

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON FAMILY LAW**

**April 2, 1997 Hearing Room 357**

**3:15 P.M. Tapes 60 - 61**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Rep. Ron Sunseri, Chair**

**Rep. George Eighmey, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Roger Beyer**

**Rep. Peter Courtney**

**Rep. Charles Starr**

**Rep. Judy Uherbelau**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**William E. Taylor, Counsel**

**Lauri A. Smith, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**HB 2748 - Public Hearing**

**HB 2315 - Work Session**

**HCR 23 - Work Session**

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<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Tape 60, A</b>		
002	Chair Sunseri	Calls meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.
<b><u>HB 2748 - PUBLIC</u></b>		

<u>HEARING</u>		
004	Chair Sunseri	Opens a public hearing on HB 2748.
025	Emmy Sloan	<p>Administrative Manager at CARES NORTHWEST</p> <p>Testifies in support of HB 2748.</p> <p>&gt;refers to previous testimony given at Overview Hearings on Child Abuse heard by the subcommittee on February 13, 18, and 19, 1997</p> <p>&gt;HB 2748 attempts to assure that there is financial resources available for every child needing child abuse examinations</p> <p>&gt;no longer screening referrals based on whether the referral agency believes they will be responsible for the bill</p> <p>&gt;decision to refer a child should be on the possibility of medical injury or need for medical diagnosis, not on the basis of possible evidence of abuse</p> <p>&gt;HB 2748 provides for setting up four regional training facilities</p>
067	Klondy Navarro	Private citizen who, as a parent, has gone through the CARES NORTHWEST program. Shares her experiences.
100	Chair Sunseri	Did you say your daughter no longer has or qualifies for insurance because your income increased?
103	Navarro	Yes, my daughter's insurance expired two months after her medical examination.
119	Tom Hart	<p>Oregon District Attorneys Association, Marion County</p> <p>Testifies in support of HB 2748, if it remains revenue neutral.</p> <p>&gt;HB 2748 should be revenue neutral per our discussion with Jan Slick, account administrator of the Child Abuse Multi-disciplinary Intervention ("CAMI")</p> <p>The Association has unanswered questions, regarding the creation of the Advisory Counsel on Child Abuse Assessment, as we have our own assessment center under construction.</p> <p>&gt; the development of a regional assessment center is appropriate</p>
152	Rep. Uherbelau	Asks for clarification of the revenue neutral statement.
161	Hart	Responds to her concerns by stating his understanding of a conversation with Jan Slick.
		Detective with Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

173	Jeff Green	<p>Testifies in support of HB 2748.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;need experts today to review child abuse cases</li> <li>&gt;our agency is able to use CAMI funds to pay for the costs of examination through CARES NORTHWEST</li> <li>&gt;aware other agencies are afraid to use facility due to billing charges</li> </ul>
196	Gardner	<p>Testifies in support and presents written testimony on HB 2748</p> <p><b>(EXHIBIT A)</b></p>
246	Gardner	Continues testimony.
293	Gina Batti	<p>Represents Children's Advocacy Center, Lincoln County</p> <p>Testifies in support and presents written testimony on HB 2748.</p> <p><b>(EXHIBIT B)</b></p>
343	Batti	Continues testimony.
361	Kathleen Robbins	<p>Executive Director for Juliette's House, McMinnville, Oregon</p> <p>Testifies in support and presents written testimony on HB 2748.</p> <p><b>(EXHIBIT C)</b></p>
415	Susan Modey Robinson	<p>Represents KIDS Center, Bend, Oregon (Deschutes County)</p> <p>Testifies in support of HB 2748 and presents statistics, a newspaper article, and an informative bookmark <b>(EXHIBIT D)</b>.</p>
<b>Tape 61, A</b>		
035	Robinson	Continues testimony.
059	Cynthia Thompson	<p>Executive Director of the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon</p> <p>Testifies in opposition and presents written testimony on HB 2748.</p> <p><b>(EXHIBIT E)</b></p>
109	Thompson	Continues testimony.
122	Rep. Uherbelau	What types of programs are the Children's Trust Fund funding?
125	Thompson	There are 23 primary prevention programs throughout Oregon. Further provides content of programs.
134	Rep. Uherbelau	Do you work in conjunction with local commissions?
		Yes. We are currently going through our grant making cycle, which

135	Thompson	occurs in the spring of every year. Part of that requirement is that any applicant needs a letter of support, from their local commission, so that what they are proposing is tied into the full planning of the community.
142	Rep. Courtney	Were the other groups that proceeded you aware of your opposition to this measure?
144	Thompson	Yes.
147	Rep. Eighmey	Within your former position, how would you have felt about this measure?
151	Thompson	<p>"Answering personally to that question, I have to say that there is numerous competing needs for children in our state and in our communities. I would have to be better be educated as to why these needs are more important than the other ones that exist."</p> <p>My former position, for nineteen years, was as the Director of The Waverly Children's Home who's services were designed to help victims of child abuse.</p> <p>However, the purpose, of the Children's Trust Fund, is to promote and support primary prevention programs.</p>
163	Rep. Uherbelau	It appears that we have somewhat of a fragmented system with everyone competing for funds. Are we really serving our children under this system? Are the dollars best being used?
175	Thompson	Responds by examples.
189	Dottie Belknap	<p>Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Trust Fund, Appointed to the original Children's Justice Act Task Force, Member of the board at CARES NORTHWEST.</p> <p>Joins with the Board of Trustees of the Children's Trust Fund and testifies in opposition of HB 2748.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;need to preserve the award of funds to our agency</li> <li>&gt;Children's Trust Fund 12 years in existence</li> <li>&gt;Children's Trust Fund an independent agency for only 2 years</li> </ul> <p>Explains funding for the Children's Trust Fund and usage of these funds.</p>
239	Belknap	<p>Continues testimony.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;can't have dollars for prevention eroded</li> <li>&gt;develop a true self sustaining funding stream for child abuse prevention</li> </ul>

		>dollars previously had been going to intervention and treatment not to prevention >need very creative ways to provide prevention dollars
246	Al Jubitz	Member on the Board of Trustees for Children's Trust Fund Testifies in opposition of HB 2748. >need to fund prevention dollars >must do 10% to prevention funding >set priority in this State with prevention first - remediation second
281	Chair Sunseri	Closes the work session on HB 2748.
<b><u>HCR 23 - WORK SESSION</u></b>		
283	Chair Sunseri	Opens the work session on HCR 23.
284	<b>Rep. Courtney:</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves HCR 23 be sent to the full committee with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.</b>
295		<b>VOTE: 6-0-0</b> <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b>
	<b>Chair Sunseri</b>	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b> <b>REP. COURTNEY will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
299	Chair Sunseri	Closes the work session on HCR 23.
<b><u>HB 2315 - WORK SESSION</u></b>		
300	Chair Sunseri	Opens the work session on HB 2315. Will bring back HB 2315 for another work session after members have a chance to further review amendments. Closes the work session on HB 2315. Adjourns the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Lauri A. Smith, Sarah Watson,

Administrative Support Office Manager

**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - HB 2748, written testimony, Chris Gardner, 2 pages.**

**B - HB 2748, written testimony, Gina Batti, 2 pages.**

**C - HB 2748. written testimony, Kathleen Robbins, 1 page.**

**D - HB 2748, statistics, newspaper article, and an informative bookmark, Susan Modey  
Robinson, 4 pages.**

**E - HB 2748, written testimony, Cynthia Thompson, 4 pages.**