

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 22, 2001 Hearing Room B
3:00 p.m. Tapes 28 - 29

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Sen. Tom Hartung**

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

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **Public Hearing – SB 273**
 Work Session – SB 250
 Public Hearing – SB 325
 Public Hearing – SB 511

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 28, A		
004	Chair Starr	Begins meeting at 3:06 p.m. Opens public hearing on SB 273.
<u>PUBLIC HEARING - SB 273</u>		
011	Jan McComb	Administrator. Briefly describes the bill.
022	Diane Vines	Oregon University System. Submits (EXHIBIT A) written material.
172	Jim Coonan	Oregon University System. Continues presentation of written material.
277	Sen. Deckert	Says that on this chart it would be helpful to have examples.
285	Diane Vines	Introduces more witnesses that may answer some other questions.
305	Carl Talton	Vice President Government Affairs, Portland General Electric. Testifies in support of the bill. Speaks about clustering of like businesses. Speaks about entrepreneurial development effort.
350	Scott Gibson	Gibson Enterprises. Speaks about the need for a strong university system in Oregon. Tells the committee that this would positively influence the entire community.
408	Don Kraemer	Black Helterline. Testifies in favor and discusses how he became involved with this bill.
TAPE 29, A		
009	Sen. Deckert	Asks what can be done long term in Oregon to be the most competitive state in the new economy.
030	Gibson	Answers that we need to double the number of engineering graduates, create a great university system, birth a new industry

		to diversify the community, and mine the research already completed.
060	Dr. Richard Linton	Dean of Graduate Schools, University of Oregon. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT B).
106	Bill Newman	Oregon Resource and Technology Development Account. Testifies to the important need for this bill.
145	Ed Thompson	President, Oregon Graduate Institute. Tells the committee that he is very supportive of this bill.
188	Chair Starr	Closes public hearing and opens a work session on SB 273.
<u>WORK SESSION – SB 273</u>		
200	Sen. Ferrioli	MOTION: Moves SB 273 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
240	Sen. Deckert	Says that a problem with efforts in the past is that they need a clearinghouse.
260	Sen. Gordly	State support of SB 273 and encourages legislators to be mindful that the bill should not create another layer of bureaucracy.
278	Sen. Fisher	Clarifies that his bill applies to all universities within the Oregon University System.
287		VOTE: 6-0
	Chair Starr	EXCUSED: 1 – Hartung
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
		SEN. FERRIOLI will lead discussion on the floor. Closes work session and opens public hearing on SB 511.
<u>PUBLIC HEARING – SB 511</u>		
298	Peter Kohler	Oregon Health Sciences University. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT C).
351	Ed Thompson	President, Oregon Graduate Institute. Says that just because a university has the technology, it does not mean that they can capitalize on it. States the importance of merging technology with bioscience and genetics.
433	Scott Gibson	Gibson Enterprises. Tells the committee how excited the faculty is to complete the merger. Talks about the private funding they are receiving from the community.
TAPE 28, B		
010	Sen. Deckert	Asks where they are at with the Oregon Opportunity Project.
014	Kohler	Answers that there is a considerable amount of enthusiasm. Says that a bill has been introduced that will help work on the project.
037	Sen. Fisher	Tells the committee about a treatment that a university has found for leukemia. Says that there was a lot of funding from private industry.
071	Kohler	Responds that this is a good example of what this bill would help facilitate. Talks about the need for these types of jobs to be in Oregon.
100	Sen. Fisher	Reiterate how amazed he is at what can be accomplished by the universities with this help.
115	Sen. Deckert	Points out the need to utilize the private industry funds for long term economic growth.
127	Kohler	Says that Oregon would receive federal funding and private funding.
138	Sen. Castillo	Speaks about the need for strong public relations when this merger happens.
149	Kohler	Says that they do wish to let the public know about the fantastic things that they are developing. Puts on record written testimony from Jim Craven (EXHIBIT D) and written testimony from

172 Chair Starr Daniel Bernstine (**EXHIBIT E**).
WORK SESSION – SB 511 Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 511.
177 Sen. Fisher **MOTION: Moves SB 511 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**

180 **VOTE: 6-0**
Chair Starr **EXCUSED: 1 - Hartung**
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
SEN. CASTILLO, SEN. HARTUNG will lead discussion on the floor. Closes work session and opens public hearing on SB 325.

PUBLIC HEARING – SB 325

210 Grattan Kerans Director, Government Relations, Oregon University System. Explains the bill and states his support of the bill.

232 Elizabeth Dickenson Risk Manager, Oregon University System. Reads from written testimony (**EXHIBIT F**).

317 Chair Starr Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 325.
WORK SESSION – SB 325

328 Sen. Gordly **MOTION: Moves SB 325 be sent to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.**

335 Sen. Fisher Clarifies that trying to make them state employees would only be a last resort.

351 **VOTE: 5-0**
Chair Starr **EXCUSED: 2 - Castillo, Hartung**
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
SEN. GORDLY will lead discussion on the floor. Closes work session and opens work session on SB 250.

WORK SESSION – SB 250

362 McComb Gives overview of the bill and the effects of the amendment.
388 Joanne Flint Department of Education. States the support of the department for this bill.

419 Sen. Ferrioli **MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 250-1 amendments dated 2/6/01.**

430 Sen. Deckert States his support of the program that is offered.
441 **VOTE: 5-0**
Chair Starr **EXCUSED: 2 - Castillo, Hartung**
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

451 Sen. Ferrioli **MOTION: Moves SB 250 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and the SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL to the committee on BE RESCINDED.**

466 **VOTE: 5-0**
Chair Starr **EXCUSED: 2 - Castillo, Hartung**
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
SEN. STARR will lead discussion on the floor. Closes work session on SB 250 and adjourns meeting at 4:29 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – written material, SB 273, Oregon University System, 22 pp

B – written testimony, SB 273, Richard Linton, 1 pp

C – written testimony, SB 511, Peter Kohler, 8 pp

D – written testimony, SB 511, Jim Craven, 1 pp

E – written testimony, SB 511, Daniel Bernstine, 1 pp

F – written testimony, SB 325, Elizabeth Dickenson, 1 pp