

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**March 8, 1999 Hearing Room B**

**1:00 p.m. Tapes 47-??**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Tom Hartung, Chair**

**Sen. Susan Castillo, Vice-Chair**

**Sen. Peter Courtney**

**Sen. Verne Duncan**

**Sen. Gary George**

**Sen. Avel Gordly**

**MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Marylin Shannon**

**STAFF PRESENT: Jan McComb, Administrator**

**Karen O'Kelley, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 103 Public Hearing**

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
<b>TAPE 47, A</b>		
003	Chair Hartung	Opens meeting at 1:28 p.m.
007	Sen. Gordly	Introduced bill. Important to
		BackgroundDuring the 1997 session, passed the multi-cultural bill, the ways and means com did not enact the funds. The need and role of the bill.

		Nationally recognized educational expert- Merced Flores.
		Lists the following people who will be testifying. Emilio Hernandez working on doctorate.
		Phyllis Lee, director of office of , chair of special advisory council, vice-chair of
		La Vonne Edmo-Lobert, chair , president
		Haleem Rasaam
		Tina Garcia
		Geanna Woolley
		Mentions two other people who will testify later.
103	Stan Bunn	Superintendent of Public Instruction. Indicates strong support of SB 103. Will read the superintendent shall . Reasons for amendment for a greater chance of being approved in Ways and Means. Recommends attaching a letter to ways and Means
137	Merced Flores	Associate Superintendent Department of Education. Look at way to serve these populations. Has been the contact person multi-cultural education ñ now have textbooks make use of information that is available. We need to provide a better way of providing information. More assistance.
197	Sen. Gordly	Acknowledges the superb knowledge
		Hopes to find a replacement with similar qualities.
218	Emilio Hernandez	Comments that this will educate all students. Must help children
		Currently U of O. multi-cultural education will help these children.
		Enough research now it is time to act. Encourages the committee to go out and talk to these students. Need to more on issues that will help young
321	Geana Woolley	Mother of five-year-old African American child. Greatest problem that has not yet been addressed. Equitable education for every student. Lack of diversity in educational environment has had a negative impact on students in the public school system. Supports SB 103. Look at strategies and actions to ensure that

		they reflect the demographic changesÖensure that school districts are making earnest efforts to improve. This bill directs the state of board of education.
		Refers to amendment that Ö
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002	Woolley	Fully supports
009	Phyllis Lee	OSU. Emphasizes the importance of a multi-cultural population. Emphasizes the education of students and the teachers. Diversity is found right here and this country has not taken advantage of it. Emphasize that a multi-cultural education would benefit all students.
065		OSU is the only university that has from the Presidentis Office. Many students today do not understand what diversity means.
095	Chair Hartung	Suggest that Lee meet the rest of the legislators.
102	Sen. Gordly	Introduces next group.
110	La Vonne Edmo-Lobert	States that the minority dropout rate is too high. Refers to educational experiences of her sixteen-year-old son. States that he has only had two teachers with a multi-cultural interest.
		All students should have the ability to make connections toÖteaching strategies for multi-cultural students are good for all students. Recommends that the committee pass SB 103.
201	Haleem Rasaam	CMAC. Testifies in support of SB 103. Sen. Gordly was instrumental in bringing Öto the Portland. Refers to African ñAmerican baseline which is being used throughout the U.S. but not in Portland. Adds that some teachers have taken the initiative to use it, however
		Finds it interesting that it is racially isolated. Baseline is a staring ground to. States experiences growing up when..having a knowledge of history changes your perspective. Implementing a multi-cultlural education will do wonders for students.
363	Richard Luccetti	Testifies in support of SB 103. The demographics of the state have changed. We have an opportunity to establish multi-cultural curriculum in the state.
		Have to learn to understand other culures and restore their pride.

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008	Chair Hartung	Public charter school might end up as a broken promise.
015	Rasaam	Responds that he attended
021	Chair Hartung	Within five years Östates that one person or a small group can make a difference.
		Master plan if for Jefferson alumni to donate and honorary members to
045	Rasaam	When we set a standard for students they will make.
051	Chair	Agrees that children will rise to the expectation.
058	Sen. Duncan	Whole concept is to raise the leve of expectation.
063	Vice-Chair	Refers to essays asks if
071	Rasaam	If teachers are not exposed toÖthe college level is where we have to also make some strides.
083	Sen. Duncan	
088	Rasaam	Refers to experience when he was in 7 <sup>th</sup> grade and visited the capital. York was responsible for Lewis and Clark coming through.
113	Sen. Gordly	We are blessed in Oregon to have so many people to testify.
		Tina Garcia
125	Tina Garcia	Willamete Education Service. Testifies in support of SB 103. Refers to recent experience at the hospital where her family was asked repeatedly if they spoke English even though she has lived in Oregon for over 40 years. Very important to start at a very young age to start educating children that they can be a part of the American dream. Refers to sonis experiences in high school. Teachers should be educated in their careers about diversity. Want to have children embrace their neighbors.
244	Sen. Duncan	Refers to sad commentary forty years ago when immigrant workers came to school only to visit.

270	Chair Hartung	Refers to migrant camps in 1968. Embarrassed that not much has changed in 30 years.
293	Frances Portillo	OSU Board of Visitors for Minority Affairs. Testifies in support of SB 103. To work on recruitment and retention of Testifies in support of SB 103. Racism is lack of knowledge and fear. Wants teachers to have an excitement and a joy of multi-cultural education.  Refers to movie called Lone Star. States that "cannot stop."
371	Sen. Gordly	Invites Merced Flores to testify again.
		Reknown education leader in the U.S.
398	Flores	Pride and culture we have grown up with.
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008	Flores	As he is leaving the DOE we need to make sure that we take the lives of all children very seriously. SB 103 should be the continuim of what needs to take place.
030	Sen. Gordly	
		Adjourns meeting at 2:56.



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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

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