

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

April 1, 1997 Hearing Room D

1:00PM Tapes 54 - 55

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:

HB 2009 Public Hearing

HB 3060 Public Hearing and Work Session

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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 54, A		
003	Chair VanLeeuwen	Chair calls meeting to order at 1:13.
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038	Janet Carlson	Committee Administrator. Provides overview of HB 2009.
053	Rep. Luke	Would like to know how many families the Christmas Valley family center serves?
056	Chair VanLeeuwen	Explains that this information will be provided in later testimony.
060	Rep. Bob Repine	State Representative from District 49. Is here to testify on behalf of HB 2009 as a sponsor of the bill. Believes that family centers are viable parts of the community. Wants to put them on a platform so they can be measured in terms of their success statewide.
078		Discusses the success of the Josephine County program; turning an old building into a family resource center with grant money, building other centers in the Wolf Creek area and Illinois Valley. These projects helped to include parts of their county that are detached from the city of Grants Pass.
094		Would like to submit themselves as a pilot project. Believes that this is an untapped resource for Oregonians.
119	Rep. Repine	Comments that there is a good chance the project will be funded.
135	Chair VanLeeuwen	Invites Senator Mae Yih and Harrisburg representatives to come forward.
151	Sen. Mae Yih	District 19. Appears before committee in support of HB 2009 in order to fund Family Resource Center demonstration project in Harrisburg, Lakeview and Grants Pass. Explains the types of programs these centers provide including; teen parenting, continuing education classes, substance abuse prevention, anger management, and help to low income families. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT A).
196		Introduces the people who are with her to testify about the Harrisburg Family Resource Center.
200	Susie Watkins	Family resource center coordinator. Describes the type of family center that will be created in Harrisburg. Also explains the community organizations that will be involved in the family center demonstration project.
269		Provides statistics that demonstrate why they need a family center in Harrisburg. Provides written testimony(EXHIBIT B).
300		Explains how Harrisburg has been overlooked for specific services because of their close proximity to Eugene in Lane County. Harrisburg is a part of Linn County but is closer to Eugene than to their county seat, Albany. Also describes Harrisburg's lack of funding for programs.
330		Explains programs they have had in Harrisburg including a program that simulated pregnancy and parenthood for teens.
359		Introduces Judge Lemhouse.

	Chair VanLeeuwen	
376	Judge Jad Lemhouse	Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT C). Municipal judge for Harrisburg, Brownsville, and Sweet Home. Concerned with the administration of justice in his community. Is alarmed by the rate of increase in juvenile offenses in his area. Provides specific statistics that relate to juvenile crime.
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014	Lemhouse	Discusses the teen court program in Linn County. Explains that Bend claims a recidivism rate of four percent for offenders. Comments that this is a successful program.
040		Explains the types of offenses that would be dealt with by the teen court. Explains that one of every three offenses that occurred in 1996 would be covered under the jurisdiction of teen courts.
044	Chair VanLeeuwen	Would he envision the teen court being part of the family resource center?
046	Lemhouse	The family center would provide a resource of community services to teen court clients. Concludes that they are trying to offer at-risk children and families a hand up, not a slap down.
069	Sue Harmon	Lives in Harrisburg. Here to testify in favor of HB 2009. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT D). Explains the problems that they have in Harrisburg which create a need for the family center, including sexual abuse, child abuse, spousal abuse, and many others. Discusses the difficulty for residents of Harrisburg to access resources that are in Albany or other outlying areas.
091	Don McKay	Testifies in favor of HB 2009. Discusses the enormous growth that has occurred in Harrisburg. Explains that their representation is far away from Harrisburg. Believes that the community center is one way for citizens to connect with their government.
125	Rep. Luke	Comments that they will have \$2500 a year for evaluation, that is \$5,000 total.
128	Watkins	Comments that they don't know where the money is and they don't know who gets the \$2500. That is one of their questions.
133	Chair VanLeeuwen	Invites the North Lake Wellness Center representatives to come forward.
141	Susan Dillon	Interim Director of the North Lake Wellness Center. Explains the services that are provided at the Wellness Center and the services and activities they have sponsored for the community.
163		Explains that the Wellness Center has increased the community's awareness of children and families issues.

		Discusses transportation and isolation as their two biggest challenges.
193		Discusses their on-site mental health services and other services that are provided. Explains the center's efficiency and supports that it provides for the communities. County officials and the county commissioners work at the Wellness Center, providing a one-stop center for residents.
213	Rep. Luke	Are they serving Silver Lake and Summer Lake as well?
219	Dillon	Yes, they are serving all of these areas. They are currently addressing their outcomes and working on setting specific goals. Explains the collaboration of community groups that occurs because of the Wellness Center.
245	Karen Timler	Has been a client at the North Lake Wellness Center. Has been reunited with her two daughters because of the mental health counseling available at the center. Both of her children have been assisted by the center. One has received mental health counseling and the other has had help completing her high school education.
270	Jane O'Keeffe	Lake County Commissioner. The board of commissioners is in support of the family center project and she would be happy to answer any questions.
277	Eric Shpilman	Director of the Lake County Commission on Children and Families. Testifies on behalf of the Wellness Center and provides the committee with T-shirts and pamphlets that describe the center.
304	Carlson	Could you describe what used to happen before the Wellness Center was built?
322	Shpilman	Service providers used to have to drive from so far away that it would cut down on the availability of services for residents. Having these services readily available has made it easier for people to access the resources they need.
368	Don Gray	Executive Director for the Coalition for Kids Family Resource Center in Grants Pass. Oldest family resource center in Oregon. They need to be funded in order to provide the State of Oregon with a way of evaluating and having accountability in family centers.
398		Explains that the family centers are a way of helping the community to collaborate. Discusses readiness to learn and their customer satisfaction survey at their center. They have also begun to share and network with other family centers in order to create the best services.
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016	Gray	Introduces two young women who are clients at their family center.
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	Tammy Moore	Client at the Coalition for Kids. Is working towards getting off welfare and finishing her high school education. Explains the services that are provided at the center.
044	Delia Gonzalez	Has a two year old child and works at the center as well as receiving services from them. Is finishing her GED program and accesses other services.
<u>HB 3060</u> <u>PUBLIC</u> <u>HEARING</u> <u>AND WORK</u> <u>SESSION</u>		
087	Chair VanLeeuwen	Opens public hearing and work session on HB 3060.
124	Carlson	Explains the amendments that the committee has in front of them. These include -2,-3, and -4 to HB 3060.
179	Vice-Chair Piercy	Isn't Head Start an early childhood education program?
194	Rep. Schrader	Understands what Rep. Piercy is saying and that they should change the amendments to say "parent-child education focus."
202	Rep. Luke	What does "major policy decisions" mean as it reads in the amendment?
205	Rep. Schrader	Depends on the community. He would hope that they would use common sense and thinks that we should leave those decisions up to the communities.
214	Rep. Kruse	Maybe we could say "significant," rather than "major."
233	Carlson	Explains that this is a preamble which explains their goals and describes the types of programs without putting them into the "shall" and "may" clauses. Explains the content of the amendments.
256	Rep. Schrader	Would support the -2 or the -4.
263	Rep. Luke	Does each county have a local interagency coordinating council?
273	Kathryn Weit	Oregon Disabilities Council. It is in statute that every county has a local interagency coordinating council.
284	Rep. Luke	In the -4 amendments, sections two and three, keep the first part of the first sentence, and then take out the other language prior to defining who meets twice a year.
303	Rep. Schrader	Wants to keep the sentence in there that says that the purpose of the joint meetings is to share outcomes and information.
341	Rep. Simmons	Explains that he is uncomfortable with the whole concept.
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	Rep. Schrader	MOTION: Moves to conceptually ADOPT HB 3060 -4 amendments dated 04/01/97.
380	Vice-Chair Piercy	Cannot support what the amendment says as it reads currently. Does not like the word "integration" in the -4 amendments.
392	Rep. Schrader	Would change all of the "integration" words to "coordination."
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017	Chair VanLeeuwen	Can the committee agree with the -4 amendments far enough to have a next draft made?
052	Rep. Kruse	Has problems with revisions to the -4 amendments. Believes that they are watering down the language so much that they are losing the purpose of the bill.
065	Chair VanLeeuwen	Does not believe that state agencies are currently meeting together. Asks Dell Ford to come forward for added clarification.
073	Dell Ford	Head Start Collaboration Project Coordinator at the Department of Education. Many of the agencies that are listed here are on the early childhood committees in conjunction with the local commissions on children and families and do planning. Wants the committee to get an assessment as to how much collaboration is already taking place.
097	Rep. Schrader	Comments that many local commissioners are not aware of their local interagency advisory councils.
104	Ford	Her understanding is that the local commissions are working towards collaboration.
113	Rep. Schrader	Reads the latest version of the -4 amendments.
140	Carlson	Reviews changes that have been made to -4 amendments with the committee members.
160		VOTE: 7-0
	Chair VanLeeuwen	Hearing no objection, declares the motion to accept the amendments conceptually ADOPTED.
174	Florence Brown	Grandparents for Family Justice. In favor of HB 3060. Helped put together the Lane County Commission on Children and Families.
205		Is also in favor of the family centers in Harrisburg.
219		Discusses the trip that she and other members of Grandparents for Family Justice are taking to Washington, D.C. next month.
245	Chair VanLeeuwen	Would like to know what the relationship is between her testimony and HB 3060.

253	Brown	Is in favor of HB 3060.
270	Chair VanLeeuwen	Adjourns committee at 3:00 pm.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - HB 2009, written testimony, Senator Mae Yih, 2pp.

B - HB 2009, written testimony, Susie Watkins, 7pp.

C - HB 2009, written testimony, Judge Jad Lemhouse, 11pp.

D - HB 2009, written testimony, Sue Harmon, 1pg.