlow School District. Testifies in favor of the bills.
451	Sen. Hartung	Asks how this certification affects the students.

TAPE 8, A

007	Miner	Answers that he has had good feedback regarding the teachers that have become certified.
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033	Sen. Hartung	States that he would like to hear from the certified teachers.
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046	Miner	Says that in his district, mentors have been created to help other teachers try the certification.
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065	Sen. Fisher	Asks when the Oregon teachers were certified.
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069	Miner	Answers that the results came in late November, 2000.
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073	Sen. Fisher	Asks how many are nationally certified in Oregon.
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074	Miner	Answers seventeen.
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080	Sen. Fisher	Asks how many in Oregon applied.
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081	David Myton	Answers that there were twenty-four applicants.
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089	Sen. Fisher	Asks what happened to the seven that did not become certified
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092	Myton	Answers that someone else may better equipped to answer that question.
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100	Sen. Fisher	Asks how the fee compares to development in other professions
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108	Myton	Answers that he does not know.
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110	Sen. Fisher	Asks if there is a salary adjustment for achieving this certification.
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112	Myton	Answers that it varies by district.
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122	Miner	Reiterates that the salary increase changes by district.
133	Sen. Fisher	Asks if an MA is required for the certification.
135	Miner	Answers no. States that it does require three years of teaching.
138	Sen. Fisher	Asks if we should look at the certification in place of an MA.
142	Miner	Answers that he does believe it to be a very good program, but not for every teacher.
157	Chair Starr	States that they need evidence that there are improved student outcomes.
203	Sen. Fisher	Asks where funding is from federal government.
217	Myton	Answers that the funding has been offered funding from the federal government. States that there has been about 44,000 dollars contributed from this.
242	Sen. Fisher	Asks if there is a refund if someone does not complete the program.
245	Myton	Answers that he does not know.
263	Sen. Deckert	Asks if federal funds are used as an incentive for potential applicants.
277	Myton	Answers that funding is from a grant and is discounted off of fee.
289	Sen. Deckert	States that he would like to encourage teachers to reach higher.
302	Myton	Explains that the grant money is paid directly to NBPTS.
313	Chair Starr	Introduces next witnesses.
320	BethAnne Darby	Oregon Education Association. Testifies in favor of the bill.
339	Courtney Vandersteck	Director, Center for Teaching and Learning. Reads from written testimony. (EXHIBIT D)
421	Chair Starr	Says that he would be interested to see the standards for testing.
439	Sen. Castillo	Expresses a desire to know how students perform as a result of this certification.
453	Vandersteck	Says that the process provides a new way to look at their work.
TAPE 7, B		
031	Sen. Hartung	Asks why the TSPC does not implement their own program for certifying teachers based on the national model.
047	Vandersteck	Answers that the certification is effective because it is purely voluntary.
070	Darby	States that she would like Vandersteck to speak about mentor programs.
074	Vandersteck	Speaks on mentor programs. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT E)
115	Joanne Flint	Oregon Department of Education, Office of Curriculum and Field Services. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT F) .
224	Sen. Fisher	Asks if it is required to teach for three years to eligible.
229	Flint	Answers yes. States that the teachers being mentored are usually first year teachers.
237	Sen. Fisher	Asks if there are statistics relating to the improvement of mentors from the certification.
243	Flint	Answers that the mentorship program is not part of the certification. Continues with testimony.
320	Chair Starr	Asks if there is any funding from the Governor's budget.
325	Flint	Answers no.
344	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks how Flint knows that funding will not be continued in the Bush administration.
349	Flint	Answers she does not know for sure.
378	Sen. Ferrioli	States that we should not assume that teacher professional development is not part of Bush's plan.
407	Sen. Castillo	Says that there is a serious need for these types of programs.

442	Sen. Fisher	Relates personal experience in teaching.
TAPE 8, B		
032	Flint	States that the mentorship program is like an apprenticeship.
050	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks if there is still a practicum involved in training.
060	Flint	Answers yes.
085	Sen. Ferrioli	Speaks about teachers being recruited out of profession.
102	Sen. Fisher	States that he would like to see a study of why teachers leave their jobs.
148	Jay Casbon	Dean, School of Education, Lewis and Clark College. Testifies in favor of both bills.
212	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks if teachers are different than other workers.
230	Casbon	Answers that he believes most teachers have a real commitment to their profession. Gives some reasons why teachers leave.
259	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks if there are many people that leave other jobs to teach.
271	Casbon	Answers that there are several people that do move into teaching.
301	Sen. Deckert	States that he believes that a major reason for teachers leaving is compensation.
330	Sen. Fisher	Asks why teachers are leaving.
343	Casbon	Answers by giving the top five reasons.
372	Sen. Fisher	Relates story of a friend that moved into teaching.
403	Gwenn Stover	Continuing Education Coordinator, Lewis and Clark College. Testifies in favor of both bills.
TAPE 9, A		
005	Betty Haus	Chair, American Association of University Women of Oregon. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT G)
061	Sharon Poteet	Principal, St. Mary's Public School. Testifies in favor of the bill.
113	David Myton	Executive Director, TSPC. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT H)
127	Sen. Fisher	States that teachers should help each other without being paid for it.
181	Chair Starr	Adjourns meeting at 5:10 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – SB 307, written testimony, Jim Scheppke, 1 pp**
- B – SB 324, written testimony, David Myton, 3 pp**
- C – SB 324, written material, David Myton, 13 pp**
- D – SB 324, written testimony, Courtney Vanderstek, 8pp**
- E – SB 250, written testimony, Courtney Vanderstek, 1 pp**
- F – SB 250, written testimony, Joanne Flint, 6 pp**
- G – SB 250, written testimony, Betty Haus, 1 pp**

H – SB 250, written testimony, David Myton, 1 pp