

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 07, 1999 Hearing Room E

1:00 PM Tapes 90 - 92

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Ron Sunseri, Chair

Rep. William Morrisette, Vice-Chair

Rep. Elaine Hopson

Rep. Bob Jenson

Rep. Tim Knopp

Rep. Bruce Starr

Rep. Carl Wilson

Rep. Jackie Winters

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Chris Beck

Rep. Betsy Close

STAFF PRESENT: Norm Fox, Administrator

Joan Diaz, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: HB 2293 Public Hearing

HB 2683 Public Hearing

HB 3239 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 90, A		

004	Chair Sunseri	Calls meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Opens public hearing on HB 2993.
<u>HB 2993 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
006	Norm Fox	Committee Administrator. Describes provisions of the bill.
020	Rep. Leslie Lewis	District 29. Supports HB 2993. Discusses amount of financial aid Oregon provides for students; the state ranks 30 th in the U.S, or \$5.17 per capita.
061	Lewis	Describes the Opportunity Grant, the Achievement Grant, and the Progress Grant.
082	Sen. Eileen Qutub	District 4. Supports HB 2993. Declares Oregon's student aid program should support a student's choice.
124	Sen. Avel Gordly	District 10. Supports HB 2993. Discusses obstacles facing today's prospective college students.
191	Chair Sunseri	Asks if witness is familiar with the proposed §1 amendments (EXHIBIT A) and the proposed §2 amendments. (EXHIBIT B)
193	Sen. Gordly	Responds she is not.
202	Vivian Bull	President, Linfield College. Supports HB 2993. Describes the college's services. (EXHIBIT C) Refers to the report from the Governor's Task Force on higher education.
263	Bull	Refers to the high debt incurred by today's college graduates. Introduces students.
309	Kristen Abel	Student, Linfield College. Supports HB 2993. Describes her educational experiences. States she will have \$25,000 in debt when she graduates. (EXHIBIT D)
365	Rachel Walters	Student, Warner Pacific College. Supports HB 2993. Describes her educational experiences. (EXHIBIT E)
399	Jennifer Miller	Graduate Student, Willamette University. Supports HB 2993. Describes her educational experiences. (EXHIBIT F)
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004	Miller	Describes her financial situation.

019	Jay Barber	President, Warner Pacific College. Supports HB 2993. States the college has the largest minority population. Discusses the college's budget and the amount of student aid available.
071	Barber	Declares 40% of new students are transfers from community colleges, representing a partnership with the community colleges. Discusses student access, achievement, persistence, outcomes and commitment. Stresses this legislation will help students stay in Oregon.
089	Rep. Morrisette	Asks what type of institution is Warner Pacific College.
092	Barber	Responds it is a Christian, liberal arts college which admits students regardless of religion.
099	Rep. Morrisette	Discusses the Oregon Achievement Grant designated for non-sectarian programs.
105	Barber	Explains how the college processes the distribution of the grant.
109	Rita Lambert	Financial Aid Officer, University of Portland. (EXHIBIT G) Supports HB 2993. Describes the university's enrollment statistics and financial aid programs. Proposes changing the Need Grant to the Opportunity Grant. Requests that the formula for distribution of the grant be put in statute.
220	Gary Andeen	Executive Director, Oregon Independent Colleges Association. (EXHIBIT H) Supports HB 2993. Comments on the proposed amendments; fully supports the amendments and has no objection to the amendments.
241	Chair Sunseri	Asks how this affects a public school student, eligible for college, but does not have a Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM).
265	Andeen	Discusses standards they would hold a student to; wanted to apply some statewide standard. Explains the CIM was the logical choice; can adjust later. Suggests it would encourage more high schools to take the CIM seriously.
289	Rep. Morrisette	Asks what is the fiscal impact.
301	Andeen	Responds there would be no cost for two years until CIM students graduate. Estimates that they could launch this in the next biennium at a cost of \$15 million.
326	Chair Sunseri	Expresses concern that if a large number of students are not going to pass the CIM, and the bill does not allow students who do not pass the CIM to take advantage of the program, not a large number will avail themselves of this opportunity.

349	Andeen	Responds he thinks the bill will ensure the CIMis success.
355	Rep. Morrisette	Comments on student motivation.
368	Andeen	States that making people aware of this financial benefit is sending a good message. Explains research shows it is very common in almost every state to insert the Need Grant formula in statute. Discusses historical funding by the legislature for community colleges.
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007	Rep. Wilson	Asks how will community colleges operate under current funding level/formula.
015	Andeen	Explains if increases of 25% of the net need were approved, the average student would receive \$1000. Discusses total would be a \$14 million increase; less than the national average.
038	Rep. Wilson	Asks would community colleges lose at the present funding level.
045	Andeen	Responds affirmatively; Ways & Means can review it. Discusses the Progress Grant which is available for continuing students. Discusses Work-Study program.
101	Andeen	Discusses VISTO program for high school students.
134	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on SB 2993. Opens public hearing on HB 2683.
<u>HB 2683 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
140	Dave McFetridge	President, Lebanon Schools Foundation. Explains foundation was formed after bond measures failed in the community. Testifies in favor of HB 2683.
200	Rep. Jeff Kropf	District 37. Supports HB 2683. (EXHIBIT I) Describes physical plant needs of the schools in his district.
344	Rep. Kropf	Describes efforts of the community to improve school buildings with volunteer labor.
358	Chair Sunseri	Asks if these projects can be done now.
360	Rep. Kropf	Responds they can be done on a smaller scale; cites examples.

378	Chair Sunseri	Asks why deed the facility to a private foundation.
380	Rep. Kropf	Explains that transfer of ownership allows the project to be completed more economically by avoiding the normal labor costs.
406	Rep. Morrisette	Expresses agreement with the intent of the bill. Wonders what the drawbacks would be.
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002	Rep. Kropf	Explains this is a self-limiting project. Refers to the proposed ñ1 amendments and the proposed ñ2 amendments (EXHIBIT J, K). Comments that another amendment is being drafted.
039	Rep. Kropf	Discusses additional changes to HB 2683 which would set aside 40% of the foundation receipts into a maintenance trust fund.
058	Rep. Winters	Asks if this is a "turn key operation through a foundation."
059	Rep. Kropf	Responds affirmatively.
062	Rep. Winters	Asks if there is an assumption that the buy back will be at a lower rate than if purchased on the free market.
069	Rep. Kropf	Responds affirmatively.
082	Rep. Winters	Suggests a better definition of the intent of bill.
090	Rep. Kropf	Responds he welcomes changes.
092	Rep. Hobson	Tries to clarify bill's intent: if the facility is not to be sold, the bill does not apply.
095	Rep. Kropf	Responds affirmatively.
098	Rep. Hobson	Expresses confusion with the 40/60 percentages.
103	Rep. Kropf	Explains how a school district floats a bond with local taxpayers to repurchase the completed project; sets aside 40% in a maintenance trust fund for the school. Explains the 60% remains in the foundation to be available for another project in the district.

136	Rep. Hobson	Comments she needs more clarification before she could support the bill.
152	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on HB 2683. Opens public hearing on HB 3239
<u>HB 3239 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
181	Nicki Harrington	President, Blue Mountain Community College. Supports HB 3239. (EXHIBIT L)
195	Rep. Jenson	Comments there is a subsequent referral to the Ways & Means Committee.
201	Chair Sunseri	Explains committee will bring this bill back on Friday. Closes public hearing on HB 3239. Reopens public hearing on HB 2683.
<u>HB 2683 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
215	Jim Robinson	Superintendent, Lebanon School District. Supports HB 2683. Discusses repairs to school buildings in his district.
281	Robinson	Discusses the concept of a maintenance trust fund.
304	Rep. Kropf	Indicates transfer of property has to be sold at the fair market value: a legal statutory requirement.
319	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on HB 2683. Reopens public hearing on HB 2993.
<u>HB 2993 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
322	David Mesirow	Commissioner, Oregon State Scholarship Commission. Opposes HB 2993 in its present form. (EXHIBIT M)
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005	Mesirow	Explains the bill has a prospective negative impact on students who do not reside on campus; affects community college students the most.
011	Elwood Farber	Executive Director, Oregon State Scholarship Commission. Supports the concept outlined in the bill, but opposes the bill in its present form. (EXHIBIT N)
083	Farber	Comments there are no funding dollars mentioned in the bill. Discusses Need Grant program.

116	Duncan Wyse	Legislative Representative, Oregon Business Council. Supports HB 2993. Expresses endorsement of section 3 and 4 of the bill. Explains it does not cost anything this biennium; next biennium it would be affordable under the new funding model.
130	Rep. Morrisette	Asks if he would recommend amending the bill into two bills.
135	Wyse	Responds he cannot comment on that.
142	Brian Tanner	Director of State Affairs, Associated Students, Lane Community College. (EXHIBIT O) States the average age of community college students is 37. Opposes the bill in its present form; supports the amendments.
200	Geneva Wortman	President, Student Body of University of Oregon. Discusses potential harm this bill could do with regards to the Need Grant. (EXHIBIT P) States community college students would be hurt by this bill; reducing grants by 2-3%.
235	Chair Sunseri	Closes public hearing on HB 2993. Adjourns at 3:25 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ HB 2993, proposed ñ1 amendments, staff, 1 p

B ñ HB 2993, proposed ñ2 amendments, staff, 1 p

C ñ HB 2993, written testimony, Vivian Bull, 1 p

D ñ HB 2993, written material, Kirstin Abel, 1 p

E ñ HB 2993, written material, Rachael Walters, 1 p

F ñ HB 2993, written material, Jennifer Miller, 1 p

G ñ HB 2993, written testimony, Rita Lambert, 3 pp

H ñ HB 2993, written testimony, Gary Andeen, 3 pp

I ñ HB 2683, written material, Rep. Jeff Kropf, 1 p

J ñ HB 2683 proposed ñ1 amendments, staff, 1 p

K ñ HB 2683 proposed ñ2 amendments, staff, 1 p

L ñ HB 3239, written material, Diane Walton, 3 pp

M ñ HB 2993, written testimony, David Mesirow, 1 p

N ñ HB 2993, written testimony, Elwood Farber, 4 pp

O ñ HB 2993, written testimony, Brian Tanner, 3 pp

P ñ HB 2993, written testimony, Geneva Wortman, 1 p