

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 08, 1999 Hearing Room E

1:00 PM Tapes 62 - 65

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: HB 2006 Public Hearing

HB 2897 Public Hearing

SB 163 Public Hearing

HB 2670 Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 62, A		
005	Chair Sunseri	Calls meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Appoints work group to meet Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday regarding funding of charter schools; report due Friday to the committee. Opens public hearing on HB 2006.
<u>HB 2006 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
019	Rep. Lynn Snodgrass	Speaker of the House. Testifies in favor of HB 2006. Discusses Oregon Partners Initiative which addresses vocational/technical education centers.
091	Rep. Karen Minnis	District 20. Testifies in favor of HB 2006.
096	Rep. Wilson	Asks if program augments the school-to-work portion of the Oregon Reform Act for the 21 st Century.
114	Rep. Snodgrass	Responds this program can stand on its own. Discusses connection with community colleges.
128	Rep. Wilson	Questions motives of the business community. Asks how will program encourage students to further their education.
135	Rep. Snodgrass	Responds that "guidance and passion" comes from the teacher. States it is difficult to ascertain if students will stop their education at 12 th grade.
157	Rep. Close	Comments on field trip to Sabin Skills Center. Discusses cost of equipment observed. Asks how many students can be trained with that large of an investment.
170	Rep. Snodgrass	Responds she does not know; refers question to the director of the Sabin Skills Center.
176	Chair Sunseri	Discusses the \$21 million cost and how to obtain it.
190	Rep. Snodgrass	Responds she supports program, but will not let K-12 funding be impacted.
205	Chair Sunseri	Notes that the bill has a referral to the Committee on Ways and Means.
210	Rep. Morrisette	Comments that cost would be prohibitive for a school district. Asks if the advantage of a skill center is that it gets assistance from the private sector.

213	Rep. Snodgrass	Responds that is partially true, but refers explicit financial questions to the director of the Sabin Skills Center.
215	Rep. Jenson	Asks if program is established, would it not be in a competitive position to get grants from industry.
230	Rep. Snodgrass	Asks for clarification of question.
236	Rep. Jenson	Clarifies that the program would be in a better position than a traditional high school; advantage of business partnerships.
245	Rep. Snodgrass	Responds affirmatively; explains that focus should be on numerous districts without competition amongst the districts.
250	Rep. Minnis	Discusses branch of Mt. Hood Community College located at Troutdale airport which could be set up as a regional center.
264	Rep. Hobson	Asks if program would address needs of students who were both terminating at 12 th grade and those continuing their education.
268	Rep. Snodgrass	Responds affirmatively; discusses various professional/technical options for students.
280	Rep. Hobson	Asks if this program would be implemented in all parts of the state.
290	Rep. Snodgrass	Discusses rural and urban communities' issues. Comments on distance learning.
319	Rep. Wilson	Comments on business interaction with schools. Discusses shortage of trained workers.
325	Rep. Snodgrass	Responds that the focus should be on the "profession" and not on the specific business who may be making a contribution to this program.
356	Rep. Knopp	Asks whether the expectation is that businesses will donate equipment and provide financial assistance.
359	Rep. Snodgrass	Responds affirmatively.
364	Rep. Knopp	Asks if this is also a way for a student to get a cheaper education in order to enter a profession sooner.
369	Rep. Snodgrass	Responds affirmatively.

TAPE 63, A

006	Sen. Ted Ferrioli	District 28. Supports HB 2006. Discusses interactive school-to-work programs; creating business partnerships with schools has been an objective. Discusses the rural districts that he represents.
062	Sen. Ferrioli	Discusses information exchange between metro areas and rural communities. Discusses the need to keep high quality teaching staff.
092	Sen. Ferrioli	Discusses the Frontier Learning Network.
112	Rep. Morrisette	Asks about distance learning and mobile units.
118	Sen. Ferrioli	Responds affirmatively; describes Frontier Learning Network and staffed, mobile teaching units.
123	Rep. Wilson	Discusses the latest technology enabling mass instruction across the state which will become the new school.
135	Sen. Ferrioli	Comments that situation already exists: universities creating programs to export world wide. Describes Stanford University which has a "store front office" to register for internet courses.
166	Rep. Winters	Asks witness to discuss partnerships.
174	Sen. Ferrioli	Responds that partnerships are critical; schools cannot afford the technology without business investments.
196	Rep. Jenson	Comments on a pending community college bill he is sponsoring.
210	Ron Dexter	Director, Sabin Skills Center, North Clackamas School District. Supports HB 2006. Explains operation of the Center and the financial costs. (EXHIBIT A)
320	Dexter	Describes one student's experience now attending Oxford University.
324	Mary Simeone	Director, Capital Center High School. Supports HB 2006. Explains the professional/technical education center dependent on passage of HB 2006; serves seven school districts. (EXHIBIT B)
389	Vicky Fleming	Assistant for Community Resources, Willamette Education Service District. Supports HB 2006. (EXHIBIT C) Describes retro-fitting a facility to become an industrial arts center which will serve five school districts.

TAPE 62, B

004	Fleming	Discusses the "Western Willamette Professional Technical Consortium."
029	Rep. Morrisette	Asks for details on distribution of the \$20 million, if HB 2006 passes.
033	Dexter	Explains work in progress of other districts.
068	Rep. Morrisette	Asks if he has made a presentation in Lane County.
069	Dexter	Responds that he has. Discusses committees work on a fair funding formula.
072	B. G. Cain	Citizen, Gilliam County. Supports HB 2006. Discusses the professional technical education needs in a frontier rural area. (EXHIBIT D)
117	Elizabeth Goulard	Dean of Instructional Services, Clackamas Community College. Supports HB 2006. (EXHIBIT E)
169	Sue Mazzio	Education Affairs Manager, Boeing, Portland. Supports HB 2006. (EXHIBIT F) Discusses shortage of technical programs in high schools, especially in the metals industry.
203	Rep. Wilson	Asks if this is the first step of a jobs training program for industry.
205	Mazzio	Responds program provides opportunities and career information.
210	Vickie Totten	Executive Director, Oregon Community College Association (OCCA). Supports HB 2006. Gives history of the bill. Suggests amendments to the bill. (EXHIBIT G)
290	Totten	Comments the \$20 million was intended to be start-up funding.
317	Totten	Discusses "significant" efforts of partners; needs defining.
346	Bret West	Deputy Commissioner, Office of Community College Services. Supports HB 2006.
366	Rep. Morrisette	Asks for clarification of how to find funding.
370	Totten	Responds that funds could be put in a line item designated as "grant-in- aid;" not expected that partners will fund this type of a pilot program.

380	Mac MacDonald	Retired teacher, Marion County. Supports HB 2006. Discusses students who do not finish high school; 65% of his students did not go on to college. Comments on Woodburn's drop-out rate.
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004	MacDonald	Comments on the need for students to learn a skill.
025	Rep. Close	Asks why were shop classes removed from the schools.
030	MacDonald	Responds with information on Salem high schools.
039	Rep. Winters	Asks what in his program enabled 35% of students to go to college.
045	MacDonald	Responds the 35% is a national percentage; most of his students went on to community college or entered the armed forces.
054	Cindy Catto	Representative, Associated General Contractors. Supports HB 2006.
090	Rep. Winters	Asks if most industries have become "high-tech."
095	Catto	Responds she is not familiar with most industries; discusses steel and construction industries.
100	Rep. Close	Expresses concerns with who will decide what industries will have trained workers; discusses timber industry.
110	Catto	Responds there is "an image problem" with the timber and construction industries; need better marketing programs.
129	Rep. Close	Asks how can an industry promote itself when access to students is denied.
130	Catto	Responds the construction industry is ready to present a program for students in the 5 th grade.
146	Rep. Wilson	Asks who regulates what industry lobbies 5 th graders.
150	Catto	Responds she does not know; industries need to be proactive in order to fill their needs.
154	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on HB 2006. Opens public hearing on HB 2897.

HB 2897 PUBLIC HEARING

165	Rep. Kitty Piercy	District 39. Supports HB 2897 which requires criminal history checks on all host family applicants. (EXHIBIT H)
202	Rep. Winters	Asks what has been the feedback from organizations like the Rotary Club.
210	Rep. Piercy	Responds the organizations she contacted are willing to cooperate with the Legislature.
219	Carlos Cartlidge	Private citizen, (retired parole and probation officer), Lane County. Comments on host organizations who reported applicants with a criminal history. Explains none of those organizations have voluntarily complied to obtain a criminal history check.
234	Rep. Winters	Comments on her membership in the Rotary Club and the student exchange program. Declares she has not heard of any problems.
240	Rep. Piercy	Explains the groups she has contacted have no problem with the bill.
245	Rep. Close	Asks how many court cases have resulted.
247	Cartlidge	Discusses case in Lane County two years ago. Discusses other incidents that were prevented.
257	Rep. Hobson	Comments that incidents are more common than what is reported.
256	Rep. Jenson	Asks how many host organizations are there in Oregon.
265	Cartlidge	Responds he contacted organizations in Lane County, but some organizations' headquarters are located in other states.
275	Rep. Jenson	Asks if organizations are required to register as doing business in the state.
280	Cartlidge	Responds only if the headquarters are in Oregon.
293	Rep. Jenson	Asks how would organizations be notified.
310	Cartlidge	Responds that the bill needs modification. Recommends State Police oversee a program. Estimates 5,000 foreign exchange students are in Oregon.
319	Rep. Jenson	Asks if the host family should give permission for a criminal investigation.

325	Cartlidge	Agrees that a disclaimer should be printed on the bottom of any application.
330	Rep. Hobson	Asks should host organizations pay the cost of the investigation of the applicant; fingerprinting costs estimated at \$125.
345	Cartlidge	Responds that law enforcement agencies conduct criminal checks without fingerprinting.
360	Chair Sunseri	Asks should summer program, foreign exchange students who are not enrolled in school be included.
365	Cartlidge	Responds affirmatively.
381	Rep. Morrisette	Comments on a two-week exchange program for German students.
TAPE 64, A		
004	Rep. Morrisette	Asks if bill intends to include all foreign exchange students.
008	Cartlidge	Responds affirmatively.
015	Rep. Winters	Asks if there would be reciprocity agreements with other countries.
024	Cartlidge	Describes his experience in this effort for the past six years.
039	Rep. Winters	Asks how long does a background check take.
045	Cartlidge	Responds only a few minutes.
055	Rep. Winters	Comments on delays she has experienced.
069	Cartlidge	Responds law enforcement is able to do check LEDS (Law Enforcement Data System) in a few minutes.
075	Rep. Winters	Comments on how an outsider accesses FBI records.
095	Cartlidge	Responds that the information needs to be submitted via the State Police.
120	Rep. Winters	Asks what comprises a criminal background check.

125	Cartlidge	Responds it includes all felonies. Explains additional historical data.
143	Cartlidge	Explains U.S. State Department's rules changed last year to include background checks on programs they administer.
159	Chair Sunseri	Comments the committee will bring the bill back for a work session. Discusses clarifying language in the bill; SECTION 4. (1) define "records".
165	Rep. Jenson	Reminds witness to include a disclaimer on application.
175	Jeff Collins	Probation Officer, Lane County. Supports HB 2897. Explains that situations the bill addresses do occur, notwithstanding only anecdotal information.
190	Rep. Jenson	Comments incidents are probably underreported; appreciates efforts.
195	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on HB 2897. Opens public hearing on SB 163.
<u>SB 163 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
220	Melinda Grier	Director, Legal Services, Oregon University System. Supports SB 163 which establishes adjudicative procedures by state institutions of higher education. (EXHIBIT I)
242	Rep. Hobson	Clarifies content of SB 271.
245	Grier	Explains the "Higher Efficiency Act" referred to in SB 271 (1995).
259	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on SB 163. Opens public hearing on HB 2670.
<u>HB 2670 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
277	John Young	Legislative Consultant, Northwest Regional Educational Service District. Opposes HB 2670, which addresses distribution of revenues to school districts.
351	Young	Supports concept to examine equity funding for ESDs. Suggests forming a task force to study ESDs. Refers to earlier 1993-95 task force.
399	Anthony Lanni	Superintendent, North Central Education Service District. Opposes HB 2670.
TAPE 65, A		

009	Lanni	Explains staff responsibilities in an ESD. Comments on other small ESDs who are considered "frontier." Asks committee to oppose HB 2670.
038	Rep. Hobson	Asks if there are any witnesses who support the bill.
040	Chair Sunseri	Responds there are no further witnesses today.
043	Rep. Morrisette	Asks if funding is diverted to school districts, what would happen to the ESDs.
045	Lanni	Responds they would not exist.
049	Rep. Hobson	Asks if this bill conflicts with the intent HB 2006.
055	Young	Responds affirmatively; HB 2006 seeks cooperative efforts.
060	Chair Sunseri	Asks if the Partnership Initiative in HB 2006 could not be accomplished without the ESDs.
062	Young	Responds in his opinion it could not be accomplished without ESDs.
064	Rep. Jenson	Asks if both witnesses are supportive of a study of ESDs.
065	Lanni	Explains funding levels in his ESD; study would be important.
076	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on HB 2670. Adjourns at 3:25 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

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