

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 31, 1997 Hearing Room E

08:15 A.M. Tapes 81 - 82

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rep. Dennis Luke, Chair

Rep. Terry Thompson, Vice-Chair

Rep. Roger Beyer

Rep. Bob Jenson

Rep. Charles Starr

Rep. Ron Sunseri

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Rep. Ryan Deckert

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Bryan Boehringer, Administrator

Joan Diaz, Administrative Support

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

SB 296 - Public Hearing and Work Session

SB 363 - Public Hearing and Work Session

HB 2781 - Public Hearing

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<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 81, A</b>		
004	Chair Luke	Called meeting to order 8:19 a.m. Opens public hearing on SB 296.
<b><u>SB 296 - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		

	Chair Luke	Asks staff to explain the bill.
	Bryan Boehringer	Committee Administrator explains bill that addresses student driver training.
011	Greg McMurdo	Deputy Superintendent, Department of Education, testifies in favor of SB 296. Explains page 1, line 9 which includes "education service district."
	Chair Luke	Asks how is the drivers education provided.
	Greg McMurdo	Responds that the component school districts make that determination.
	Chair Luke	Asks committee if there are any questions.
	Wilma Wells	Legislative Assistant, Confederation of School Administrators, testifies in favor of SB 296 ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
	Chair Luke	Closes public hearing on SB 296 and opens work session on SB 296.
<b><u>SB 296 - WORK SESSION</u></b>		
	<b>Rep. Thompson</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 296 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 6-0</b> <b>AYE: 6 - Beyer, Jenson, Starr, Sunseri, Thompson, Luke</b> <b>EXCUSED: 1 - Deckert</b>
	<b>Chair Luke</b>	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b> <b>REP. BEYER will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
	Chair Luke	Closes work session on SB 296. Opens public hearing on SB 363.
<b><u>SB 363 - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		

90	Kathryn Dysart	Director of Communications, Salem-Keizer School District, testifies in favor of SB 363 <b>(EXHIBIT B)</b> .
124	McMurdo	Comments that it makes sense from an educational viewpoint to contract for the same instructor in classroom as behind the wheel. Current statute does not permit that.
153	Jo Dee Moine	President, Oregon Driver Training Institute, testifies in favor of SB 363 <b>(EXHIBIT C)</b> .
180	Rep. Thompson	Asks if there is difficulty finding licensed teachers.
	Moine	Responds that she has a full staff of teachers. Another benefit to the school district is that her company, and not the school district, trains the teachers.
	Rep. Thompson	Asks if new teachers receive driver education training.
	Moine	Responds it's an optional course for new teachers.
210	Moine	Responds to Chair's questions that the Department of Education's minimum requirements is 30 hours of classroom instruction, 6 hours of driving, and 6 hours of driving observation. Comments that this is a national standard, called the 30, 6 & 6 program.
	Chair Luke	Recesses public hearing on SB 363. Opens public hearing on HB 2781.
<b><u>HB 2781 - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
	Chair Luke	Asks staff to explain the bill.
	Boehringer	Explains bill which authorizes school districts to create school limited improvement districts within their boundaries. Bill has a subsequent referral to Revenue.

247	Lynn Snodgrass	Represents District 10, testifies in favor of HB 2781. Highlights: greater flexibility, more local control in financing new construction and improvements, financed in accordance with Measure 5 and Measure 47 stipulations.
	Chair Luke	Asks for specific example of how the provisions of the bill would apply.
345	Rep. Snodgrass	Continues testimony.
	Rep. Thompson	Comments that in his district there is one area that is affluent, another has high growth but less affluent. Asks if bill would create a higher tax burden for less affluent area.
376	Rep. Snodgrass	Responds that would be up to the local school board. Comments that this bill is not a mandate; school district could choose to issue general bonds or not.
<b>TAPE 82, A</b>		
003	Rep. Snodgrass	Continues testimony.
020	Wilma Wells	Legislative Assistant, Confederation of School Administrators, testifies in favor of HB 2781 with some reservations. Has concerns that it will create some inequity. Submits testimony from Ozzie Rose, Legislative Representative, Confederation of School Administrators. <b>(EXHIBIT D)</b> .
	Laurie Wimmer	Government Relations Representative, Oregon Education Association, testifies in favor of HB 2781 with some reservations concerning a possible inequity <b>(EXHIBIT E)</b> . Points out possible error in draft, page 3, line 8, "school" should be "school limited improvement district".
085	Rep. Thompson	Asks how would poorer areas in a county wide school district receive improvements if improvements only occur when affluent areas contract for them.
	Wimmer	Responds that she doesn't have a specific suggestion.

090	Chair Luke	Comments that if this bill passes, a smaller school district which is geographically isolated would have more control over its own construction and improvements.
	John Marshall	Director, Legislative Services, Oregon School Boards Association, <b>(EXHIBIT F)</b> testifies in favor of HB 2781. Discusses issues of concern.
150	Brian Reeder	Staff, Legislative Revenue, comments on how Measure 47 and Measure 50 would affect districts with regard to issuing bonds.
	Rep. Snodgrass	Comments that inequity exists currently, but this bill would give some flexibility to lower income level areas so they can focus on their unique needs. Explains she will clarify whether page 3, line 8 is actually an error and, if so, will have amendments drafted.
	Chair Luke	Responds if committee gets amendments by Friday, committee will move bill to Revenue.
	Chair Luke	Closes public hearing on HB 2781. Reopens public hearing on SB 363.
<b><u>SB 363 - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
	Wilma Wells	Legislative Assistant, Confederation of School Administrators, testifies in favor SB 363 <b>(EXHIBIT G)</b> .
236	Chair Luke	Closes public hearing on SB 363. Opens work session on SB 363 but makes the comment that more discussion is needed and does not want to move the bill.
<b><u>SB 363 - WORK SESSION</u></b>		
	Chair Luke	Asks if the classroom time and road time is inflexible.
	Moine	Responds that time is not inflexible, but the issue is cost. Hourly cost in the vehicle is \$40/hr. Hourly cost in the classroom is \$15/hr. The higher cost would be passed on to the parents.

	McMurdo	Responds to Chair's questions that the fee is \$2 for each license and each renewal. Per biennium totals: \$2.5 million.
	Chair Luke	Asks how funds are distributed.
305	McMurdo	Responds that it is pro rated \$112 per student. Department of Education pays for 1.5 FTE out of that fund.
	Moine	Responds that the driving fee charged to schools is \$225 per student.
<b>TAPE 81, B</b>		
002	Moine	Continues testimony.
	Dysart	Comments there is a bill in Transportation which would increase the \$2 fee to \$3 for each license issued. That would double the funds available per biennium.
	Rep. Starr	Asks if it would be reasonable to have a 3-hour classroom instruction to 1-hour vehicle instruction ratio.
	Moine	Responds that it is not a 1:1 even exchange in terms of dollars.
	Chair Luke	Asks for total number of students. Comments that he has no problem with the bill.
050	Rep. Jenson	Comments that he has some concerns about the ratio between classroom time vs. vehicle instruction time. Suggests reexamining issues.
	Rep. Beyer	Asks for total number of students in program.
	McMurdo	Responds that he will get the total number of students to the committee.
	Dysart	Responds to Chair's questions that the only overhead is registration and clerical employee time.
	McMurdo	Comments that departmental administrative costs are 1 FTE but

		Department of Education trying to reduce to it to .5 FTE.
	Chair Luke	Explains that Department of Education will discuss amendments with Legislative Counsel. Comments that he would also like to see some flexibility in the hours in classroom instruction vs. vehicle instruction.
	Chair Luke	Closes work session on SB 363. Adjourns meeting at 9:25 a.m.

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - SB 296, written testimony, Wilma Wells, 2 pp**

**B - SB 363, written testimony, Kathryn Dysart, 4 pp**

**C - SB 363, written testimony, Jo Dee Moine, 2 pp**

**D - HB 2781, written testimony, Ozzie Rose, 1 pg**

**E - HB 2781, written testimony, Laurie Wimmer, 2 pp**

**F - HB 2781, written testimony, John Marshall, 1 pg**

**G - SB 363, written testimony, Wilma Wells, 1 pg**