

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

April 8, 1997 Hearing Room D

1:00PM Tapes 58-60

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 2170 Public Hearing

SB 49 Public Hearing

HB 2266 Public Hearing

SB 55 Public Hearing

HB 2583 Public Hearing

HB 3111 Public Hearing

HB 3392 Public Hearing

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	Speaker	Comments
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TAPE 58, A		
003	Chair VanLeeuwen	Chair calls meeting to order at 1:08. Opens public hearing on HB 2170 and SB 49-A.
<u>HB 2170, SB 49 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
017	Cindy Hunt	Staff to Legislative Counsel. Explains the similarities between HB 2170 and SB 49-A. Provides history dating back to 1994 and the goals of HB 2004.
032		Explains that the clean-up for HB 2004 was not done in the 1995 session and that she was directed in the interim to clean up HB 2004, resulting in SB 49.
052	Hunt	Explains Section 14 of SB 49-A. Explains that the new language is making the transfer complete of the Children's Services Division to Services to Children and Families.
059	Rep. Kruse	Did you draft both pieces of legislation?
062	Hunt	When they were originally drafted, there was one difference between them, so there was a need for both versions. In the engrossed version of SB 49-A, the amendment made the two bills identical.
074	Rep. Schrader	Does this bill alter the other 250 statutes?
080	Hunt	This bill does not alter the statutes, it substitutes the words Services to Children and Families for Children's Services Division.
088	Rep. Luke	Explains that Legislative Counsel is not allowed to discuss pieces of legislation with each client, even if they relate to each other.
095	Diane Lancaster	Assistant Administrator for Program Operations. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT A). Both bills are housekeeping and they are fully in agreement with the Governor's office and in favor of this legislation.
117	Chair VanLeeuwen	Closes public hearing on SB 49-A. Opens public hearing on HB 2266.
<u>HB 2266 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
140	Nancy Miller	Citizen Review Board Director. Explains her organization's support of HB 2266. Provides written testimony(EXHIBIT B).
162		Explains why the citizen review boards review the cases that come out of the Oregon Youth Authority.
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	Karen Brazeau	Deputy Director of the Oregon Youth Authority. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT C). Explains that it is working well to have the citizen review boards reviewing their cases while the Oregon Youth authority is in a growing mode.
235	Chair VanLeeuwen	Where does the money come from?
239	Miller	Explains how the money flows from the state and federal government.
242	Rep. Luke	What does "Oregon Youth Authority is in the growing mode" mean?
247	Miller	Explains that in many counties, these cases are co-managed. Partnerships are being more clearly defined. Explains that they're growing in their partnerships.
256	Brazeau	It has taken awhile for the review boards to establish themselves, but believes that they are doing a good job, now that they are fully functional.
263	Muriel Goldman	Public Affairs Director for Children First. Testifies in favor of HB 2266.
287	Victor Tiscornia	Member of the citizen review boards. Here to support HB 2266. Describes the benefits he has experienced as a part of the citizen review boards.
315		Review process allows an open flow of communication. Benefits affect parents of juvenile offenders and offenders themselves by allowing them to speak freely about issues of concern to them.
332	Rep. Piercy	Appreciates the public safety and accountability of the job. Would like more elaboration of the accountability on behalf of the juvenile. Is there a party that looks at the juvenile's rights?
345	Tiscornia	In his opinion, yes.
360	Rep. Schrader	Do you feel you get enough information to make a complete review?
367	Tiscornia	Yes, he does feel that they do have enough information.
389	Timothy Travis	Attorney for the Juvenile Rights Project, Inc. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT D). Is here to testify in favor of HB 2266. Believes that this review process benefits the child.
410		Explains that the citizen review boards can provide public input into the ear of the Oregon Youth Authority. Helps the Oregon Youth Authority stay on track.
TAPE 59,A		
026	Chair VanLeeuwen	Closes public hearing on HB 2266. Opens public hearing on HB 2583, HB 3111 and HB 3392.

HB 2583, HB 3111, HB 3392		
<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
083	Janet Carlson	Committee Administrator. Provides overview of HB 2583 and the other bills open for public hearing.
111	Michelle Carter	Law student at Willamette University. Supports both HB 2583 and HB 3392. Many people don't know that as lawyers they are mandatory reporters.
126		Believes lawyers need training in identifying child abuse as they are mandatory reporters.
138		Explains some discrepancies in the bill that she is concerned about. Supports both bills conceptually and is available for questions.
149	Rep. Luke	Comments that a bill can be overridden.
170	David Myton	Staff to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT E). Explains that he is against mandatory child abuse training for teachers.
197	Chair VanLeeuwen	Why couldn't this be part of an inservice day?
202	Myton	Explains that the language is such that Teacher Standards and Practices Commission would have to do the training. That is where it would cause expense.
212		Concerned about having to say that it is a condition of licensing.
252	Rep. Frank Shields	District 16, provides written materials (EXHIBIT F). Purpose of the bill is to define what types of training would be appropriate for mandatory reporters.
278		Believes that it is a starting point in the discussion.
285	Chair VanLeeuwen	Have you looked at HB 2583?
290	Rep. Shields	Not yet.
310		Provides example of how he is personally affected by mandatory reporting. As a minister and a mandatory reporter, he feels that it is a bad idea to not be well-trained.
394	Rep. Leslie Lewis	District 29, provides written testimony (EXHIBIT G). Here to testify in favor of HB 2583.
TAPE 58,B		
018	Rep. Lewis	Explains that the bill was originally introduced in the 1995 legislature by the Children's Justice Act Task Force but was not adopted. Believes that a two hour course is not enough training to help teachers.
029	Rep. Kruse	Is supportive of the bill. Wonders if two hours is sufficient?
035	Rep. Lewis	

		Has not had chance to research the Task Force conclusions. Assumes that they had a basis for picking the amount of training that goes into the bill.
078	Rep. Schrader	Are there existing individuals or companies that provide this type of training?
087	Jane Myers	Represents the Oregon Dental Association. Do have a sponsored course in identification and recognition of child abuse. It is listed as a continuing education course. It is not mandated.
131	Rep. Jenson	Would you share some of the courses that you have with us?
135	Myers	Doesn't know exactly what is covered, but could find out for the representative.
168	Rep. Schrader	Comments that he likes what they are talking about and that it might be best to tie it to an annual meeting.
182	Rep. Kruse	Comments that he like the standards that are being set for detection.
198	Rep. Shields	Comments that it would be nice for all of these groups to have the training. Believes that it would not take long to come up with a generic course for mandatory reporters.
221	Vice-Chair Piercy	Comments that she like the idea of each field taking it on as an issue to them. Comments that Services to Children and Families probably already has a program that they could share.
244	Rep. Barbara Ross	District 35, provides written testimony (EXHIBIT H). Testifying in favor of HB 3111. Explains that this bill asks that the Dept. of Education be responsible for creating a curriculum to train children to protect themselves against child abuse.
283		Discusses the practicality of the Dept. of Education being able to provide this in every school. Believes that the Plain Talk program is excellent and would be a valuable program for children.
305		Her recommendation would be offer this as a pilot process.
312	Jim Greene	Oregon School Boards Association. Funding in this bill would not cover what this bill would cost. They have worked with pilot programs and want to implement this as a pilot program. It could be assessed and then brought back to create statewide.
337	Chair VanLeeuwen	What is the administrative services fund that would pay for this?
342	Rep. Ross	Would have to ask Patti Milne.
350	Chris Abgar	Vice-President of Community Advocates. Provides written materials (EXHIBIT I). This bill is modeled after HB 3169. Comes from lottery dollars.

TAPE 49,B		
022	Victor Congleton	Branch Manager to Services to Children and Families. Testifying in opposition to HB 2583. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT J).
080	Betty Freauf	Testifying in opposition to HB 2583. Concerned about the fact that she believes this is a step towards licensing parents to have children.
110		Comments that "we are becoming a nation of squealers."
115	George Stevenson	Lawyer for the City of Salem. Explains that they are a large segment of the population that has to report.
149		Explains that there is already a six hour requirement imposed on lawyers.
153	Rep. Luke	What would it cost for them to provide this training?
158	Stevenson	Courses sponsored by Oregon State Bar are taught by volunteer attorneys. Out-of-state consultants are expensive. No cost for instructor, but materials would be extra.
306	Chair VanLeeuwen	Are the two organizations that are working together operating on lottery dollars?
314	Denise Washington	They do lots of fund raising, grant writing and they charge a dollar per child. Provides written materials(EXHIBIT K).
325	Abgar	Volunteer from Do not receive lottery dollars, they receive federal grant money and are sponsored by a variety of other sources.
346	Washington	The two organizations that they are speaking about today are sister non-profits. They do work in conjunction and in partnership.
354	Vice-Chair Piercy	What is their relationship with their local commission on children and families?
358	Abgar	They interact with the Department of Human Resources Community Partnership Team and partially with the local commissions.
372	Rep. Kruse	Comments that it is unreasonable to give every child abuse training.
392	Abgar	From a personal standpoint, if something like this had been available when I was growing up, it would have made a difference.
427	Washington	Cannot target prevention services to children who are at-risk. Having a plan makes children feel safer. Children learn communication, autonomy and a sense of purpose and self.
TAPE 60,A		
035	Rep. Kruse	Doesn't want to denigrate what these people are doing, but feels that children can often times work their problems out independently.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - SB 49A, written testimony, Diane Lancaster, 2pp.

B - HB 2266, written testimony, Nancy Miller, 2pp.

C - HB 2266, written testimony, Karen Brazeau, 1pg.

D - HB 2266, written testimony, Timothy Travis, 2pp.

E - HB 3392, written testimony, David Myton, 1pg.

F - HB 3392, written testimony, Rep. Frank Shields, 1pg.

G - HB 2583, written testimony, Rep. Leslie Lewis, 3pp.

H - HB 3111, written testimony, Rep. Barbara Ross, 3pp.

I - HB 3111, written materials, Chris Abgar, 3pp.

J - HB 2583, written testimony, Victor Congleton, 2pp.

K - HB 3111, written materials, Denise Washington, 62pp.