

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 12, 1999 Hearing Room E

1:00 PM Tapes 68 - 69

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Ron Sunseri, Chair

Rep. William Morrisette, Vice-Chair

Rep. Chris Beck

Rep. Betsy Close

Rep. Elaine Hopson

Rep. Bob Jenson

Rep. Tim Knopp

Rep. Lynn Lundquist

Rep. Carl Wilson

Rep. Jackie Winters

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Norm Fox, Administrator

Joan Diaz, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 100A Public Hearing

HB 2670 Public Hearing

HB 2437 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 163 Public Hearing

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 68, A

005	Chair Sunseri	Calls meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Opens public hearing on SB 100A.
<u>SB 100A PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
010	Rep. Tim Knopp	District 54. Gives report from charter school finance study group. (EXHIBIT A)
055	Chair Sunseri	Asks if any other calculation methods besides the ADMw (Average Daily Membership weighted) were considered.
058	Rep. Knopp	Responds several methods were discussed but the study group agreed the ADMw was the best method.
067	Chair Sunseri	Explains that schools receive more than the AMDw; facilities and grants. Asks if percentages were calculated that took all funds into consideration.
075	Rep. Elaine Hopson	District 2. States the conclusion of the study group was that it was too complicated to compare districts equitably if a method other than ADMw was considered.
085	Rep. Knopp	Discusses districts' bonded indebtedness and how that indebtedness affects calculations.
105	Rep. Winters	Asks for rationale of 80% funding at K ñ 8 and 95% AMDw for 9 ñ 12.
110	Rep. Knopp	Explains rationale.
125	Rep. Lundquist	Asks to define what percentage of home schoolers and non-public school students is represented by the "cap" of 2000.
129	Rep. Hobson	Responds the group did not have exact figures for total students outside the public school system. Explains the group approached the issue from, "what could the public school system stand."
135	Chair Sunseri	Thanks study group for their input.
140	Stan Bunn	Superintendent of Public Instruction. Comments that the committee has made progress on SB 100A. Comments on three areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funds retained by the school district• Appeal process• Teacher licensure

207	Rep. Hobson	Asks was he discussing funding as specified in the ñ67 amendments.
224	Bunn	Explains his preference is to have maximum flexibility to negotiate the funding.
233	Rep. Hobson	Comments that the study group discussed having no funding minimum to allow for negotiation.
241	Rep. Beck	Asks if the Department of Education (DOE) has reviewed the ñ67 amendments to SB 100A.
246	Bunn	Responds they are in the process of reviewing the ñ67 amendments; encourages committee to review amendments DOE submitted.
252	Rep. Beck	Asks if he considered the ramifications that SB 100A could have on overall school funding.
260	Bunn	Responds he has a concern and states development of charter schools requires good planning. Comments his amendments anticipate reality.
279	Rep. Beck	Asks if he is satisfied the appeal process meets federal requirements.
280	Bunn	Responds that if the current law were renamed and included an appeal process, the federal requirements would be met.
285	Rep. Beck	Asks if the ñ67 amendments included 100% licensure, would eligibility for federal funding be affected.
289	Bunn	Responds that licensure is not a federal criteria.
295	Ozzie Rose	Executive Director, Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA). Gives input on study group on charter school finance. Discusses 80% and 95% funding levels.
350	Rob Kremer	President, Oregon Education Coalition. Discusses study group report. Comments he was "heartened" that the group came to a unanimous agreement.
363	Cathy Gwinn	Member, Teacher Standards Practices Commission (TSPC). Testifies against SB 100A as written. Discusses need for 100% teacher licensure in charter schools.
TAPE 69, A		
002	Gwinn	Comments on disciplinary processes by the TSPC.

023	Rep. Beck	Asks if TSPC could adopt procedures specifically for charter school teachers. Discusses new categories of licenses, such as, "charter school license."
047	Gwinn	Declares that possibility was discussed at today's meeting of the commission.
062	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on SB 100A. Opens public hearing on HB 2437.
<u>HB 2437 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
065	Rep. Kevin Mannix	District 32. Discusses bill which directs public schools to prepare and deliver annual reports describing methods of instructing students on ethics and morality.
113	Rep. Morrisette	States systems should be developed for determining effectiveness.
132	Rep. Jenson	Comments on the irony that the charter school bill seeks to eliminate rules and regulations; HB 2437 calls for additional rules.
142	Rep. Mannix	Discusses accountability of schools.
153	Rep. Jenson	Discusses the reporting requirements of the bill.
159	Rep. Mannix	Responds a summary report would be sufficient.
164	Rep. Hobson	Asks if he is aware of grant applications which require school districts to give accountability on ethics and morality education.
175	Rep. Mannix	Responds he is aware of that; describes how schools districts could document their accountability.
189	Rep. Hobson	Asks to define instruction in "humane treatment of animals" as stated in HB 2437.
191	Rep. Mannix	Responds definition is in current law.
198	Chair Sunseri	Asks if the bill requires each school to report its compliance.
200	Rep. Mannix	Responds it would be the school districts; DOE notes the compliance.
220	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on HB 2437. Opens public hearing on HB 2670.
<u>HB 2670 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		

225	Rep. Bob Montgomery	District 56. Testifies in favor of HB 2670. Explains the bill gives the school district an opportunity for local control.
230	Ernest Keller	Representative, Education Service District, The Dalles. Testifies against HB 2670. Discusses services provided by educational service districts. Comments passage of the bill will be detrimental to most ESDs. Submits data which compares Hood River School District with Wasco County Schools and ESD. (EXHIBIT B)
345	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on HB 2670. Reopens public hearing on HB 2437.
<u>HB 2437 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
360	Judge Robert Thornton	Retired Judge, Court of Appeals. Testifies in favor of HB 2437. (EXHIBIT C)
TAPE 68, B		
002	Thornton	Discusses crime prevention methods in the U.S. and Japan.
078	Thornton	Comments on citizens' crime commission speech by Sen. Mark Hatfield. Comments on members of law enforcement who support this bill.
154	Rep. Close	Asks about research he did in Japan.
166	Thornton	Discusses social controls in Japanese society which exist; more important than the criminal code.
198	Wilma Wells	Representative, Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA). Testifies against HB 2437. Explains the difficulty in reporting how ethics and morality are taught. States schools do address character education.
244	Jim Green	Representative, Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA). Testifies against HB 2437. Explains reports should be directed to the State Board of Education; electronic report would be more efficient. Discusses workgroup previously formed; model curriculum produced by DOE. Urges committee to review that document.
298	Chair Sunseri	Comments report received by the school districts should be distributed to the local communities.
307	Rep. Lundquist	Comments he agrees.
310	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on HB 2437. Opens work session on HB 2437.

HB 2437 WORK SESSION

315	Rep. Close	MOTION: Moves to SUSPEND the rules for the purpose of CONSIDERING a conceptual amendment.
320	Chair Sunseri	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
325	Rep. Winters	MOTION: Moves to Amend HB 2437 on page 1, line 19 through 21.
341	Chair Sunseri	Clarifies that line 19 shall include "district" after "school".
356	Rep. Close	Clarifies whether sponsor of the bill wanted to delete, "President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives."
360	Chair Sunseri	States sponsor did not discuss that option.
365	Rep. Close	Responds she would prefer to keep that clause in the bill.
367	Rep. Wilson	Discusses whether delivering the report to DOE would involve their requesting more personnel to process the report.
375	Rep. Knopp	Asks whether "delivered" to the communities means mailing it to every household.
378	Chair Sunseri	Suggests "shall be made available" to the communities.
382	Rep. Hopson	Asks for a reading of the conceptual amendment.
385	Norm Fox	Committee Administrator. Reads the changes discussed.
407	Rep. Winters	States the report should become part of the DOE's curriculum review.
TAPE 69, B		
002	Chair Sunseri	Clarifies complete conceptual amendment.
007	Fox	Repeats conceptual amendment; "copies of the report shall be delivered to the State Department of Education and made available to the local communities and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives."
015	Rep. Lundquist	Supports the basic concept; discusses whether President of the Senate and

		Speaker of the House of Representatives would read the reports.
022	Rep. Winters	Explains the proposal from Judge Thornton included this wording.
030	Rep. Close	States she would prefer keeping the wording.
033	Rep. Hobson	Declares she is going to vote against the conceptual amendment; asks what is the intent of the bill.
035	Fox	Reads changes to the bill as a conceptual amendment, " (3)(a) Each public school district shall prepare an annual report describing its method of carrying out subsection (1) of this section. Copies of the report shall be delivered to the State Department of Education and be made available to the local communities and to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. "
		VOTE: 6-2 AYE: 6 - Close, Jenson, Knopp, Wilson, Winters, Sunseri NAY: 2 - Hopson, Lundquist EXCUSED: 2 - Beck, Morrisette
055	Chair Sunseri	The motion CARRIES .
058	Rep. Close	MOTION: Moves HB 2437 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 6-2 AYE: 6 - Close, Jenson, Knopp, Wilson, Winters, Sunseri NAY: 2 - Hopson, Lundquist EXCUSED: 2 - Beck, Morrisette
066	Chair Sunseri	The motion CARRIES . REP. MANNIX will lead discussion on the floor.
068	Chair Sunseri`	Closes work session on HB 2437. Opens public hearing on SB 163.

SB 163 PUBLIC HEARING

072	Chair Sunseri	Notes no witnesses have signed up to testify; asks audience for testimony.
078	Chair Sunseri	Declares committee will bring bill back. Closes public hearing on SB 163. Adjourns at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 100A, written material, staff, 1 p

B ñ HB 2670, written material, Ernest Keller, 3 pp

C ñ HB 2437, written testimony, Robert Thornton, 4 pp