

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 19, 1999 Hearing Room E

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**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

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Rep. Jackie Winters

**STAFF PRESENT:** Norm Fox, Administrator

Kevin Wells, Administrative Support

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:** HB 2670 Public Hearing

SB 163 Public Hearing

HB 2619 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 72, A		

002	Chair Sunseri	Calls meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Opens Public Hearing HB 2670.
<b><u>PUBLIC HEARING HB 2670</u></b>		
010	Dave Woods	Board of Directors, Crook-Deschutes Educational Service District (ESD). Opposes HB 2670. States that Crook-Deschutes ESD has the lowest ESD funding level in the state. States that the bill will adversely impact the district.
041	Rep. Hopson	Asks what services the Crook-Deschutes ESD provides.
044	Woods	Discusses the Central Oregon Regional Program, which provides educational services to disabled and disadvantaged students throughout the seven counties. Explains they are involved with home-school and pre-school programs. Comments that there are a wide variety of programs in the seven counties.
059	Rep. Hopson	Asks if the member districts pool resources to provide legal services.
061	Woods	Acknowledges that is the arrangement. Discusses the legal services offered.
064	Rep. Knopp	Asks what services the Crook-Deschutes ESD offers in regards to nurses and health programs; how many nurses.
069	Woods	Responds that other people in the ESD are better able to answer the question.
075	Ernie Keller	Region 9 Education Service District. Opposes HB 2670. Submits a letter of opposition from fellow board members ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ). Discusses possible effects of the bill ( <b>EXHIBIT B &amp; C</b> ). States it would take years to correct the problems the bill will create.
097	Bill Bell	President, Columbia Gorge Community College. Describes the college and the ESD that serves it (Region 9 ESD). States the importance of Region 9 ESD in the area. Outlines some of the programs offered by the ESD. Stresses that all of the programs and services would be damaged if HB 2670 withdraws funding for needed infrastructure. Explains that by pooling resources, all the districts in the ESD are better served.
153	Rep. Beck	Asks Bell if he talked with his representative, Rep. Bob Montgomery.
153	Bell	Responds that he told Rep. Montgomery about his opposition and planned testimony and the Representative told him to go ahead.
159	Rep. Beck	Asks what the rationale behind HB 2670.
166	Bell	Replies that it would be better to have Rep. Montgomery explain it.

170	Norm Fox	Administrator. Explains Rep. Montgomery's reasons for sponsoring the bill, namely to give local school districts more control.
185	John Young	Retired Superintendent, Northwest Regional ESD. Opposes HB 2670 <b>(EXHIBIT D)</b> . Discusses ESD funding inequity across the state.
240	Young	Reviews the importance of funding to maintain infrastructure at adequate levels. Notes that no school district wants to be the regional ESD due to the high costs and low support. Adds that small districts do not want to be dependent on large school districts for ESD service. Urges opposition to HB 2670 and support for improving ESDs.
297	Rep. Morrisette	Asks if there has been any effort to equalize ESD funding.
301	Young	States that there has not been an effort for equalization statewide, but within each ESD there is equal funding per student.
310	Rep. Morrisette	Asks if ESDs should receive funding per student.
317	Young	Agrees that is how funding should be done. Adds that there is no mechanism in place today to ensure that happens.
318	Rep. Morrisette	Asks if the constitutional amendment that covers equal funding of school districts covers ESDs as well.
322	Young	Discusses pending litigation concerning equalization of ESD funding.
333	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on HB 2670. Opens work session on HB 2670.
<b><u>WORK SESSION HB 2670</u></b>		
335	Rep. Wilson	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2670 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
340	Rep. Lundquist	States support for voting HB 2670 out of committee, but will vote against it on the House floor.
345	Rep. Knopp	Explains that he will give it a courtesy vote in committee, but will vote against HB 2670 on the floor as his ESD testified in opposition.
350	Rep. Morrisette	States he will vote no in committee and on the floor of the House.
353	Rep. Beck	Asks if anyone supports the bill; has anyone advocated for the bill.

356	Chair Sunseri	Explains that the advocates want to remain anonymous.
359	Rep. Beck	Expresses concern that opposition to HB 2670 took time to testify, but the proponents of the bill remain anonymous.
370	Chair Sunseri	Explains that Rep. Montgomery testified in their place.
376	Beck	Asks if HB 2670 will go to revenue.
378	Chair Sunseri	Replies that it will not go to revenue.
381	Rep. Hopson	Argues against HB 2670. Notes that only a small, anonymous, minority support HB 2670. Adds that large school districts oppose the bill. Stresses that the bill will devastate small school districts.
<b>TAPE 73, A</b>		
019	Rep. Jenson	States opposition to HB 2670. Emphasizes support for the work that ESDs do for the public. Explains that it is difficult to vote "yes" for a bill when its supporters do not make themselves known or publicly support the bill.
031	Rep. Close	Supports HB 2670. States that ESDs have too much funding.
040	Chair Sunseri	States that remaining anonymous should not reduce credibility.
<b>045</b>		<b>VOTE: 5-4</b> <b>AYE: 5 - Close, Knopp, Lundquist, Wilson, Sunseri</b> <b>NAY: 4 - Beck, Hopson, Jenson, Morrisette</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - Winters</b>
	<b>Chair Sunseri</b>	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>  <b>REP. MONTGOMERY will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
059	Rep. Beck	Gives notice of possible Minority Report.
061	Chair Sunseri	Closes work session on HB 2670. Opens public hearing on SB 163.

**PUBLIC HEARING SB 163**

065	Lisa Saval	Oregon University Systems. Supports SB 163.
070	Fox	Explains SB 163 allows the state system of higher education to establish adjudicative procedures that are consistent with federal and state law. States that it updates statute to reflect revisions in federal statute in 1981.
097	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on SB 163. Opens work session on SB 163.

**WORK SESSION SB 163**

093	Rep. Knopp	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 163 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 8-0</b> <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b> <b>EXCUSED: 2 - Beck, Winters</b>
	Chair Sunseri	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>  <b>REP. MORRISETTE will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
127	Chair Sunseri	Closes work session on SB 163. Opens public hearing on HB 2619.

**PUBLIC HEARING HB 2619**

130	Phyllis Curtwood	President; Oregon Substitute Teachers Association. Supports HB 2619.
139	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on HB 2619. Opens work session on HB 2619.

**WORK SESSION HB 2619**

141	Rep. Jenson	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2619 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
145	Rep. Close	Expresses a concern from the superintendent of her school district that HB 2619 will increase costs for the district.

153	Curtwood	States that the salary for beginning teachers is greater than that for substitute teacher, so there is no fiscal impact.
160	Rep. Close	Reads letter from the superintendent of her school district, which describes the concern over costs.
164	Curtwood	Addresses those concerns. Explains that HB 2619 establishes \$116 per day as the minimum wage for substitute teachers, but that is lower than beginning wages for teachers.
<b>195</b>		<b>VOTE: 7-0</b>  <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b>  <b>EXCUSED: 3 - Beck, Lundquist, Winters</b>
	<b>Chair Sunseri</b>	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>  <b>REP. JENSON will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
200	Chair Sunseri	Closes work session on HB 2619. Discusses the March 22, 1999 meeting. Adjourns meeting at 2:15 p.m.

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#### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A ñ HB 2670, written testimony, Ernie Keller, 2 pp.**

**B ñ HB 2670, revenue analysis, Ernie Keller, 3 pp.**

**C ñ HB 2670, written testimony, Ernie Keller, 1 p.**

**D ñ HB 2670, written testimony, John Young, 1 p.**