

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 21, 1997 Hearing Room E

07:45 A.M. Tapes 109 - 111

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:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Bryan Boehringer, Administrator

Shirley Spendal, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 3644 - Public Hearing

HB 3199 - 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
004	Chair Luke	Calls meeting to order, 7:50 a.m. Opens public hearing, HB 3644.
<u>HB 3644 - PUBLIC HEARING</u>		

006	Rep. Carolyn Oakley	District 36. Supports bill. Discusses what bill does. Discusses costs of college.
038	Dave Moss	Associated Oregon Industries. Supports bill. Submits (EXHIBIT A). Discusses history of bill, interest in bill. Discusses infringing on first amendment rights of students. Discusses voluntary and mandatory fees, statistics. States every activity has own merits. Discusses options.
083	Moss	Discusses justifying need and generating support. Discusses bill allowing several ways for alternative funding.
118	Rep. Luke	Asks who decides who pays incidental fees, how much they are.
126	Chair Luke	Asks if any incidental fees used for bonds.
134	Rep. Deckert	Comments on court case in Oregon which dealt with this issue in last five years, asks what issues, outcome were. States believed decided issue of student democracy.
148	Rep. Thompson	Asks about fees used for building bonds.
154	Rep. Lynn Snodgrass	District 10. Supports bill. States sees as fight for tuition decrease. Here on behalf of parents who paid fees. Discusses costs. Discusses what bill does. Discusses -6 amendments (EXHIBIT B) and -7 amendments (EXHIBIT C).
204	Rep. Snodgrass	Discusses recognizing students in audience.
220	Michael Cape	Student, Oregon State University. Discusses history with budget process at OSU. Supports bill. Discusses not agreeing with how process works.
237	Jessica Baker	Student, University of Oregon. Supports bill. Discusses personal experience. Could save up to \$400 year. Submits (EXHIBIT D), a petition signed by students who support bill.
250	Tessa Stuedli	Student, Oregon State University. Supports bill. Discusses saving money and freedom of choice to chose programs to support.
261	Rep. Sunseri	Asks for illustration of what she pays for she would not like to pay for.
266	Rep. Deckert	Asks if have ballot measure process at Oregon State. Comments on democratic process. Asks if student government positions elected.
292	Brook Uffelman	Student, Oregon State University. Vice President of Executive Council. Supports bill. Would like choice on where money goes.
TAPE 110, A		
005	Mary Garber	Student, Linn Benton Community College. Supports bill. Discusses personal experience, not being able to afford incidental fees.
012	Leah Garber	Student, Linn Benton Community College. Supports bill. Discusses costs of incidental fees being strong deterrent to transferring to Oregon college. States should be optional.
027	Danny Santos	Governors' Education Policy Coordinator. States governor supports current authority incidental fees generate. Sees no real rigid need for

		this legislation. Would oppose bill as currently stands.
038	Rep. Thompson	Asks what would be average fees students might encounter.
060	Grattan Kerans	Oregon State System of Higher Education. Opposes bill.
065	Melinda Grier	Counsel, State Board. Submits (EXHIBIT E). Responds to use of fees for bonded indebtedness. Not using money for that. Discusses being separate fees. Discusses question about recent litigation - case filed in U.S. District Court challenging use of incidental fees. Discusses litigation, opinion fees appropriate. Discusses incidental fees, process, use.
122	Kirk Bailey	Director of Legislative Relations, University of Oregon. Opposes bill. States existing system adequate, democratic process. States would have extreme fiscal impact - \$5 million dollars at University of Oregon.
137	Chair Luke	Asks about incident fees being used to pay off bonds. Asks if any increase in building fee.
190	Chair Luke	Asks about increases in incidental fees.
206	Bobby Lee	Eugene City Councilman. Opposes bill. Submits (EXHIBIT F).
		(discusses incidental fees, experience with, what they are, what used for (discusses costs of programs, incidental fees help lower tuition overall (comments hidden curriculum would be lost
246	Janine Allen	Vice Provost, Dean for Enrollment of Student Services, Portland State University. Chair, Student Affairs Committee, Oregon State System of Higher Education. Opposes bill. Submits (EXHIBIT G). Supports current system. Discusses benefits of incidental fees, learning experiences. Discusses process of allocating fees involving learning. Discusses review of system, conclusion process to assess fees served students well.
287	Alan Contreras	Oregon Community College Association. Opposes bill. Submits (EXHIBIT H). Discusses many community colleges having identical fees used for identical purposes. Gives examples of intentional fee use. States contrary to established norms of local control of community colleges.
TAPE 109, B		
004	Rep. Jenson	Comments on community colleges.
023	Ed Dennis	Executive Director, Oregon Student Association. Opposes bill.
027	Robert Mellon	Chair, Incidental Fee Committee, PSU. Opposes bill. Submits (EXHIBIT I). States incidental fees vital to structure, way of life at each campus. Discusses structure of incidental fee committee. Discusses fees, committee process.

062	Mellon	Discusses process each term. Incidental fee process is democratic, inclusive of all students. Solicit as broad a student base as possible. Process student directed. At PSU have not recommended fee increase.
100	Chair Luke	Asks how elections held - how voting held. Asks if part-time students vote. Asks about voting by mail, what percentage of students vote.
113	Ed Dennis	Oregon Student Association. Discusses voting by e-mail.
116	Rep. Deckert	Asks what options would be for student not wanting fees going to activity they did not participate in.
125	Susan Prock	Graduate Student. Coordinator of Oregon State University Women's Center. Testifies in opposition to bill. Submits (EXHIBIT J).
150	Weston Morrill	Dean of Student Life, Director of Counseling Center, University of Oregon. Opposes bill. Submits (EXHIBIT K). Discusses what incidental fees used for, statistics on services, funds.
183	Chair Luke	Questions about classes, fees.
198	Rep. Deckert	Asks who sets the fees.
202	Kalpana Krishnamurthy	President, Student Senate, University of Oregon. Opposes bill. Submits (EXHIBIT L). (discusses legality of bill - fee has stood test of litigation (discusses quotes from judges' decisions regarding litigation of fees
247	Kathy Nelson	Volleyball Coach, University of Oregon. Represents Athletic Program. Opposes bill. Discusses fiscal impact on sports. In theory wrong thing to do - educational process is what is important. Discusses entire educational process.
267	Chair Luke	Discusses leaving testimony open until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday night.
273	Alan S. Brown	Director, Smith Memorial Center, Portland State. Opposes bill. Submits (EXHIBIT M). Discusses center. Discusses losing support and eliminating wide range of events.
TAPE 110, B		
002	Brown	Continues discussing center.
004	Chair Luke	Question if Smith Center used by faculty. Asks about rental space, fees paid by faculty.
016	Marla Edge	Dean of Students, Oregon Institute of Technology. Opposes bill. Discusses impact of fee related activities on students. Discusses development of leadership skills. Would deter education of future students, destroy opportunities to excel.
068	Chair Luke	Asks what average voter turn-out is in student body.
074	Paul Evans	Citizen. Opposes bill. Submits (EXHIBIT N). Discusses his personal experience in the Air Force. Discusses current structure being cost-neutral. States why fix something that hasn't been broken.
		Director of Athletics, Western Oregon University. Opposes bill.

122	Jon Carey	Submits (EXHIBIT O). Incidental fees enhance quality of life on campus. Discusses impact on athletics. States reasons opposed.
158	Jake Spavins	Senior, Western Oregon University. Opposes bill. Submits (EXHIBIT P). Discusses incidental fees on campus, effect on freshman class.
182	Michael Beachley	Associate Athletics Director, Oregon State University. Opposes bill. Submits (EXHIBIT Q). Discusses what student fees are used for, what would happen if lost. Discusses sports cuts at OSU.
238	Rep. Cynthia Wooten	District 41. Opposes bill. Discusses process for allocation of fees. States her experience is not need to do away with incidental fees on basis of mis-allocated funds. States there is enormous accountability.
286	Chris Welton	Southern Oregon University. Opposes bill. Submits (EXHIBIT R).
TAPE 111, A		
002	Welton	Discusses being on incidental fee committee. Discusses fees not being hidden cost of attending university.
048	Welton	Discusses activities being prohibitively costly if not for incidental fees.
058	Steve Gilmore	Student Body President. Eastern Oregon University. Opposes bill. Submits (EXHIBIT S). Discusses process successful at EOU.
082	Rep. Deckert	Asks if when campaigning for student body president, if discussed incidental fees.
090	Chair Luke	Closes public hearing, HB 3644; opens public hearing, HB 3199.
096	Bryan Boehringer	Discusses what bill does.
106	Wilma Wells	Confederation of Oregon School Administrators. There are programs on alcohol and drug abuse in a number of high schools. Discusses COSA sponsoring a program. States COSA does not have any problems with the bill.
119	Fallie Calder	Oregon School Boards Association. Submits (EXHIBIT T). States supports bill but is not needed. States Department of Education currently has recommended curriculum for school districts and also administrative rule requirement.
	Chair Luke	Closes public hearing, HB 3199; adjourns hearing, 9:56 a.m.
		Further testimony on HB 3644 submitted into the record (EXHIBIT U).

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - HB 3644, Testimony, Dave Moss, 32 pg.

B - HB 3644, -6 Amendments, Rep. Snodgrass, 4 pg.

C - HB 3644, -7 Amendments, Rep. Snodgrass, 4 pg.

D - HB 3644, Petition, Jessica Baker, 9 pg.

E - HB 3644, Testimony, Melinda Grier, 5 pg.

F - HB 3644, Testimony, Bobby Lee, 3 pg.

G - HB 3644, Testimony, Janine Allen, 35 pg.

H - HB 3644, Testimony, Alan Contreras, 1 pg.

I - HB 3644, Testimony, Robert Mellon, 36 pg.

J - HB 3644, Testimony, Susan Prock, 1 pg.

K - HB 3644, Testimony, Weston Morrell, 4 pg.

L - HB 3644, Testimony, Kalpana Krishnamurthy, 2 pg.

M - HB 3644, Testimony, Alan S. Brown, 4 pg.

N - HB 3644, Testimony, Paul Evans, 2 pg.

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Q - HB 3644, Testimony, Michael Beachley, 2 pg.

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S - HB 3644, Testimony, Steve Gilmore, 2 pg.

T - HB 3199, Handout, Fallie Calder, 8 pg.

U - HB 3644, Testimony, Various, 184 pg.