

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**May 10, 1999 Hearing Room B**

**1:00 p.m. Tapes 94-95**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Sen. Tom Hartung, Chair**

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

**Sen. Peter Courtney**

**Sen. Verne Duncan**

**Sen. Avel Gordly**

**MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Gary George**

**Sen. Marylin Shannon**

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

**Jan McComb, Administrator**

**Karen O'Kelley, Administrative Support**

### **MEASURES HEARD:**

**HB 2249 Public Hearing**

**HB 2252 Public Hearing and 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 94, A		
001	Chair Hartung	Convenes meeting at 1:08p.m. and opens public hearing on HB 2249.

**HB 2249 PUBLIC HEARING**

005	David Mesirow	State Scholarship Commission (SSC). Discusses the name change proposed in HB 2249. Believes that the new name would more accurately describe the SSC's role. States that after researching the names of similar commissions in other states, "the most commonly used one speaks to assistance." Explains that the SSC selected the "Oregon Student Assistance Commission."  Believes that the new title would clarify the SSC's responsibilities.
065	Jim Beyer	SSC. States that he does not have any additional comments.
067	Sen. Duncan	States that he will support what the SSC is proposing. Comments that the term "student assistance" reminds him of "public assistance." Wonders if there would be a negative connotation associated with this wording.
071	Mesirow	Responds that the SSC was attempting to highlight financial assistance of all kinds. States that the SSC was reluctant to make the name too long.
085	Chair Hartung	Closes public hearing on HB 2249 and opens public hearing on HB 2252.

**HB 2252 PUBLIC HEARING**

092	Beyer	States that the purpose of HB 2252 is to ease the administration of the higher education Community Service Voucher Program. Explains that this program has existed for several biennium and provides tuition vouchers for students who participate from Western Oregon University (WOU). States that this bill would establish a Community Service Voucher Fund where funds would be continuously appropriated. States that this program would ease the administrative problems that arise from students earning vouchers in one biennium and using the vouchers in another biennium.
109	Sen. Gordly	Asks how many students have participated in the program. Asks how much has been paid out in vouchers.
114	Beyer	Responds that about 120 students have participated. States that students receive \$875 for every voucher.
119	Sen. Courtney	Comments that the original intent of this program was to cover the cost of tuition for one term. States that for two sessions he has attempted to spread this program throughout the entire university system. States that during the first year, Linfield participated and later decided drop out of the program.
143	Gary Andeen	Executive Director, Oregon Independent Colleges Association. Clarifies that Linfield did not participate in the program because the statutory provisions were too severe.

158	Chair Hartung	Closes public hearing on HB 2252 and opens a work session on HB 2252.
<b><u>HB 2252 WORK SESSION</u></b>		
163	Sen. Courtney	<b>MOTION: Moves HB 2252 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 4-0</b>  <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b>  <b>EXCUSED: 3 - Castillo, George, Shannon</b>
168	Chair Hartung	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>  <b>SEN. COURTNEY will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
172	Chair Hartung	Closes work session on HB 2252.
176	Chair Hartung	Discusses the agenda for Wednesday's meeting.
181	Sen. Gordly	Asks why the committee is waiting to vote on HB 2249.
187	Chair Hartung	Responds that one of the stakeholders requested the delay.
194	Sen. Gordly	States that she would like to have students from various districts come and testify before the committee.
211	Chair Hartung	Agrees with Sen. Gordly.  States that he has invited a student from Sunset High School to testify.
243	Chair Hartung	Asks Sen. Gordly if she would like teachers to testify as well.
246	Sen. Gordly	Responds that she would.
		Asks Chair Hartung if he plans to spend more time on education reform during the interim.
298	Chair Hartung	Responds that he is recommending a joint House and Senate Interim Committee to look at education reform.

324	Jan McComb	Committee Administrator. States that HB 2548 would require that an interim committee be formed to review the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Schools Act.
339	Andeen	States that during the interim, the committee should include teachers in the discussions.
346	Chair Hartung	Discusses what will be needed to make education reform work.
360	Sen. Gordly	States that the interim committee needs to be very focussed.
		Suggests having an interim committee that is made up of proponents of education reform.
380	Chair Hartung	Discusses how New Hampshire has funded all schools with a local property tax. Discusses the leadership that Governor's in other states have provided in order to fund education.
439	Sen. Gordly	States that the Governor has taken leadership on school funding. Asks "how are we going to support our Governor."
<b>TAPE 95, A</b>		
019	Chair Hartung	Discusses Tom McCallis tax reform proposal when he was the Governor. Comments that we need to be sensitive to what is working in other states.
032	Sen. Duncan	Refers to the last bipartisan movement in 1986.
041	Sen. Gordly	Thanks Chair Hartung for having these discussions.
058	Chair Hartung	Adjourns meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**No exhibits were submitted.**