

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

April 29, 1997 Hearing Room D

1:00 PM Tapes 89-90

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 2169 Work Session

HB 2787 Work Session

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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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE, 89 A		
003	Chair VanLeeuwen	Chair calls meeting to order at 1:42 pm. Opens work session on HB 2169.
<u>HB 2169 WORK SESSION</u>		
033	Janet Carlson	Committee Administrator. Explains HB 2169-2 amendments (EXHIBIT A). Explains that there is still disagreement on the language.
044	Tom Hart	Oregon District Attorney's Association. Explains that they are still coming to consensus about changing the "mays" to "shalls."
057	Timothy Travis	Juvenile Rights Projects. Concurs with Mr. Hart's above statement.
062	Linda Guss	Department of Justice. Believes that the new language they are proposing will suit everyone and will be better.
069	Hart	Comments that section 2 and 3 will be a mandatory disclosure of child abuse.
104	Guss	Comments that the proposals she has made address everyone's concerns.
117	Chair	Closes work session on HB 2169. Opens work session on HB 2787.
<u>HB 2787 WORK SESSION</u>		
129	Carlson	Explains HB 2787-5 amendments (EXHIBIT B). Explains how the family meeting and family plan will be folded into case work done by Services to Children and Families.
167		Comments that the Department of Human Resources would like to comment about the proposed amendments.
185	Diane Lancaster	Services to Children and Families. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT C). Comments that she does not understand where the committee is going with this legislation.
228		Explains that this bill deals with the use of family decision meetings.
246		Comments that they are currently trying to focus their attention on keeping children in the home rather than placing them in foster care.

255		Concerned about the list of meeting outcomes in a family unity meeting.
269		Explains that section (4) will require them to develop a written family plan. Requires them to include in that plan the expectations of parents and many other requirements that will extend the meetings in duration.
301	Rep. Luke	After you do a decision-making meeting, you can say that a concurrent plan is not appropriate at that time. Would expect the agency to use judgment on this issue.
314	Lancaster	Hopes that this will be the case, but that people will be looking at documentation and it is cause for concern.
335	Nancy Miller	Citizen Review Board Director. Comments that the agency originally testified that the meetings were too broad and now they are saying that it is too narrow.
361		Explains that the agency can have as many meetings as they choose. Does not believe that it is too much to ask the agency to present a plan to the parents when a child has been removed from the home.
403		Comments that they have been very clear in their intent.
TAPE 90, A		
016	Vice-Chair Piercy	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 2787-5 amendments dated 04/29/97.
018	Chair VanLeeuwen	Hearing no objections, declares the motion ADOPTED .
019	Vice-Chair Piercy	MOTION: Moves HB 2787 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.
		VOTE: 7-0
040	Chair VanLeeuwen	Declares the motion CARRIED . Rep. SCHRADER will lead discussion on the floor.
043		Closes work session on HB 2787. Opens public hearing on HB 2574.
<u>HB 2574 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
058	Chair VanLeeuwen	Asks Carol Campagna to come forward.
062	Carol Campagna	American Red Cross. Explains that the vast majority of the state is covered by training facilities and that daycare providers would not be affected. Explains her fact sheet (EXHIBIT D) that lists what services are offered statewide.
088		Explains that volunteers would be able to travel to various locations to hold trainings.

092	Chair VanLeeuwen	Comments that she wants to do more work on the bill.
100		Closes public hearing on HB 2574 and opens public hearing on HB 2575.
<u>HB 2575 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
134	Rep. Luke	Comments that there are a lot of problems allowing a child to use a stool in a daycare. There are many opportunities for them to get hurt.
140	Vice-Chair Piercy	This language is currently applied to child care centers and now is being used for family child care.
156	Chair VanLeeuwen	Closes public hearing HB 2575. Opens public hearing on HB 2776.
<u>HB 2776 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
199	Gwen Beacham	Manager of a group home. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT E). Testifies in favor of HB 2776.
207	Rep. Luke	How many adults to 12 children?
212	Beacham	Two.
222	Rep. Luke	Is this already in rules?
225	Beacham	Yes.
233	Janis Elliot	Administrator for the Child Care Division.
239	Chair VanLeeuwen	Is your intent to reassess the children to adult ratio?
244	Elliot	Intent of the Child Care Division is to do a comprehensive reassessment of the current rules.
<u>HB 2577, HB 2578, HB 3054, HB 2832 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
356	Carlson	Explains the -1 amendments to HB 2577 and the -1 amendments to HB 2578 (EXHIBIT F).
382	Elliot	Explains that the Child Care Division has the authority to investigate.
391	Vice-Chair Piercy	Could you tell us how this affects your ability to investigate child care facilities?
406	Elliot	Explains that it would require them to do inspections. HB 2577 requires them to investigate.
TAPE 89, B		
054	Carlson	What is the fiscal impact of investigating 25 percent of the waivers in the bill?
057	Elliot	Would guess that it would be one staff person.
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	Vice-Chair Piercy	Concerned about the -1 amendments because there is no commitment to responding to child care issues.
069	Rep. Luke	What does SCF do? If the child is in danger, then they should be reporting to the proper agency.
097	Elliot	Important to understand is that all of the concerns do not have to do with abuse and neglect, but rather with the care and safety of children when they are in daycare.
111		Explains that if there is a report of child sexual abuse, they follow up and see if there was adequate supervision or see if there was someone in the facility who was inappropriate.
146	Piercy	Comments that the -1 amendments deal with the waiver issue, but not with the safety and health issues.
154	Elliot	That is correct.
168	Rep. Schrader	What are the fees now for the various organizations?
198	Elliot	Explains that fees are the primary funding for the program along with federal child care funds.
219	Rep. Schrader	What is the percentage of fees to overall budget?
225	Elliot	About 2/3 of the money is raised from fees and the rest are federal funds.
251	Dorothy Anker	Testifies that family care providers want training and inspections annually. Good programs want to provide quality care.
260	Rep. Jenson	Comments that we need to focus on family providers versus daycare providers and not get the two confused.
300	Chair VanLeeuwen	Closes public hearing on HB 2577, HB 2578, HB 3054, HB 2832 and HB 2776. Opens public hearing on HB 2771.
<u>HB 2771 PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
321	Carol Morgaine	Director of Oregon Center for Career Development in Education. Provides written materials (EXHIBIT G).
343		Explains the process that people go through to receive training.
353		Discusses Oregon's plan to professionalize child care.
360	Rep. Luke	What does this cost?
365	Morgaine	\$132,688, which includes user fees.
366	Jo Rymer Culver	Chair of the Commission for Child Care. Supports registry program. Believes that we need the opportunity for employers to know what they're buying.
389	Rep. Luke	Do clients of child care providers get their money back if they're not satisfied with the service they receive?

397	Morgaine	There would be no way of returning money to someone who has paid for child care.
400	Rep. Luke	Some professional registries guarantee reimbursement of their clients if unsatisfied with services.
402	Morgaine	Comments that they would have a review system similar to one that provides licensure for teachers.
407	Chair VanLeeuwen	Closes public hearing on HB 2771.
420		Adjourns committee at 3:00 pm.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A - HB 2169, proposed amendments, staff, 3pp.
- B - HB 2787, proposed amendments, staff, 4pp.
- C - HB 2787, written testimony, Diane Lancaster, 9pp.
- D - HB 2574, written materials, Carol Campagna
- E - HB 2776, written testimony, Gwen Beacham, 4pp.
- F - HB 2577, HB 2578, proposed amendments, 5pp.
- G - HB 2771, written testimony, Carol Morgaine, 2pp.