

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**April 17, 1997 Hearing Room D**

**1:00 PM Tapes 74 -76**

**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 2574 Public Hearing**

**HB 2575 Public Hearing**

**HB 2776 Public Hearing**

**HB 2577 Public Hearing**

**HB 2578 Public Hearing**

**HB 2832 Public Hearing**

**HB 3054 Public Hearing**

**HB 2771 Public Hearing**

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<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 74, A</b>		
<b>003</b>	<b>Chair VanLeeuwen</b>	<b>Chair calls meeting to order at 1:50 pm. Opens public hearing on HB 2574, HB 2575 and HB 2776.</b>
<b><u>HB 2574, 2575, 2776</u></b> <b><u>PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
<b>040</b>	<b>Rep. Watt</b>	<b>Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT A). Testifies in favor of HB 2574.</b>
<b>056</b>		<b>Details story of abuse in a child care situation.</b>
<b>074</b>		<b>Explains how he got involved in child care regulation issues.</b>
<b>090</b>		<b>Explains that the package of bills before us will help to prevent these situations in the future.</b>
<b>109</b>	<b>Vice-Chair Piercy</b>	<b>Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT B). Explains the importance of family child care in Oregon.</b>
<b>118</b>		<b>Details the importance of enforcing specific standards for child care centers in order not to put children at risk.</b>
<b>140</b>	<b>Janis Elliot</b>	<b>Oregon Child Care Division. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT C).</b>
<b>250</b>	<b>Jo Rymer Culver</b>	<b>Commission for Child Care. Explains their need for unified training across the state for family child care providers.</b>
<b>282</b>		<b>Explains that she would like to see all 7,000 child care providers have unified requirements.</b>
<b>300</b>	<b>Wendy Willett</b>	<b>Staff to the Oregon Child Care Commission.</b>
<b>327</b>	<b>Rep. Schrader</b>	<b>Is family child care mom and pop agencies?</b>
<b>334</b>	<b>Elliot</b>	<b>That is one dimension of family child care, but other providers are already established businesses in their home.</b>
<b>358</b>	<b>Willett</b>	<b>Explains that there are 11,000 providers in the state of Oregon.</b>
<b>371</b>	<b>Rep. Schrader</b>	<b>Are any of these located in residential neighborhoods?</b>
<b>377</b>	<b>Willett</b>	<b>Yes.</b>
<b>386</b>	<b>Elliot</b>	<b>Explains that it is up to six preschool age children per provider.</b>
<b>396</b>	<b>Rep. Schrader</b>	<b>Are these people subject to background checks?</b>

401	Elliot	Staff in facilities have licenses and are subject to background checks. Family child care providers are registered, not licensed.
419	Vice-Chair Piercy	Explains that there are an awful lot of people who provide child care who are not part of the 11,000 registered providers.
TAPE 75,A		
063	Chair VanLeeuwen	What is the fiscal impact of these child care bills and which of these are in the Governor's budget?
069	Elliot	HB 2574 and HB 2575 have no fiscal impact. HB 2577 has a fiscal impact of \$550,000. HB 2578 has a fiscal impact of \$183,000. If both bills pass, the fiscal impact is still \$550,000.
111	Vice-Chair Piercy	Comments that HB 2578 claims that the provider will be open for inspections, but not require that the provider will be inspected.
124		Explains that they are trying to raise the level of inspections of child care facilities.
136	Chair VanLeeuwen	If you were a family that agreed to inspection, do the other requirements still apply to you?
143	Willett	HB 2574 specifically details training requirements. Believes that infant and child cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is necessary for any provider to have.
168	Rep. Luke	In HB 2574, there is a lot of training. Would this training be available in remote areas?
175	Willett	We have put a two year timeline on training requirements. Training is provided all over Oregon.
183	Rep. Luke	Where are the classes offered in Eastern Oregon?
191	Willett	Does not know.
200	Elliot	Comments that she shares concerns about accessibility. Believes that this could be resolved through partnerships.
225	Chair VanLeeuwen	Opens public hearing on HB 2577, HB 2578, HB 2832, HB 3054 and HB 2771.
<b><u>HB 2577, HB 2578, HB 2832, HB 3054, HB 2771 PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
263	Rep. Jenson	Does not oppose training. Wondering if it is possible to work with the language so that it would talk about the remote and rural parts of the state.
276	Culver	Appreciates committee's suggestions. Would be more than willing to make training accessible for daycare

		providers all over the state. Believes that HB 2574 would provide the education needed by day-care providers.
311	Rep. Luke	Is the Red Cross the only place that can certify people in first aid training?
327	Willett	No.
359	Chair VanLeeuwen	Explains that she is not totally certain that licensing daycare is necessary and that often times private homes are safer than day care facilities.
408	Rep. Tom Whelan	State Representative. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT D). Expresses his concern that children are not being fully protected in day care facilities.
TAPE 74,B		
050	Rep. Whelan	Expresses that we need to raise the standards for those people who are caring for our children.
058	Lois Johnson	Explains how difficult it is to find safe, reliable and good child care.
087	Taminee Myer	Discusses her problems locating child care providers. Provides story of taking her child to a provider who spanked the child.
107		Would like to see child care providers inspected and regulated.
140	Nancy King	Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT E). Explains that hairdressers are licensed, whereas child care providers are not.
189	Rachel Perez	Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT F). Discusses her problems trying to find adequate and well-trained child care.
207		Believes that there are not enough well-trained child care providers for everyone who needs them.
230	Julia Brim-Edwards	Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT G). Discusses the difficulty of finding well-trained child care providers.
259		Discusses the common problems parents and providers must solve taking care of their children.
275	Mariann Hyland	Shares the story of a child who was being neglected by a child care provider.
325	Gwen Beacham	Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT H). Here to testify in favor of HB 2776.
360		Discusses group homes in the state of Oregon.
365	Rep. Schrader	What is the zoning of your facility?
370	Beacham	It is considered a residential facility.

375	Nancy Harder	Discusses the difference between being a group home provider and a registered provider.
414		Explains why she supports HB 2776; support for providers and better care for children.
453	Rep. Schrader	Comments that perhaps HB 2578 should be switched around to lower the number of children per provider.
TAPE 75, B		
050	Bobbie Weber	Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT I). Expresses her concern that there is not more regulation of child care.
141	Merrily Haas	Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT J). Explains that HB 2504 would extend child care requirements.
154		Urges committee to push HB 2771 to the Ways and Means Committee.
164	Chair VanLeeuwen	Do you work with Jobs Plus?
170	Weber	We work with all of the eligible families who are moving from Adult and Family Services.
210	Carol Campagna	American Red Cross. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT K). Discusses the necessity of having proper training of child care providers.
231		Explains that the Association for Retired Persons supports this type of training and that training is available in all areas of the state.
265	Eugene Montrose	Independent CPR instructor. Explains his background in training a variety of service providers.
332		Continues to discuss improving training to child care providers.
340	Charles Shekitoff	Member of the Commission for Child Care.
369		Explains that the waivers allow someone to have three children who are under age three.
TAPE 76,A		
004	Shekitoff	Explains what the waiver system would do.
022	David Boehringer	Expresses his support for HB 2577.
054		Explains that the commission is asking for their support.
075	Gail Arckley	Manager of the Technical Assistance unit for Services to Children and Families. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT L).
118	Nancy Orr	Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT M). Explains that the State Fire Marshal is very concerned about

		having to license and train day care providers for this purpose through HB 3054.
147	Chair VanLeeuwen	Comments that she does not share her opinion and that the original intention of the bill is not understood.
155		Adjourns hearing at 3:45 pm.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

A - HB 2574, HB 2575, written testimony, Rep. Watt, 2pp.

B - HB 2574, written testimony, Rep. Piercy, 1pg.

C - HB 2832, HB 2574, HB 2575, HB 3054, HB 2577, HB 2578, written materials, Janis Elliot, 25pp.

D - HB 2832, written testimony, Rep. Whelan, 2pp.

E - HB 2574, written testimony, Nancy King, 1pg.

F- HB 2574, written testimony, Rachel Perez, 2pp.

G - HB 2574, written testimony, Julia Brim-Edwards, 1pg.

H - HB 2776, written testimony, Gwen Beacham, 21pp.

I - HB 2574, HB 2575, HB 2576, HB 2577, written testimony, Bobbie Weber, 1pg.

J - HB 2574, HB 2771, written testimony, Merrily Haas, 5pp.

K - HB 2574, written testimony, Carol Campagna, 5pp.

L - HB 3054, written testimony, Gail Arkley, 1pg.

M - HB 3054, written testimony, Nancy Orr, 1pg.