

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

June 2, 1997 Hearing Room E

08:15 A.M. Tape 144 - 145

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Dennis Luke, Chair

Rep. Terry Thompson, Vice-Chair

Rep. Roger Beyer

Rep. Ryan Deckert

Rep. Bob Jenson

Rep. Charles Starr

Rep. Ron Sunseri

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Bryan Boehringer, Administrator

Joan Diaz, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

SB 956A - Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 3679 - Work Session

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 144, A		
004	Chair Luke	Calls meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. Opens public hearing on SB 956A.
<u>SB 956A - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		

	Greg McMurdo	Deputy Superintendent, Department of Education, testifies in favor of SB 956A.
	Mark Siegel	Executive Director, Oregon Federation of Independent Schools, testifies in favor of SB 956A.
	Chair Luke	Comments that the bill allows private schools to use criminal background checking system for potential employees and volunteers.
030	McMurdo	Responds to Chair's questions that there is no fiscal impact since the program is self supporting.
	Siegel	Comments some of the background checking on private school applicants is being conducted at the present time. Bill will allow additional categories of applicants to be checked.
	Chair Luke	Closes public hearing on SB 956A. Opens work session on SB 956A.
<u>SB 956A - WORK SESSION</u>		
	Rep. Thompson	MOTION: Moves SB 956A to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.
	Cindy Hunt	Legislative Counsel, responds to Chair's question on the constitutionality of this bill. Clarifies that the bill provides an option for private schools to utilize background checking; the state is not mandating the procedure.
063	Sen. Marylin Shannon	Senate District 15, testifies in favor of SB 956A. Explains bill is permissive.
		VOTE: 7-0 AYE: 7 - Beyer, Deckert, Jenson, Starr, Sunseri, Thompson, Luke
	Chair Luke	The motion CARRIES. REP. DECKERT will lead discussion on the floor.

	Chair Luke	Closes work session on SB 956A. Opens work session on HB 3679.
HB 3679 - WORK SESSION		
090	Chair Luke	Asks staff to explain bill.
	Bryan Boehringer	Committee Administrator, explains bill and the -1 amendments (EXHIBIT A) . [1] (
	Rep. Jim Welsh	Represents District 43, testifies in favor of HB 3679. Describes the "Natural Resource Systems Curriculum Framework - Certificate of Advanced Mastery Endorsement Area of Study" from which four pilot programs are to be implemented.
138	Rep. Anitra Rasmussen	Represents District 11, testifies in favor of HB 3679. Clarifies the -1 amendments which replace the bill.
189	Rep. Beyer	Asks for the definition of a rural district.
	Rep. Rasmussen	Responds that it depends upon the kind of economy in the region and how the economy relates to the community.
228	Rep. Rasmussen	Continues testimony on the -1 amendments.
	Chair Luke	Asks for information on the composition of the workgroup.
	Rep. Rasmussen	Responds that Rep. Starr, Rep. Beyer, three sponsors, Confederation of School Administrators, and Oregon Education Association made up the workgroup.
	Rep. Welsh	Clarifies that the workgroup reviewed HB 3220; however, this bill replaces that bill.
291	Rep. Sunseri	Asks how would objectivity in this area of education be maintained.
	Rep. Welsh	Responds by naming stakeholders which represent a diverse group.
	Rep. Sunseri	Asks how committee can be assured there will be no bias.

313	Rep. Welsh	Responds the material will be developed by a cross-section of professionals; agriculture, forestry, fisheries, etc.
	Rep. Sunseri	Refers to core study for Certificate of Advanced Mastery (CAM) endorsement, page IV-1 and asks questions on "ethics."
	Rep. Welsh	Responds and refers to page IV-3 for definition of "ethics."
	Chair Luke	Clarifies if purpose is to have a reference type document.
	Rep. Welsh	Responds the purpose is to have a balanced program as much as possible.
	Rep. Sunseri	Asks who will authorize speakers in the classroom.
	Rep. Welsh	Responds that it will be under control of local administrators and local school boards.
400	Rep. Starr	Discusses the appointment of the members of the council.
TAPE 145, A		
003	Rep. Starr	Continues testimony.
	Rep. Beyer	Comments that the amendments change the council appointments.
	Rep. Mark Simmons	Represents District 58, testifies that the purpose is to offer to the state of Oregon a consistent, environmental and natural resource education.
	Greg McMurdo	Deputy Superintendent, Department of Education, discusses fiscal impact but has no definite information at this time. Comments new amendments would have to be drafted.
033	Chair Luke	Asks sponsors for new amendments by Wednesday with Department of Education input.
	Rep. Beyer	Asks if this bill will be referred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

	Chair Luke	Responds that it depends on cost to Department of Education.
	Rep. Jenson	Asks how this will affect CAM since rules have not been written.
	McMurdo	Responds that the State sets the standards and districts develop their own curricula to reach those standards. This program would be a departure from that.
	Chair Luke	Closes work session on HB 3679. Adjourns meeting at 8:54 a.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

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