

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 15, 1999 Hearing Room B

1:00 p.m. Tapes 31-32

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Tom Hartung, Chair

Sen. Susan Castillo, Vice-Chair

Sen. Peter Courtney

Sen. Verne Duncan

Sen. Gary George

Sen. Avel Gordly

Sen. Marylin Shannon

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Jan McComb, Administrator

Karen O'Kelley, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 167 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 164 Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 168 Work Session

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 31, A		
002	Chair Hartung	Opens meeting at 1:10 p.m.
004	Sen. Gordly	Introduces a student from Grant High School. Acknowledges the other students

		in the audience.
034	Chair Hartung	Hopes that the students can learn something about the legislative process during their visit to the capitol. Opens public hearing on SB 167.
<u>SB 167 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
052	Bret West	<p>Deputy Commissioner, Office of Community College Services (OCCS). Submits (EXHIBIT A). States that the President of Klamath Community College (KCC) was unable to attend the public hearing today.</p> <p>Explains that SB 167 would allow the KCC Service District to incur bonded indebtedness.</p> <p>States that KCC has made great strides since its formation on July 1, 1996. States that original enrollment projections estimated that KCC would serve 375 full-time students per year, and last year 623 full-time students were served.</p> <p>States that KCC should have the same authority to ask local voters for permission to incur bonded indebtedness that every other community college in the state has under law.</p>
085	Sen. Courtney	Asks if this bill has to do with buying land.
088	West	Responds that if KCC wanted to buy land, this bill would allow KCC to ask the local voters to incur the debt.
090	Sen. Courtney	Asks if KCC is planning to buy land.
091	West	Responds that they are investigating having their own campus.
093	Sen. Courtney	Asks if there are differences of opinion in the community as to where KCC's new campus should be located.
095	West	Responds that there are differences. States that community colleges have different needs than four year institutions.
115	Sen. Courtney	Asks for clarification about whether or not KCC has made a decision about moving to a new location.
121	West	Responds that Sen. Courtney should address his questions to the president of KCC.
123	Chair Hartung	States that the community college board makes the decision, not the president of KCC.

125	West	Responds that is correct.
126	Chair Hartung	Asks West if he knows when the board plans to make that decision.
127	West	Responds that he does not know.
129	Chair Hartung	Asks Sen. Courtney if he wants to wait to vote on the bill.
131	Sen. Courtney	Responds that he does not need to wait. Adds that he thought that there might have been some opposition to this bill but, if there is not, he would like to vote on it.
152	Sen. Duncan	Asks for clarification on the bill.
155	Roger Bassett	Commissioner, OCCS. States that, fundamentally, the bill brings KCC into authority every other district already has to issue bonds, should the voters approve them.
189	Sen. George	States that he is concerned about prohibiting community college service districts, formed after July 1, 1997, to incur bonded indebtedness.
208	West	Responds that the OCCS does not want a district to be formed and not be viable enough to go to the voters and incur bonded debt. Wants to avoid having a community service district fold and have the voters left with the debt and not the service. Adds that even though the OCCS does not foresee any new formations of districts, they would like to have the safeguard remain in the statute.
220	Sen. George	Asks if the safeguard is really necessary.
224	West	Responds that he believes that it is.
229	Bassett	States that the OCCS has a long-standing practice of having districts grow into their responsibilities, as they prove they are viable enough.
240	Chair Hartung	Asks if there is any legislation this session that would form a new community college district.
243	Bassett	Responds that there is not.
251	Chair Hartung	Asks how many of the 36 counties are not being served.
257	Diane Walton	OCCS. Refers to a map which is included in (EXHIBIT C) which refers to SB 164.

277	Vickie Totten	OCCA. States that the OCCA supports this bill.
294	Chair Hartung	Closes public hearing on SB 167 and opens work session on SB 167.
<u>SB 167 WORK SESSION</u>		
298	Chair Hartung	MOTION: Moves SB 167 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 7-0 AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
307	Chair Hartung	The motion CARRIES. SEN. GEORGE will lead discussion on the floor.
		Refer to tape 31, side B, tick 033 for Sen. Shannonis vote.
308	Chair Hartung	Closes work session on SB 167.
310	Chair Hartung	Refers to a newspaper article about charter schools included in (EXHIBIT B) . Comments that the article does a good job of indicating what is going on around the country in regards to charter schools.
		States that Gov. Kitzhaber has shortened the list of principles that he wants to see in a charter school bill.
363	Chair Hartung	Comments that he wants to send someone to the U.S. Department of Education National Charter School Conference. States that maybe the person who attends should come from the State Board of Education.
394	Sen. Gordly	Comments that she hopes that this committee will continue to hear testimony on how the 21 st Century Schools Act is being implemented.
		States that legislators have failed to give teachers the necessary resources to prepare their students for the standards.
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005	Chair Hartung	Responds that Joanne Flint will be returning next week to continue testifying on the 21 st Century Schools Act.
011	Sen. Gordly	Comments that she is also interested in hearing from Superintendent Stan Bunn.
015	Chair Hartung	Responds that Bunn would be a good resource, as well.
022	Sen. Shannon	Comments that the committee is only hearing from professionals that are getting paid to make the educational programs work. States that it might be beneficial to have parents testify as well.
025	Chair Hartung	States that anyone can testify at a public hearing.
027	Sen. Shannon	Comments that Oregon should have taken one school district and made it successful before making mandates across the entire state. Hopes that the committee will hear from more parents.
047	Sen. George	States that in his district, the administrative staff from the school district are upset about the charter school bill. Comments that he explained to them that the charter school bill is intended to remove some of the rules and regulations in schools.
065	Sen. Courtney	Suggests that the committee should contact some of the teachers from small towns in order to get an accurate picture of what is happening with education.
092	Sen. Duncan	Comments that the legislature needs to give teachers the resources they need to get things done. States that some schools have been successful in moving toward achieving the education standards. Describes an experience when he visited two different schools. States that good leadership is the key to success.
137	Sen. Shannon	States that if the legislature only looks at the positive, then they will not get a realistic view. States that teachers will not testify against what their school district believes.
157	Sen. Duncan	Agrees with Sen. Shannon that teachers would be put in an awkward position. Comments that he does not support poor administration.
170	Vice-Chair Castillo	Supports the idea of bringing in more teachers to testify.
178	Sen. Courtney	Refers to the teacher shortage in the future. States that the shortage will be in the areas of science, math, Spanish, and special education.
211	Chair Hartung	States that McComb has been drafting a bill that would enhance the professionalism of teachers. Adds that it will have fiscal implications.

217	Jan McComb	Committee Administrator. Adds that the bill would fund the Teacher Corp Program and the Mentor Teacher Program.
226	Sen. Duncan	Adds that the Mentor Teacher Program is an excellent program.
229	Chair Hartung	States that the bill will be introduced as a committee bill. Opens public hearing on SB 164.
<u>SB 164 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
231	Walton	Submits (EXHIBIT C) . Explains that SB 164 furthers the State Board of Education's policy goal of extending community college services to all areas of the state, to include those students living in areas not included in a community college district. Explains that services to those students are currently handled through contract-out-of-district arrangements and the resources are very limited. States that this bill would open up service areas not included in a community college district and allow funding to follow those students.
280	Walton	States that SB 164's fiscal impact has two components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.5 million for existing enrollments • \$950,000 to expand service
283	Chair Hartung	Asks Walton if she would object to having the bill referred to the Ways and Means Committee.
285	Walton	Responds that she would approve.
294	Chair Hartung	Closes public hearing on SB 164 and opens work session on SB 164.
<u>SB 164 WORK SESSION</u>		
296	Sen. Courtney	MOTION: Moves SB 164 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and BE REFERRED to the committee on Ways and Means.
		VOTE: 6-0 EXCUSED: 1 - George
306	Chair Hartung	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

308	Chair Hartung	Closes work session on SB 164 and opens a work session on SB 168.
<u>SB 168 WORK SESSION</u>		
312	Vice-Chair Castillo	Recommends that the committee move SB 168.
321	Sen. Shannon	States that she does not like the term "workforce." Believes that term is demeaning.
333	Chair Hartung	Responds that students need to be trained to hold a job.
338	Sen. Gordly	Comments that although she will be voting in favor of the bill, the committee needs to be aware of the language used in the bill.
355	Chair Hartung	Responds that there is dignity in "work."
359	Sen. Shannon	Agrees that work is valuable, however, she does not support the term "workforce."
365	Sen. Duncan	States that he will be voting in favor of the bill although he shares some of Sen. Shannon's concerns.
371	Sen. Courtney	Asks Sen. Shannon what wording she would like to see in the bill.
387	Sen. Shannon	Responds that she does not want to use the word "workforce." Asks if the bill can just specify the OCCS.
402	Bassett	Responds that, last session, the legislature authorized his agency to take over responsibility for the Federal Job Training Partnership Act and to serve the same function for community colleges. States that this bill would bring the two separate systems together.
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002	Sen. Courtney	Comments that the OCCS is using the term "workforce" to mean job training development.
004	Bassett	Agrees with Sen. Courtney. Explains that his office is currently referred to as the OCCS/Job Training Partnership Act Administration.
008	Sen. Shannon	Comments that the term "workforce" is an insult to many people.

017	Sen. Courtney	Suggests substituting the word "job" for "workforce."
024	Chair Hartung	MOTION: Moves SB 168 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
		VOTE: 5-1 AYE: 5 - Castillo, Courtney, Duncan, Gordly, Hartung NAY: 1 - Shannon EXCUSED: 1 - George
029	Chair Hartung	The motion CARRIES. SEN. CASTILLO will lead discussion on the floor.
033	Sen. Courtney	MOTION: Requests unanimous consent that the rules be SUSPENDED to allow SEN. SHANNON to BE RECORDED as voting AYE on SB 167.
		VOTE: 6-0 EXCUSED: 1 - Sen. George
		Chair Hartung
		Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
045	Chair Hartung	Closes work session on SB 168 and adjourns the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 167, written testimony, Bret West, 1p

B ñ Charter schools, newspaper article, submitted prior to meeting, Sen. Tom Hartung, 2 pp

C ñ SB 164, written testimony, Diane Walton, 2 pp