

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

May 12, 1997 Hearing Room E

08:15 A.M. Tapes 131 - 132

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Dennis Luke, Chair

Rep. Terry Thompson, Vice-Chair

Rep. Roger Beyer

Rep. Ron Sunseri

Rep. Charles Starr

Rep. Bob Jenson

Rep. Ryan Deckert

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Bryan Boehringer, Administrator

Joan Diaz, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 3644 - Work Session

SB 628A - Public Hearing

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
TAPE 131, A		
004	Chair Luke	Calls meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Opens work session on HB 3644.
<u>HB 3644</u> <u>WORK</u> <u>SESSION</u>		

	Chair Luke	Asks staff to explain bill.
	Bryan Boehringer	Committee Administrator, explains bill and the -10 amendments ^[1] ((EXHIBIT A)). Comments additional amendments are being drafted.
018	Rep. Carolyn Oakley	Represents district 18, testifies in favor of HB 3644.
	Larry Harvey	Staff, Rep. Lynn Snodgrass, explains he has met with the Oregon Student Association on additional amendments. The -10 amendments need to be adjusted. Reads section/s to be corrected as conceptual amendments.
080	Harvey	Continues testimony.
090	Ed Dennis	Executive Director, Oregon Student Association, testifies regarding the changes to the -10 amendments.
	Chair Luke	Asks questions regarding student fees; asks if budgets must be submitted. Clarifies if the student organization can submit fee proposals to a vote of student population.
	Dennis	Responds by explaining the situation at Western Oregon University.
	Chair Luke	Continues asking how financial process is audited.
150	Ben Unger	ASB Vice President-elect, University of Oregon, testifies regarding ballot initiative process for student fees.
	Chair Luke	Asks specific question regarding items listed in student fee book.
	Unger	Responds there is a comptroller service that processes and allocates disbursements from student fee account.
	Chair Luke	Questions salary of staff in the Student Advocacy Office.
	Unger	Responds that staff director is a lawyer. Duties cannot be accomplished by a student.

225	Unger	Responds to Chair's questions and clarifies difference between Legal Services and the Student Advocacy Office.
	Chair Luke	Clarifies budget process. Asks for information on ballot process.
273	Rep. Deckert	Asks if salaries are still a debated issue on campus.
	Unger	Responds that it is always a heavily debated issue since students do not want to pay increased incidental fees without justification.
	Chair Luke	Clarifies that additional amendments will be forthcoming.
	Dennis	Comments on student voter turnout; he has voters guides from the various campuses.
	Chair Luke	Explains committee will hear bill again on Friday. Harvey to distribute amendments to committee.
352	Jake Spavins	ASU, President-elect, Western Oregon University, describes incidental fee committee and subcommittee process. Responds to Chair's question how student voting takes place.
TAPE 132, A		
002	Chair Luke	Continues discussing process for voting.
015	Dennis	Comments on spirit of student elections.
	Rep. Beyer	Comments on his student experience at Oregon State University. Questions whether there is a double majority vote on campuses regarding money issues.
041	Dennis	Explains results of student elections. Students voted down the double majority condition for revenue raising; also voted down Measure 47.
	Rep. Deckert	Asks for national statistics regarding voter turnout for 18-24 yr. olds.
	Dennis	Responds the voter turnout for students at Oregon universities is better than national statistics.

	Libby Mitchell	ASB, President, Oregon State University, shares experience on her campus of student elections and the after-election recap.
	Chair Luke	Closes work session on HB 3644. Opens public hearing on SB 628A.
<u>SB 628A - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
125	Mary Alice Thompson	Private citizen, testifies against SB 628A (EXHIBIT B). ² (Comments that foundation of good education is cooperation not competition.
139	Rep. Starr	Asks question regarding competition. Explains he has found competition helps students learn.
180	Michael Harris	Representative, Oregon Association for Alternatives in Education, Testifies against SB 628A (EXHIBIT C). ³ (Responds to Chair's questions that he would be happy to meet and assist in drafting new amendments for committee by Wednesday.
215	Julie Brandis	Representative, Associated Oregon Industries (AOI), testifies regarding SB 628A (EXHIBIT D). [4](Urges passage of a charter school bill this session. Comments that SB 451 was introduced by AOI this session regarding charter schools.
278	Rep. Thompson	Asks if public school students that remain in the public school system are disadvantaged by students who attend charter schools.
	Brandis	Responds should have a positive effect.
323	Brandis	Discusses motivated parent issue. Comments on the best thing about charter schools. Currently there are two systems: public school system, private school system. Charter schools give parents choices.
340	Tricia Smith	Legislative Representative, Oregon School Employees Association, testifies against SB 628A (EXHIBIT E). ⁵ (
TAPE 131, B		
002	Smith	Continues testimony. Most "egregious points" listed in her written testimony must be changed. Too many sponsors are allowed to form

		charter schools. Public funding for private schools is unacceptable.
040	Bob Duehmig	Legislative Representative, Oregon Federation of Teachers, testifies against SB 628A (EXHIBIT F) . ⁶ (
062	Rep. Jo Ann Bowman	Represents district 19, testifies against SB 628A. Comments there is no check and balance system in the bill. Comments in her district, Portland Public Schools, are losing teachers; have crowded classrooms, etc. By taking funding from public schools to fund charter schools will only create more problems in the public school system.
	Rep. Beyer	Clarifies if there have been charter schools for 10 years.
	Rep. Bowman	Responds that her testimony was regarding alternative schools, which are charter schools. Will submit written summary of her testimony and comments later today.
125	Vicie English	Director, Brownsville Academy, testifies in favor SB 628A (EXHIBIT G) . [7] (Discusses her contract with the local school district and the requirement to submit a proposed budget. Relates experience of two students in her school and their success.
219	Tricia Bosak	Legislative Representative, Oregon Education Association (OEA), testifies against SB 628A (EXHIBIT H) . [8] (Specifies what part of the charter school bill the OEA objects to and makes suggestions for alternate provisions.
304	Rep. Deckert	Asks if local school board and school district approve of a charter school, why not allow the state to give 80% of state monies.
	Bosak	Responds that it is not appropriate for state money to fund any private school.
325	Rep. Thompson	Comments he has a problem with the sponsorship question; appears to be "a wide open door."
	Bosak	Expresses concerns with wide sponsorship of bill that particular sponsors might not be equipped to provide proper oversight.
360	Rep. Thompson	Asks regarding the continuity inside the public education system in the teaching process. If students fail at charter schools, how much trouble

		would it be to re-integrate student back in public school system.
	Bosak	Responds and gives her experience with situation in another state.
	Rep. Thompson	Closes public hearing on SB 628A. Adjourns meeting at 9:40 a.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

[1](A - HB 3644, proposed amendments, staff, 4 pp

²(B - SB 628A, written testimony, Mary Alice Thompson, 1 pg

³(C - SB 628A, written testimony, Michael Harris, 2 pp

[4](D - SB 628A, written testimony, Julie Brandis, 2 pp

⁵(E - SB 628A, written testimony, Tricia Smith, 3 pp

⁶(F - SB 628A, written testimony, Bob Duehmig, 2 pp

[7](G - SB 628A, written testimony, Vicie English, 3 pp

[8](H - SB 628A, written testimony, Tricia Bosak, 3 pp

I - HB 3644, submitted testimony, various, 56 pp

J - HB 628A, submitted testimony, Jo Ann Bowman, 1 pg