

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 01, 2001 Hearing Room B  
3:00 p.m. Tapes 14 - 15

**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**

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

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**        **Possible introduction of bills**  
                                  **SB 38 – Public Hearing**  
                                  **SB 39 – Public Hearing**

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<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 14, A</b>		
004	Chair Starr	Opens the meeting at 3:07 p.m. Opens work session on introduction of LC 2729.
<b><u>INTRODUCTION OF LC 2729</u></b>		
015	Sen. Gordly	Introduces former State Representative Anitra Rasmussen.
024	Jan McComb	Administrator. Gives overview of LC 2729.
<b>031</b>	<b>Sen. Deckert</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves LC 2729 BE INTRODUCED as a committee bill.</b>
<b>056</b>		<b>VOTE: 5-0</b>
		<b>EXCUSED: 2 - Fisher, Hartung</b>
	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
<b><u>PUBLIC HEARINGS – SB 38 AND SB 39</u></b>		
067	Sen. Courtney	Testifies in favor of the bills. Submits written material. <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b>
235	Sen. Duncan	Testifies in favor of the bills. Stresses the importance of school size.
297	Sen. Courtney	Continues testimony in favor of bills.
<b>TAPE 15, A</b>		
014	Sen. Deckert	Asks how to accommodate new buildings.
024	Sen. Courtney	Answers by giving examples of creative solutions.
083	Sen. Fisher	States that the Roseburg area has indicated that they would like a second high school in their area
087	Sen. Courtney	States that he has also heard this.
092	Sen. Gordly	Asks how the bill would relate to charter schools.
103	Sen. Courtney	Answers that he believes that smaller schools could replace the need for charter schools.
152	Sen. Gordly	States that they worked together on charter school legislation last session.

163	Chair Starr	Thanks Senator Courtney for his testimony.
173	Yvonne Katz	Superintendent, Beaverton School District. Reads from written testimony. <b>(EXHIBIT B)</b>
319	Chair Starr	Asks Katz to address Sen. Courtney's statements regarding extracurricular activities.
323	Katz	Answers that they have a goal to get every student into some activity.
380	Sen. Deckert	States that he believes that this is a good idea, but has concerns over how to implement the plan. Asks Katz if she believes that we could make this idea work.
400	Katz	Answers that we need to "make smallness out of largeness".
<b>TAPE 14, B</b>		
001	Nikki Squire	Associate Superintendent, Hillsboro School District. Submits written material. <b>(EXHIBIT C)</b>
139	Kathleen Cotton	Research Associate, Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory. Testifies in favor of the bills.
320	Chair Starr	Asks if there is data concerning the cost of starting the new schools.
330	Cotton	Answers that most data is regarding operating costs, rather than start up costs.
333	Chair Starr	Asks if there is data regarding social costs of students failing to complete their schooling.
339	Cotton	Answers no.
358	Chair Starr	States that he has heard of jail space projections being based on the ability to read by the third grade.
366	Sen. Gordly	Asks if this research is available to the legislators.
375	Cotton	Answers that the research is available and gives title.
375	Kim Feicke	Small Schools Workshop. Testifies in favor of the bill. Submits written material. <b>(EXHIBIT D)</b>
<b>TAPE 15, B</b>		
040	Cotton	States that the former President asked for and received 120 million dollars for schools with more than 1000 students.
051	Sen. Deckert	Asks for creative solutions for implementing a plan like this.
062	Feicke	Answers with examples of schools within schools, buildings being used to house more than one school.
081	Sen. Deckert	Acknowledges schools that are beginning to keep size in mind.
087	Chair Starr	Asks if schools within one building have already accomplished some of the planning needed.
092	Feicke	Answers yes.
109	Bonnie Heitsch	Chair, Board of Directors, Salem-Keizer Public Schools. Reads from written testimony. <b>(EXHIBIT E)</b>
218	Joanne Flint	Associate Director, Oregon Department of Education. States that she speaks for Stan Bunn, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Testifies in favor of the bill. <b>(EXHIBIT F)</b>
305	Chair Starr	States that he appreciates the testimony given today. Says that he believes that it is a good concept that needs to be looked into further.
336	Sen. Fisher	Relates an experience from his district regarding small schools.
399	Chair Starr	Makes announcements. Adjourns meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A – written testimony, Senator Courtney, 5 pp**

**B – written testimony, Yvonne Katz, 4 pp**

**C – written material, Nikki Squire, 1 pp**

**D – written material, Kim Feicke, 1 pp**

**E – written testimony, Bonnie Heitsch, 9 pp**

**F – written testimony, Joanne Flint, 2 pp**