

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 29, 2001 Hearing Room B  
3:00 PM Tapes 62 - 63

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

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Sen. Charles Starr, Chair

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

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** SB 38 – Work Session  
SB 324 – Work Session  
SB 645 – Public Hearing and Work Session  
SB 726 – Public Hearing and Work Session

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<b>TAPE/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 62, A</b>		
002	Chair Castillo	Opens meeting at 3:00 p.m. Opens work session on SB 38.
<b><u>WORK SESSION – SB 38</u></b>		
003	Jan McComb	Administrator. Explains that this bill needs to be sent to Ways and Means.
<b>004</b>	<b>Sen. Deckert</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 38 BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION as to passage.</b>
007	Sen. Gordly	Clarifies that when we first heard the bill we did not have a fiscal impact statement issued.
014	McComb	Responds that a bill does not require a fiscal impact to be sent to Ways and Means.
<b>024</b>		<b>VOTE: 4-0</b> <b>EXCUSED: 3 - Ferrioli, Fisher, Starr</b> <b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b> Closes work session on SB 38 and opens work session on SB 324.
<b><u>WORK SESSION – SB 324</u></b>		
028	McComb	Explains the bill.
039	Sen. Gordly	Says that since they sent SB 38 to Ways and Means maybe we should do the same for SB 324.
048	Sen. Hartung	Asks if there is any use of general funds for this bill.
049	Sen. Deckert	Answers no.
052	Sen. Hartung	Says that he does not believe that this bill needs to be referred to Ways and Means. Asks if the National Board Certification was included in the hearing on SB 782.
068	Sen. Gordly	Answers that the subject of National Board Certification was not

073 Sen. Hartung brought up at the last meeting.  
076 Sen. Gordly Says that he believes the certification to be of high quality.  
Says that they need to work with the Northwest Educational  
Laboratory regarding this issue.

**090 Sen. Deckert MOTION: Moves SB 324 to the floor with a DO PASS  
recommendation.**

**094 VOTE: 4-0**

**Chair Castillo EXCUSED: 3 - Ferrioli, Fisher, Starr  
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.  
SEN. DECKERT will lead discussion on the floor.** Closes  
work session on SB 324 and opens public hearing on SB 645.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SB 645**

100 Sen. Castillo Gives a background and explanation of the bill.  
125 Bobby Lee Work systems Incorporated. Testifies in favor of the bill. Reads  
from written testimony (**EXHIBIT A**).  
343 Vickie Fleming Regional Director, Professional Technical Education. Says that  
they see this as an extremely valuable tool. Speaks about a  
similar program in her district.  
435 Sen. Hartung Says that these programs are important to help the drop out rate.  
447 Fleming Responds that they do believe these programs to be very  
important.

**TAPE 63, A**

005 Bill Lesh Regional Coordinator, Mt. Hood Regional Consortium. Testifies  
in support of the bill. Says that if students get to know certain  
vocations then they might consider those as options. Says that  
we need to encourage students to go into the jobs that have  
shortages of employees in this state. Says that we need to be  
looking at long term planning.  
051 Sen. Fisher Says that students probably pick careers that require the shortest  
amount of time spent on education.  
081 Lesh Responds that they want to give students vocational programs  
while they are still in eleventh and twelfth grade so they can  
explore before they decide what career they wish to enter.  
133 Sen. Gordly Asks if the witnesses would be willing to look at SB 783.  
149 Lee Answers that there are several pieces of legislation that would  
help these programs as well.  
164 Ron Dexter Department of Education. States his support of the bill. Speaks  
about the drop out rate. Says that few students involved in  
student leadership will drop out.  
286 Chair Castillo Says that she would like Mr. Lee and Mr. Dexter to collaborate  
on this project. Explains the type of funding she is seeking out.  
310 Sen. Gordly Asks if there has been any thought of having the test administered  
by the higher education institutions.  
335 Ron Dexter Answers that they have been exploring cost effective ways to  
implement this program.  
346 Chair Castillo Speaks about the –2 amendments. Closes public hearing and  
opens work session on SB 645.

**WORK SESSION – SB 645**

**376 Sen. Ferrioli MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 645-2 amendments dated  
03/23/01.**

**382 VOTE: 5-0**

**Chair Castillo EXCUSED: 2 - Deckert, Starr  
Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

388 Sen. Ferrioli **MOTION: Moves SB 645 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means.**

093 **Chair Castillo** **VOTE: 5-0**  
**EXCUSED: 2 - Deckert, Starr**  
**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.** Closes work session and opens public hearing on SB 726.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SB 726**

400 Chair Castillo Explains the bill.  
422 Kae Kamiya Community Mediation Services. Reads from written testimony **(EXHIBIT B)**.

**TAPE 63, B**

028 Nancy Gilbertson Executive Director, Community Dispute Resolution Program. Reads from written testimony **(EXHIBIT C)**.  
078 Patti Williams Director, Hillsboro Mediation Program. Reads from written testimony **(EXHIBIT D)**.  
125 Susan Brody Oregon Dispute Resolution Commission. States their support of the bill. Says that these programs would be very helpful to the state.  
153 Merced Flores Department of Education. Speaks in support of the bill. Says that this bill provides an alternative to suspension and expulsion. Tells the committee that sometimes these programs will save a student’s life and keep them in school.  
197 Chair Castillo Asks if Oregon has a high rate of Latina students dropping out.  
204 Flores Answers that they do not yet have statistics on this issue but that the rate is high.  
230 Sen. Gordly Says that this is an excellent proposal before the committee.  
261 Chair Castillo Speaks about how the amendment changes the bill. Closes public hearing and opens a work session on SB 726.

**WORK SESSION – SB 726**

294 Sen. Gordly **MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 726-1 amendments dated 03/29/01.**

302 **VOTE: 5-0**  
**EXCUSED: 2 - Deckert, Starr**  
**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

305 **Chair Castillo**  
**Sen. Gordly** **MOTION: Moves SB 726 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means.**

309 **VOTE: 5-0**  
**EXCUSED: 2 - Deckert, Starr**  
**Chair Castillo** **Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.** Closes work session and adjourns meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted By,

Reviewed By,

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Jan McComb,  
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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A – written testimony, SB 645, Bobby Lee, 5 pp**
- B – written testimony, SB 726, Kae Kamiya, 1 pp**
- C – written testimony, SB 726, Nancy Gilbertson, 1 pp**
- D – written testimony, SB 726, Patti Williams, 1 pp**