

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**April 14, 1997 Hearing Room E**

**07:45 A.M. Tapes 99 - 101**

**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 3083 - Public Hearing**

**HB 3080 - Public Hearing**

**HB 3251 - Public Hearing**

**HB 2890 - Public Hearing**

**HB 2658 - 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.**

<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 99, A</b>		
002	Chair Luke	Calls meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. Opens public hearing on HB 3083.

<b><u>HB 3083 - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
	Chair Luke	Asks staff to explain bill.
	Bryan Boehringer	Committee Administrator, explains that HB 3083 directs local school board to adopt program to address problems of disruptive students in schools.
014	Rep. Charles Starr	Represents District 3, explains that he introduced bill as requested by the Beaverton School District. Bill also includes provision for a parent education or counseling class.
	Gary Conkling	Representative, Beaverton School District, testifies in favor of HB 3083 <b>(EXHIBIT A)</b> .
	Chair Luke	Comments that something like a "parent court" would be a good vehicle to add to this bill.
064	Rep. Deckert	Asks what would happen if parents were unable to pay for cost of class.
086	Rep. Beyer	Clarifies if the requirement to pay is permissive.
	Conkling	Responds full cost is not required of parent. Comments there is a provision for parents to pay only a portion of the cost. Explains he would be open to other language, if this is confusing.
	Chair Luke	Responds there will probably be an amendment to include provisions.
116	Rep. Starr	Responds that he and Wilma Wells, Confederation of School Administrators, have discussed the bill and will have amendments drafted. Will be changing line 5 "shall" to "should" and on line 6, remove "at least."
	Chair Luke	Closes public hearing on HB 3083. Opens public hearing on HB 3080.
<b><u>HB 3080 - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		

	Chair Luke	Asks Rep. Deckert to serve as Vice-Chair. Asks staff to explain bill.
	Boehringer	Explains bill which exempts children enrolled in satellite or extension programs under supervision of private or parochial schools from compulsory school attendance laws. Also gives parents option of evaluating child by means of a review of a portfolio rather than a comprehensive examination.
	Dennis Tuuri	Executive Director, Parents Education Association, testifies in favor of HB 3080 ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).
270	Tuuri	Continues testimony.
	Rep. Sunseri	Expresses concern over this bill and asks why supporters would want to create a system where a portfolio is the primary measurement of an educational system that many homeschool parents disagree with.
	Tuuri	Responds that the content of portfolio is different, and the evaluator is chosen by the parent.
	Rep. Sunseri	Comments that there is a danger in evaluating the portfolio if someone evaluates the portfolio that has a different perspective of philosophy from what the child has been taught.
	Tuuri	Responds if that were to take place, two things would have to happen with respect to this statute: 1) to change the option of the parent to choose the private or public school teacher, and 2) the testing option would have to be eliminated.
325	Adam Grimm	Student, testifies in favor of HB 3080 ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ). Explains that he is a homeschool student and shares experience with standardized testing vs. portfolio.
	Marci Brown	Parent, testifies in favor of HB 3080 ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ).
	Ann Lahrson	Parent, homeschool teacher, testifies in favor of HB 3080 ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ). Comments that the bill gives homeschool students a "reasonable" evaluation option for testing.
<b>TAPE 100, A</b>		

001	Lahrson	Continues testimony.
031	Christine Webb	Testifies in favor of HB 3080 ( <b>EXHIBIT F</b> ). Testifies that homeschool parents would prefer a law that "acknowledges parents' rights to choose the educational model that best fits their child." Comments this bill is a "good first step."
	Doris Iverson	Homeschool parent, testifies in favor of HB 3080 ( <b>EXHIBIT G</b> ). Comments that remanding a child to public school based on standardized test results is not an accurate measure of progress.
143	Richard Karman	Board Member, OCEANetwork, testifies in favor of HB 3080. Gives information on correspondence schools some Oregonians favor for home schooling and how choice of testing methods affect the education of their children ( <b>EXHIBIT H</b> ).
	Rodger Williams	Board Member, OCEANetwork, testifies in favor of HB 3080 ( <b>EXHIBIT I</b> ).
220	Nancy Hansen	Homeschool parent, testifies in favor of HB 3080. Asks for more diversity on how children will be evaluated.
290	Kim Gordon	Attorney, testifies in favor of HB 3080 ( <b>EXHIBIT J</b> ). Comments she has asked Department of Education (ODE) to give State Board of Education Homeschool Steering Committee the authority to research and make a recommendation as to a good homeschool law. She has received no response from ODE. Comments that current law which provides for only one option for testing is unsatisfactory.
382	Chair Luke	Asks if she was aware that ODE will meet next Thursday and will receive a report regarding home school education.
	Gordon	Responds she found out today. Comments there is not any homeschooler on the board and the board meetings are usually antagonistic towards homeschoolers.
<b>TAPE 99, B</b>		
002	Gordon	Continues responding. Comments that the State Board of Education Homeschool Steering Committee is ineffective.

	Rep. Sunseri	Asks if bill will alleviate antagonism she has experienced at previous meetings.
022	Gordon	Responds she would prefer reporting to an ODE representative and not local ESDs. Maybe bill could be amended to include that.
	Rep. Sunseri	Comments that his opinion is that this bill may be a disaster. Philosophy of education will not change due to passage of this bill. He recommends changing the law. Comments on the relating clause.
045	Gordon	Suggests some type of affidavit that authorizes parent as a homeschooler.
	Rep. Sunseri	Responds that ten years of effective home school education should prove credibility.
	Gordon	Comments on the "private school umbrella."
	Jeanne Schierling	Parent, testifies in favor of HB 3080 ( <b>EXHIBIT K</b> ).
087	Jim Green	Legislative Representative, Oregon School Boards Association, comments that OSBA supports home school education but has some concerns and is opposed to HB 3080 ( <b>EXHIBIT L</b> ). Refers to Administrative Rule 581-21-026(3)(a)-(g). Discusses home school education for child with a disability. Comments that he will research the "antagonism" problem previously testified to regarding the Multnomah ESD and try to resolve any problems.
178	Chair Luke	Comments regarding whether program is set up for failure and not for success.
	Greg McMurdo	Deputy Superintendent, Department of Education (ODE), testifies regarding HB 3080. Makes comments regarding the State Board of Education Homeschool Steering Committee and clarifies that advisory committee reports to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and not the ODE. Discusses current Administrative Rule that the committee wrote.
236	Rep. Beyer	Asks if it is true that a committee was formed in December that has no homeschoolers on it.
		Specialist, Home School/Alternative Education, Department of

242	Leon Fuhrman	Education, testifies that at the last two board meetings home school education was discussed. In response to concerns of the board a two-member adhoc group was formed to review the Bethel School District program and report back to the board. Comments it is not a committee as such.
334	Williams	Comments he does not view an evaluation "team" as a good approach to testing children with disabilities.
	Tuuri	Comments that the language in this bill comes from the Home Schools Legal Defense Association. Drafted language on the portfolio option.
	Vice-Chair Deckert	Closes Public Hearing on HB 3080. Committee takes recess.
	Vice-Chair Deckert	Opens public hearing on HB 3251.
<b><u>HB 3251 - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
<b><u>TAPE 100, B</u></b>		
001	Rep. Jeff Kruse	Represents district 45, testifies regarding HB 3251 which provides for an elected State Board of Education by local school boards. The elected board would appoint the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Bill would take effect when House Joint Resolution 69 is approved by people at a special election.
073	Rep. Thompson	Comments that idea has merit, but how would implementation occur.
085	Rep. Kruse	Responds that a workgroup would be formed. Agrees that if this were an easy process, it would have been implemented previously.
	Rep. Jenson	Asks if there would be a constitutionality problem.
	Rep. Kruse	Indicates HJR 69 which requires people to vote to change the constitution. Comments that there is precedent for this process.
	Vice-Chair	Asks why would having a governor appoint Board of Education members

	Deckert	be a problem.
	Rep. Kruse	Responds that it could become a "political football."
121	Rep. Sunseri	Expresses concerns that if people don't elect a Superintendent of Public Instruction and people don't elect a board, there would then be no balance.
	Rep. Kruse	Responds he agrees. Board is to be elected and Superintendent of Public Instruction is be appointed by Board.
	Vice-Chair Deckert	Closes public hearing on HB 3251. Opens public hearing on HB 2890.
<b><u>HB 2890 - PUBLIC HEARING</u></b>		
	Rep. George Eighmey	Represents district 14, testifies regarding HB 2890 ( <b>EXHIBIT M</b> ). Comments that the bill requires development of parental skills education courses. Submits -1 amendments ( <b>EXHIBIT N</b> ) which allow student to opt out of program if parent of student submits a written objection to local school district board.
198	Rep. Thompson	Asks how many classroom hours are anticipated, and what kind of parenting skills will be taught.
	Rep. Eighmey	Responds and indicates suggested topics to be included in the course.
238	Rep. Starr	Comments on exhibit submitted which refer to parenting of preschool children and not classes for public school student.
	Rep. Eighmey	Responds and refers to other states' parenting programs.
	Rep. Beyer	Asks for data from other states which might demonstrate that pregnancy rates have gone up or down.
	Rep. Eighmey	Responds that early pregnancy rates relate to sex education courses, not parenting classes. Explains he has positive data for committee from those educational institutions where parenting skills are taught. Comments this

		course does not encourage student to become a parent.
	Rep. Eighmey	Appreciates Chair's comments that course has value.
346	Wilma Wells	Legislative Assistant, Confederation of School Administrators (COSA), testifies against HB 2890 ( <b>EXHIBIT O</b> ). Comments that bill mandates curriculum which is best decided by local school board.
	Wells	Responds to Chair's question there would be no objection to bill if subsection 1 is eliminated.
	Fallie Calder	Legislative Assistant, Oregon School Boards Association, testifies against HB 2890 ( <b>EXHIBIT P</b> ). Comments that local school district should determine curriculum.
396	Rep. Thompson	Asks if school has a priority beyond academics.
<b>TAPE 101, A</b>		
004	Calder	Responds that their priority should be academics but schools do have a responsibility in other areas.
	Rep. Thompson	Rephrases and asks if the ultimate purpose of schools is to produce successful individuals.
	Calder	Responds that it is, but definition of success is subjective.
	Rep. Thompson	Questions if most students won't ultimately be parents.
	Calder	Responds some might be parents and some might not be.
	Rep. Thompson	Comments that courses that improve the life of the individual should be adopted by the school board.
022	Rep. Jenson	Asks about a family finance course.



	Calder	Responds there was a personal finance course but ODE eliminated it from education requirements.
	Wells	Responds course was taken out of education requirements, but the skills needed are taught in math and economics.
	Vice-Chair Deckert	Closes public hearing on HB 2890. Opens public hearing on HB 2658.
<b>HB 2658 - PUBLIC HEARING</b>		
	Leonard Smith	Teacher, testifies in favor of regarding HB 2658 ( <b>EXHIBIT Q</b> ). Describes Biotechnology Interactive Program for Oregon high school students. Cost for initial equipment is expensive, but 50% of the operating costs are covered by private, donated funds.
	Rep. Patti Milne	Represents district 39, testifies in favor of HB 2658.
125	Smith	Continues testimony.
	Coleen Swihart	Biology Teacher, testifies in favor of HB 2658 ( <b>EXHIBIT R</b> ). Comments on curriculum she is using for 10th graders at Canby High School and the lab equipment that this program has provided.
	Stephanie Woosley	Student, testifies in favor of HB 2658 ( <b>EXHIBIT S</b> ). Relates experience with the biotechnology class and the genetic equipment used at Canby High School. Comments that it is rare that schools get such advanced materials as they have received with this program.
249	Rayburn Mitchell	Teacher, testifies in favor of HB 2658 ( <b>EXHIBIT T</b> ).
326	Nanette Newell	President, Niad Technology Enterprises, testifies in favor of HB 2658 ( <b>EXHIBIT U</b> ). Explains she is the founder of the BIPOHS program. Encourages committee to fund this program for the rest of the students in Oregon. Explains it is currently in use in the five counties surrounding Portland. Comments on its cost-effectiveness.
392	Rep.	Comments on why he co-sponsored this bill. Refers to why a program like this is important as education moves towards implementing the

	Sunseri	Certificate of Advanced Mastery (CAM).
	Vice-Chair Deckert	Closes public hearing on HB 2658. Adjourns meeting at 10:10 a.m.

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - HB 3083, written testimony, Gary Conkling 1 pg**

**B - HB 3080, written testimony, Dennis Tuuri, 1 pg**

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**N - HB 2890, proposed amendments, staff, 1 pg**

**O - HB 2890 written testimony, Wilma Wells, 1 pg**

**P - HB 2890, written testimony, Fallie Calder, 1 pg**

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**T - HB 2658, written testimony, Rayburn Mitchell, 1 pp**

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**V - HB 3080, submitted testimony, Teri Avecilla, 13 pp**