

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

May 21, 1999 Hearing Room E

1:30 PM Tapes 137 - 138

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. Bruce Starr

Rep. Carl Wilson

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Jackie Winters

STAFF PRESENT: Norm Fox, Administrator

Joan Diaz, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 751A Work Session

SB 771 Work Session

HB 3477 Work Session

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| TAPE/# | Speaker | Comments |
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| TAPE 137, A | | |
| 005 | Chair Sunseri | Calls meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Comments today is the last committee meeting. Opens work session on SB 751A. |
| <u>SB 751A WORK SESSION</u> | | |
| 011 | Rep. Starr | MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 751A-4 amendments dated 05/19/99. (EXHIBIT A) |
| 013 | Rep. Beck | Asks for explanation of the proposed ñ4 amendments. |
| 014 | Rep. Starr | Explains the provisions of the proposed ñ4 amendments; no mandate. |
| 026 | Chair Sunseri | Hearing no objection, the motion CARRIES. |
| 027 | Rep. Morrisette | MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 751A-3 amendments dated 05/17/99. (EXHIBIT B) |
| 029 | Rep. Morrisette | Explains that the ñ3 amendments state that the school district shall provide resources to assist economically disadvantaged families. |
| 032 | Chair Sunseri | Comments that if approved, there would be a fiscal impact and the bill would be referred to the Ways & Means Committee. |
| 033 | Rep. Beck | Discusses his support of the proposed ñ3 amendments. Discusses "free education" and how it relates to a uniform policy set by the schools. |
| 058 | Rep. Close | Discusses the status-conscious youth culture; uniforms would reduce cost. |
| 068 | Rep. Starr | States he does not agree with the mandate to schools in the proposed ñ3 amendments. |
| 074 | Rep. Hopson | Asks if the proposed ñ3 amendments are approved, will the bill be referred to the Ways & Means Committee. |
| 076 | Chair Sunseri | Responds affirmatively. |
| 077 | Rep. Morrisette | Discusses the policy on uniforms in his district. |
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| 093 | Rep. Jenson | Explains his ambivalence on the issue of school uniforms. |
| 122 | Rep. Beck | Discusses the situation in the Gervais School District; no financial support for school uniforms. |
| 142 | Rep. Wilson | Discusses his preference for local control. |
| 160 | Chair Sunseri | States his opposition to the proposed amendments; does not want a mandate. |
| | | VOTE: 3-6 AYE: 3 - Beck, Jenson, Morrisette NAY: 6 - Close, Hopson, Knopp, Starr, Wilson, Sunseri EXCUSED: 1 - Winters |
| 189 | Chair Sunseri | The motion FAILS. |
| 191 | Rep. Starr | MOTION: Moves SB 751A to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation. |
| 193 | Rep. Knopp | Comments he supports the bill; gives schools a "tool." |
| 208 | Rep. Hopson | Comments she disagrees with the bill; definition of uniforms is too vague. |
| 222 | Rep. Close | Supports the bill; agrees wearing of uniforms might avoid divisions among students. |
| 233 | Rep. Jenson | Expresses concern with the opt-out provision in the bill; will not support the bill. |
| 245 | Rep. Beck | Comments on the pressures students face. States he would prefer that schools give financial assistance for uniforms. |
| 255 | | VOTE: 6-3 AYE: 6 - Close, Knopp, Morrisette, Starr, Wilson, Sunseri NAY: 3 - Beck, Hopson, Jenson EXCUSED: 1 - Winters |
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| 265 | Chair Sunseri | <p>The motion CARRIES.</p> <p>REP. CLOSE will lead discussion on the floor.</p> |
| 271 | Chair Sunseri | Closes work session on SB 751A. Opens work session on SB 771. |
| <u>SB 771 WORK SESSION</u> | | |
| 301 | Brian Doherty | Private citizen, Portland. Testifies in favor of SB 771. (EXHIBIT C) States the curriculum is already on the Internet. Explains there is no mandate. |
| 360 | Doherty | Comments the bill was not lobbied very well on the Senate side. Explains the bill came from a gentlemen in Springfield. |
| 377 | Rep. Morrisette | Explains origin of the bill; recommends studying all ethnic groups. |
| 379 | Rep. Morrisette | MOTION: Moves SB 771 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. |
| 400 | Joanne Flint | Deputy Superintendent, Department of Education (DOE). Shares current curriculum; the Irish famine and Irish immigration are already taught in schools. |
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| 004 | Flint | Comments the DOE has adopted content standards for various ethnic groups. Asks if the committee wants to add this as a requirement in statute. |
| 016 | Rep. Beck | Comments he has concerns about adding more to the statutes, but acknowledges the significance of the Irish famine. |
| 028 | Rep. Knopp | Comments on his Irish heritage; will support the bill. |
| 035 | Rep. Hopson | Comments she will support the bill, but notes the "may" clause in the bill. |
| 044 | Rep. Jenson | Comments he agrees with the importance of studying the contributions that the Irish have made to this country; would prefer the bill include a "shall" clause. |
| 075 | Chair Sunseri | Comments on the Irish in his family. |
| | | VOTE: 9-0 |

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| | | AYE: 9 - Beck, Close, Hopson, Jenson, Knopp, Morrisette, Starr, Wilson, Sunseri EXCUSED: 1 - Winters |
| 084 | Chair Sunseri | The motion CARRIES. REP. MORRISETTE will lead discussion on the floor. |
| 088 | Chair Sunseri | Closes work session on SB 771. Opens work session on HB 3477. |
| <u>HB 3477 WORK SESSION</u> | | |
| 094 | Jeffrey Wimmer | Policy Analyst to Rep. Harper. Testifies in favor of HB 3477. |
| 104 | Rep. Hopson | Asks for explanation of the bill. |
| 108 | Wimmer | Reads from the bill. |
| 110 | Rep. Hopson | Explains that the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) already conducts reviews. Asks if there is a problem the bill corrects. |
| 114 | Wimmer | Comments he does not know. |
| 116 | Kathie Wiper | Board Member, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). Acknowledges that the TSPC does conduct reviews of teacher licensure. |
| 130 | Rep. Beck | Asks is this bill part of the Charter School bill. |
| 131 | Chair Sunseri | Responds it is not. |
| 133 | Rep. Beck | Asks why is this bill necessary. |
| 135 | Chair Sunseri | Responds he does not know. |
| 148 | Rep. Starr | MOTION: Moves HB 3477 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. |
| 152 | Rep. Hopson | States the intent of the bill is still unclear to her. |

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| | | VOTE: 5-4 AYE: 5 - Close, Knopp, Starr, Wilson, Sunseri NAY: 4 - Beck, Hopson, Jenson, Morrisette EXCUSED: 1 - Winters |
| 161 | Chair Sunseri | The motion FAILS. |
| 162 | Chair Sunseri | Closes work session on HB 3477. Adjourns at 2:15 p.m. |

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 751A, proposed ñ4 amendments, staff, 1 p

B ñ SB 751A, proposed ñ3 amendments, staff, 1 p

C ñ SB 771, written testimony, Brian Doherty, 5 pp