

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

February 18, 1997 Hearing Room B

1:00PM Tapes 23-25

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen, Chair

Rep. Kitty Piercy, Vice-Chair

Rep. Bob Jenson

Rep. Jeff Kruse

Rep. Dennis Luke

Rep. Kurt Schrader

Rep. Mark Simmons

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Carlson, Administrator

Berri Sellers, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Informational Meeting

Invited Testimony

Child Care Division

Head Start/Oregon Prekindergarten Program and Early

Intervention

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 |
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| TAPE 23,A | | |

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| 006 | Chair VanLeeuwen | Chair calls meeting to order at 1:05pm. Discusses the agenda for today's meeting. |
| <u>OREGON EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT/CHILD CARE DIVISION</u> | | |
| 023 | Janis Elliot | Administrator for the Child Care Division of the State of Oregon Employment Department. |
| 033 | Rep. Luke | Question about why there is a Child Care Division in the Employment Department. |
| 038 | Elliot | Answers question: child care is a direct aspect of employment. |
| 085 | | Oregon has a benchmark that a household spending more than ten percent of their income on child care has a problem. |
| 102 | | Child Care Division regulates three types of child care services. |
| 111 | Rep. Kruse | What goes into the category of child care? |
| 130 | Elliot | Answers questions: ORS 657A defines child care. |
| 174 | Rep. Luke | Any idea how many children who should have somebody watching them don't? |
| 187 | Elliot | Can provide estimates, can access this information at a later date. |
| 189 | Rep. Piercy | Question as to whether or not they are going to discuss regulation and availability. |
| 196 | Elliot | Will discuss this later in the presentation. Continues testimony on pg. 3 (EXHIBIT A) |
| 237 | | Discusses child care referral services |
| 290 | | Discusses the Department's relationship to the benchmarks. |
| 314 | Rep. Piercy | Question as to whether or not we are having a hard time meeting the profiles. |
| 321 | Elliot | Benchmark does not take into consideration some arrangements like infant care and others. |
| 340 | Rep. Luke | Are most of the people who provide child care independent contractors? |
| 351 | Elliot | Yes, they are small independent contractors. |
| 374 | Chair VanLeeuwen | Update about shift in services in the Department of Human Resources |
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| | Janet Carlson | Committee Administrator, describes the effort in 1993 to move the Child Care Division to the Employment Department. |
| 398 | Elliot | Explains the move of the Child Care Division to the Employment Department in 1993. |
| 430 | Rep. Jenson | Question as to whether or not the Employment Department served as a small business advisor. |
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| 033 | Elliot | A number of resource and referral organizations are housed in community colleges. |
| 079 | Rep. Schrader | Question about the coordination of having one agency doing child care rather than three different agencies. |
| 087 | Elliot | Answers that the child care agency is the lead agency. |
| 098 | Chair VanLeeuwen | Comment about the number of programs in Oregon statutes. |
| 107 | Carlson | Question about how child care is a continuum from the centers to homes. System can be confusing because people don't necessarily see child care as a business. |
| 126 | Elliot | Answers question that this is a confusing issue. The child care system is not formal and structured. |
| 168 | | Strategy in Oregon is to try to build an infrastructure for child care. |
| 183 | Rep. Luke | Comment about the school system and how it affects child care. |
| 192 | Elliot | Continues testimony and provides an anecdote of a nearby school system. |
| 213 | | References pg.7 (EXHIBIT A) Discussion of child care centers and group homes. |
| 255 | | Continues testimony about how the Child Care Division registers child care facilities. |
| 287 | | Child Care Division can exercise civil penalty for those people who are not following the law as it pertains to child care providers. |
| 324 | | References pg.19 (EXHIBIT A). Discussion of child care bills that are going to be sponsored during this session. |

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| 340 | Chair VanLeeuwen | Thanks Elliot for coming to speak before the committee. |
| 355 | Rep. Luke | Question about where the Child Care Division falls in the Governor's budget. |
| 367 | Elliot | Answers that for the most part their budget has been maintained with two slight increases. |
| <u>OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION/EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS</u> | | |
| 384 | Dell Ford | Staff for the Head Start collaboration project with the Department of Education. References and discusses (EXHIBIT B). |
| 438 | | Discusses history of the Head Start collaboration project. |
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| 058 | | Discusses the individualized education programs that the Head Start program puts together. |
| 078 | Rep. Schrader | How does this program relate to the Oregon Health Plan? |
| 081 | Ford | Oregon Health Plan covers the cost of the children who meet the guidelines. |
| 110 | Ford | Discusses nutritionist who is on staff to consult with families. |
| 126 | Rep. Luke | Is the nutritionist at the local level? |
| 133 | Ford | The nutritionist is at the local level for each program. |
| 147 | | Continues testimony about services that are provided at the local level for Head Start programs. |
| 176 | | Currently serving 29 percent of eligible children. |
| 183 | Rep. Luke | Question about why the program is in the Department of Education. |
| 188 | Ford | Answers question in that it is an educational program. |
| 217 | Chair VanLeeuwen | What is the cost per pupil for this program? |
| 234 | Ford | The cost is \$6,000 per family at the local level. |
| 249 | Rep. Luke | Question about costs listed on (Exhibit B). |
| 254 | Ford | |

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| | | Each school receives a different amount of money per district, costs shown (References (Exhibit B)) are an average. State funds consist of \$5,522 per student. |
| 291 | Rep. Piercy | Comment about average per pupil costs. |
| 321 | Ford | Continued discussion of cost per pupil funding. |
| 362 | Rep. Simmons | Question about statistics that relate to Head Start. |
| 373 | Ford | Discusses how Head Start has affected children in the classroom. |
| 403 | Jane Mulholland | Staff for Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education at the Department of Education. |
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| 019 | | Addresses statistics that relate to children who are born with developmental disabilities. |
| 031 | | Discusses the services available for children through the Department of Education. |
| 054 | | Discusses partnership between the programs that are available through the Department of Education. |
| 068 | Mulholland | Discusses the services that are provided. |
| 082 | Carol Stiles | Director of the Family Development Program for Central Oregon Community College. |
| 105 | | Discusses their commitment to combining systems to provide more efficient and better resources. |
| 122 | Kathy Emerson | Staff at the Family Development Program in Deschutes County. |
| 150 | | Provides examples of specific children who are involved in the program. |
| 188 | Rep. Luke | Comment about LaPine's application for a grant to create LaPine Community Campus. |
| 197 | Stiles | Discusses funding of various programs. |
| 235 | Judy Newman | Director of the Early Childhood Cares program in Lane County. |
| 249 | Newman | References (EXHIBIT C). |
| 284 | | Discusses how programs are family centered. |
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| 304 | | Explains their programs and how they work. Gives examples of how Early Intervention and Head Start work together. |
| 354 | | Discusses specific children who are served by these programs. |
| 384 | Rep. Luke | Question about ages of children in the program. |
| 394 | Emerson | Early intervention is birth to three. |
| TAPE 25,A | | |
| 019 | Annie Soto | Director of Head Start in Lane County. Comments about spending money on preschool age children as a method of prevention. |
| 029 | Chair VanLeeuwen | Comment about high school graduation coinciding with driving license. |
| 056 | Emerson | Success that they have had at the local level. |
| 064 | Rep. Luke | Comment about school system. |
| 088 | Chair VanLeeuwen | Adjourns meeting at 2:57pm. |

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Oregon Employment Department, "Overview of Child Care Division," Janis Elliot, pp.90.

B - Oregon Department of Education, "Oregon Headstart Prekindergarten and Public School Investment," Dell Ford, pp.4.

C - Lane County Early Education, Written Materials, Judy Newman, pp.11.