

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 01, 2001 Hearing Room B
3:00 p.m. Tapes 32 - 33

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, Administrator
Jennifer Simmons, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 40 – Public Hearing
SB 593 – Public Hearing and Work Session

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 32, A		
003	Chair Starr	Calls meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. Opens public hearing on SB 40.
<u>PUBLIC HEARING – SB 40</u>		
009	Sen. Hartung	Stresses the importance of this bill to the quality of life in Oregon. Introduces witnesses from Oregon Resource and Technology Development Account.
029	John Castles	Chair, ORTDA Board of Directors. Begins overhead presentation (EXHIBIT A).
195	Randall Edwards	State Treasurer. Testifies in favor of the bill. Speaks about the advantages of passing the bill. Says that the initiatives are needed to continue economic growth in our state.
270	Sen. Fisher	Asks if this was previously held up by the Attorney General.
290	Castles	Answers that Hardy Myers found a problem with the account in the past.
310	Sen. Fisher	Says that the account diminished quite a bit during that time.
317	Castles	Responds that some of the loss was due to economic changes.
323	Don Krahmer	Black Helterline. Responds to Sen. Fisher that they have moved past the previous problems and solved them. Says that they are quite capable to continue at a great pace. Points out the letters contained in the packet previously handed out.
374	Sen. Fisher	Says that legislators spend too much time fixing the Attorney General's mistakes.
422	Chair Starr	Says that it sounds as if the problem has been solved. Explains that this bill may be moved to Ways and Means.
455	Krahmer	Says that this would be fine with him.
TAPE 33, A		
005	Sen. Hartung	Asks about funding from the Oregon Growth Account.

008	Edwards	Answers that these accounts should be kept separate.
030	William Scott	Oregon Economic and Community Development Department. Testifies in favor of the bill. Says that his department supports the bill.
078	Lesley Hallick	Provost, Oregon Health Sciences University. Says that when research is funded with a grant it means that they are generating an idea. Says that if you want to commercialize the idea, the next step is to test it and that is not currently funded as research. Points out that this bill would help to commercialize ideas.
136	Ron Adams	Dean of Engineering, Oregon State University. States his support of the bill. Reads from written testimony (EXHIBIT B) .
204	Ed Thompson	Oregon Graduate Institute. Explains his experience in all stages technological development. Reiterates the problem with getting new technology commercialized.
255	Sen. Deckert	States that he believes that this is the solution to our economy's growth.
297	William Glasgow	Managing Director, Madronna Ventures. Testifies in favor of the bill. Stresses the importance of funding for commercialization of raw technology.
400	David Gunderson	Managing Director, Erickson Capital. Explains previous investments that have been done. Says that Oregon is where his company wants to keep their business.

TAPE 32, B

030	Sen. Hartung	Asks for the most important reason for passage of the bill.
037	Gunderson	Answers that the most important reason is that we will get so much back from each dollar invested.
070	Don Hagge	Caldus Semiconductor Incorporated. Says that their technology was developed in ORTDA. Says that this allowed them to commercialize their technology.
091	Jim Hicks	Molecular Biologist. Stresses the importance of ORTDA to promote technological development and commercialization.
129	Rick Mandrell	President, Templex Technologies. Tells the committee about his company that had problems with funding this type of commercialization and had to move outside of the state. States his support of the bill.
165	Sen. Deckert	Asks how many employees were lost when this move happened.
167	Mandrell	Answers that six people had to move and the company now employs thirty people.
178	Sen. Deckert	Says that it is important to double the amount of engineers. Points out that many companies probably do not come here at all because of our funding problems.
198	Jim Craven	American Electronic Association. Urges the committee to pass this bill.
203	Chair Starr	Closes public hearing on SB 40 and opens public hearing on SB 593.

PUBLIC HEARING – SB 593

251	Jan McComb	Administrator. Gives overview of the bill.
270	Chair Starr	Explains to the committee why he brought this bill to the committee. Tells the experience of his grandchildren learning from phonics very efficiently. Submits written material (EXHIBIT C) .
361	Sen. Castillo	Asks if this bill needs to go to Ways and Means.
364	Chair Starr	Answers that due to the fiscal amount it must go to Ways and Means.

392	Sen. Hartung	Says that he will help Chair Starr move this bill.
413	Sen. Fisher	Suggests accepting donations for these games.
422	Chair Starr	Says that he does not know how Head Start is set up to receive donations.
427	Sen. Hartung	Says that if there is a foundation, they may accept donations and direct them wherever they like.
435	Chair Starr	Closes public hearing and opens work session on SB 593.
<u>WORK SESSION – SB 593</u>		
504	Sen. Fisher	MOTION: Moves SB 593 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means.
505	Chair Starr	VOTE: 6-0, Excused – 1, Gordly Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. Closes work session and adjourns meeting at 4:29 p.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – written testimony, SB 40, ORTDA, OS**
- B – written testimony, SB 40, Ron Adams, 2 pp**
- C – written material, SB 593, Sen. Starr, 6 pp**