

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 3, 1997 Hearing Room E

08:15 A.M. Tapes 47-48

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:

HB 2535 - Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 62 - Public Hearing

HB 2638 - Public Hearing

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| Tape/# | Speaker | Comments |
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| TAPE 47, A | | |
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| 004 | Chair Luke | Calls meeting to order at 8:17 a.m. Opens public hearing on HB 2535. |
| <u>HB 2535 -</u> | | |

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| <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> | | |
| | Chair Luke | Asks staff to explain HB 2535. |
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| | Bryan Boehringer | Committee Administrator explains bill which requires the Department of Education to adopt rules for personnel administering medication to students. |
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| <u>HB 2535 - WORK SESSION</u> | | |
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| 019 | Boehringer | Explains the -3 amendments include the -1 amendments adopted previously and adds the word "trained" on line 17, page 1 of the bill. |
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| | Rep. Beyer | Comments that his notes indicate that "trained" would be included on line 21, page 1 also. |
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| 030 | Rep. Sunseri | MOTION: Moves to AMEND HB 2535 on page 1, in line 21, before "school," insert "trained". |
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| | Chair Luke | Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED. |
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| 054 | Rep. Jenson | Asks if this bill should have language consistent with the ORS that deals with the same subject. |
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| 070 | Brian DeLashmutt | Legislative Representative, Oregon Nurses Association, explains language regarding injectible medication vs. non-injectible medication. |
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| 086 | Wilma Wells | Legislative Assistant, Confederation of School Administrators, comments that HB 2353 in Human Resources addresses injectible medication but would not have an effect on this bill. |
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| | Chair Luke | Asks if committee has any questions regarding the amendments. |
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| 103 | Judy Miller | Asst. Superintendent, Student Services, Department of Education, speaks in support of HB 2535. Comments that other bills address injectibles. |
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| 114 | Boehringer | Asks for input regarding costs of HB 2535. |
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| 116 | Miller | Responds there should be very little fiscal impact. At the local school level there would be some impact due to staff training for non-injectible drugs. |
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| 138 | Chair Luke | Explains that the committee will reschedule the bill Wednesday when costs associated with it are received. Closes work session on HB 2535. Opens work session on SB 62. |
| <u>SB 62 - WORK SESSION</u> | | |
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| | Chair Luke | Asks staff to explain the bill. |
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| 147 | Boehringer | Explains SB 62 which would allow the State Scholarship Commission to use funds in the Oregon Teacher Corps Account. |
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| | Rep. Starr | MOTION: Moves SB 62 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation. |
| | | VOTE: 7-0 |
| | | AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye. |
| | Chair Luke | The motion CARRIES. REP. JENSON will lead discussion on the floor. |
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| 161 | Rep. Beyer | Questions if another relating clause will be identified to include the language regarding abolishing the Oregon Teacher Corps Account. |
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| 170 | Chair Luke | Asks committee administrator to locate an appropriate bill. |
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| 172 | Boehringer | Responds that he will keep the committee apprised. |
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| | Chair Luke | Closes work session on SB 62. Opens public hearing on HB 2638. |
| <u>HB 2638 - PUBLIC HEARING</u> | | |
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| 182 | Chair Luke | Asks staff to explain the bill. |
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| | Boehringer | Explains that this bill creates a deduction from taxable income for student loan principal and interest payments made during the tax year. Applies to years on or after January 1, 1998. |
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| 196 | Rep. Jenson | Represents District 57, testifies in favor of HB 2638. Comments that he introduced the bill as a relief to students who have made an investment in their education. Explains that he has had -1 amendments drafted. |
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| 232 | Rep. Beyer | Questions the cost to the state. |
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| 235 | Rep. Jenson | Responds that the revenue statements are pending. Comments bill has a referral to the Revenue Committee. |
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| 251 | Rep. Jenson | Explains why he included principal as a deduction as well as the interest. |
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| 271 | Rep. Starr | Clarifies that the deduction is from the state tax and not the federal tax. |
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| 320 | Rep. Jenson | Responds to committee's questions that students would have to file a long form (1040) in order to itemize and obtain deduction. |
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| 332 | Vice-Chair Thompson | Has concerns with line 5 which reads state can reduce federal taxable income and suggest changes in wording. |
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| 341 | Rep. Jenson | Responds that Legislative Counsel drafted the language, and in checking with a CPA, clarified that this did not imply or affect federal tax. |
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| 355 | Tamara Dykeman | Representative, Oregon Student Association, testifies in favor of HB 2638. Took survey of students (EXHIBIT A). |
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| | Dykeman | Continues testimony. |
| 020 | Rep. Sunseri | Questions how exhibit relates to bill. Comments there is very little impact on total debt and debt is not discharged. |
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| 031 | Mark Hevland | Private citizen, graduate of Western Oregon State College, testifies in favor of HB 2638 (EXHIBIT B). |
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| 058 | Alan Contreras | Senior Associate, Oregon Community Colleges Association, testifies in favor of HB 2638 (EXHIBIT C). |
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| 085 | Rep. Sunseri | Asks what is the average student loan. |
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| 087 | Contreras | Responds that the most recent figure is between \$6-7000 for two years at a community college. |
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| 092 | Rep. Sunseri | Has concerns that students assume this is a windfall. Comments that approximately \$100 a year is a negligible savings. |
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| 104 | Contreras | Responds that is good point if you are in community college for two years, but attending school longer does make some difference. |
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| 112 | Connie Seeley | Legislative Assistant, testifies in her capacity as a graduate student from two universities, and not as an employee of the Oregon Legislative Assembly. Testifies in favor of HB 2638. |
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| 160 | Betsy Winninger | Graduate student, testifies in favor of HB 2638. |
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| 221 | Grattan Kerans | Legislative Representative, Oregon State System of Higher Education, requests that the committee consider an amendment to HB 2638 if bill passes. Whenever the State Scholarship Commission is mentioned, insert "or an Oregon State System of Higher Education institution." |
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| 238 | Tom Turner | Special Services Director, State Scholarship Commission, responds that the amendments suggested by Rep. Jenson takes the default routine out of the bill and that the citations regarding the State Scholarship Commission would then be deleted. |
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| 258 | Kerans | Comments OSSHE will take a position on the bill after the numbers are received. Policy questions should be addressed when actual numbers are known. |
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| 309 | Chair Luke | Asks how this would affect student savers and parents who have assisted with tuition so that students don't have to have loans. |
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| 317 | Kerans | Responds that he doesn't know. |
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| 321 | Chair Luke | Asks how would this affect students who go into apprentice programs. |
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| 317 | Kerans | Responds that he doesn't know. |
| 385 | Chair Luke | Asks what is the percentage of borrowing students. |
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| 390 | Turner | Responds that in independent colleges, 60-80%; in state systems schools, 50%; in community colleges, 30%; and that there are 30,000 new students in repayment every year. |
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| 004 | Chair Luke | Comments this will be a policy question to be decided when the committee has the fiscal impact statement. |
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| | Boehringer | Explains that the bill has a subsequent referral to Revenue who will then calculate the numbers. After another work session is scheduled, Fiscal will also calculate those numbers. |
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| | Chair Luke | Comments committee will hold another public hearing to discuss the bill. |
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| 021 | Gary Andeen | Executive Director, Oregon Independent Colleges Association, testifies in response to the Chair's question, that 71% of students in independent colleges are borrowers. In 1991, students at state schools were borrowing approximately \$3500/yr. and at community colleges, students were borrowing approximately \$1200/ yr. |
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| | Chair Luke | Closes public hearing on HB 2638. Adjourns meeting at 9:20 a.m. |

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - HB 2638 - written materials, Tamara Dykeman, 5 pp

B - HB 2638 - written testimony, Mark Hevland, 1 pg

C - HB 2638 - written testimony, Alan Contreras, 2 pp