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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**January 29, 1997 Hearing Room 343**

**3:00 P.M. Tapes 12 - 13**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Sen. Tom Hartung, Chair**

**Sen. Marylin Shannon, Vice-Chair**

**Sen. Ken Baker**

**Sen. Gary George**

**Sen. Susan Castillo**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**Sen. Cliff Trow**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Jan McComb, Administrator**

**Shirley Spendal, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**SB 178 - Public Hearing**

**SB 217 - Public Hearing**

**SB 180 - Public Hearing**

**SB 183 - Public Hearing**

**SB 179 - Public Hearing and Work Session**

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<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 12, A</b>		

**005 Chair Hartung Calls meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. Opens public hearing on SB 178.**

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**SB 178 - PUBLIC HEARING**

008 Greg McMurdo Department of Education. Bill removes clauses that would sunset two provisions that relate to either funding or funding sources for either incarcerated youth in state juvenile correction facilities or youths that are waiting adjudication under Measure 11 offenses. Gives history leading to bill. Introduces John Pendergrass.

041 John Pendergrass Administrator of Juvenile Corrections Education Program, Oregon Department of Education. Youth population of facilities increasing. Start of biennium 513, now 860, expect 998. Expect 121 increase next biennium. Funding mechanism based on student count most practical method.

061 Sen. Shannon Are Hillcrest teachers' salaries comparable?

066 Pendergrass Salary schedule comparable to Salem Public.

070 Chair Hartung Going to send to Senate Revenue to see if fiscal impact.

078 Sen. Shannon Does Crime and Corrections has part of this?

080 Sen. Baker No, Revenue with school funding program.

082 Chair Hartung Refers to written testimony from Laurie Wimmer, Oregon Education Association (**EXHIBIT A**). Closes public hearing on SB 178; opens public hearing on SB 217.

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### **SB 217 - PUBLIC HEARING**

099 Bret West Interim Commissioner for Office of Community Services. Submits (**EXHIBIT B**). Bill changes definitions for purposes of state-wide reporting for drop-outs. GED program participants are not viewed as drop-outs. Discusses program. Not intended to replace diploma, be alternative credential.

117 Chair Hartung Community colleges issuing agents for GED?

Bret West Office of Community Services, yes.

Chair Hartung Asks how get GED courses.

120 West Other programs provide training. Scores then tested at GED test sites, sent to us, we issue certificate.

124 Sen. Shannon Discusses getting high school diploma versus GED certificate.

147 Chair Hartung Discusses Section 1(a) graduate needs.

160 Sen. Castillo Sees as another option for students. Discusses alternatives.

171 Sen. Baker Believes tracking system, discussion.

177 Judy Miller Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, Department of Education.

Miller ( doing drop-out report 8 years, collect data at state, local, individual high school level

( collecting information on students who had GED when dropped out of school

( intent to allow to report for schools those students as successful outcomes for the school

( not report about individual students; accountability report

( districts spend considerable effort providing GED programs

( no intent to consider students who receive a GED certificate high school graduates

207 Miller Gives history, statistics of students obtaining GED. Discusses what effect of bill has on drop-out report.

231 Sen. Shannon Asks if schools are conferring the GED?

236 Miller Answers no, always conferred by local community college.

237 Wilma Wells Confederation of School Administrators. We support Bill. Put a lot of effort to see those children successful. Shares concern children "slip between cracks." Sees good if not better education than when get limited or modified diploma. Sees as option.

256 Chair Hartung Anything we should do to encourage more GED participation?

259 Wells Discusses state department study. Children not realize how important education is, come back to complete GED.

271 Sen. Shannon Discusses schools cutting drop out rate.

**TAPE 12, A**

008 Chair Hartung Closes public hearing on SB 217; opens public hearing on SB 179.

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**SB 179 - PUBLIC HEARING**

010 Greg McMurdo Oregon Department of Education. Amendments address restrictive language. We support those amendments.

022 Chair Hartung Asks for clarification.

024 Joanne Flint The amendments delete on line 7 the words "no less than" and delete on line 8 "once every four years." That leaves in subsection one - to facilitate the attainment and successful implementation of educational standards under ORS 326.051(1)(a), 329.025 and 329.035, the State Board of Education or its designee shall assess the effectiveness of each public school district. The final sentence under (1) "The findings of the assessment shall be reported to the school district within six months." Essentially, there is deletion of time frame.

038 Sen. Baker Then gives discretion to run a cycle a two year, six or eight year cycle, or if see special need, could go back and audit repeatedly as need. Discussion of language.

046 Chair Hartung Closes public hearing on SB 179; opens work session on SB 179.

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**SB 179 - WORK SESSION**

**048 Sen. Baker MOTION: Moves SB 179 as amended by the -1 amendments to the floor with a do pass recommendation.**

**Chair Hartung VOTE: Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**

**Sen. George will carry to the floor.**

Chair Hartung Closes work session on SB 179; opens public hearing on SB 180.

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### **SB 180 - PUBLIC HEARING**

058 Greg McMurdo. Oregon Department of Education. Bill comes back for -2 amendments. Problems with -1 amendments but -2 "do the job." Add on line 6 after word textbooks, the phrase "consistent with rules established by the state board."

068 Baker Line 28, discusses Sen. Shannon's point - change to "district board shall involve parents and citizens in the process."

073 Joanne Flint At point taken to counsel, that was a change made as well.

079 Chair Hartung Need to hold another hearing.

081 Jan McComb Committee Administrator. Will send amendments back to have corrected.

082 Baker Discusses change Sen. Trow brought up, line 6, after the word textbooks, add "when available."

083 Chair Hartung That had to do with multiple lists. He still wanted the term used "multiple list" even though there might just be one.

085 Flint Reason "multiple list" was removed was the issue was on occasion there was no multiple list and by establishing the new language consistent with rules established by the state board it does allow the state board to take that into consideration as it establishes rules so their rules then would reflect if there is more than one submission.

096 Shannon What is wrong with law saying "multiple lists if available"?

101 McMurdo Drafted to take into consideration single submission or single submission that met standards for adoption.

108 Sen. Shannon Whoever approves this feel comfortable about giving one because now the law says you only have to put one out.

111 McMurdo Not what it does.

112 Chair Hartung Do members understand it does not do that?

114 Sen. Baker Comment.

116 Chair Hartung Asks if amendments have been drawn.

119 McMurdo Does not know. This was drawn merely to take care of challenge we had from one of the textbook companies. In -2 amendments, line 28, the word "may" has been deleted and "shall" has been submitted.

130 Sen. Baker Does not say parents.

131 Chair Hartung Do these amendments do what we want to be done?

134 Sen. Shannon Not satisfied.

136 Sen. Baker Not satisfied either.

137 Chair Hartung Does not have -1 amendments.

138 McComb Those were drawn up and the department asked me to ignore them.

140 Chair Hartung Asks Greg McMurdo to check with Sen. Baker. Closes public hearing on SB 180; opens public hearing on SB 183.

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### **SB 183 - PUBLIC HEARING**

146 Greg McMurdo Oregon Department of Education. Amendments give emergency clause to make bill effective on passage. Individuals born January, February or March must be fingerprinted by July 1, 1997. Discusses getting bill to Governor's desk.

163 Al Shannon Director of People Transportation and School Business Services. Discusses history of bringing bill back to legislature.

173 Sen. Shannon Who is going to pay the fees?

185 Al Shannon Amendment allows school district to recover cost from those employees.

187 Greg McMurdo Depends on whether other amendments are passed. As bill written, we have



authority to do or not do that. Could not predict what course would be taken. Issue of fees not as important to us as schools

192 Sen. Shannon Discussion of classified employees wages - \$10 per hour average.

209 Jim Green Oregon School Boards Association. Submits (**EXHIBIT C**), salary schedules from three school districts.

( classified employees discussed here are at Step 4 or above

( average salary higher than \$8.00 hour

( average salary, Lake Oswego \$21,000 for classified employees

243 Green Discusses \$1,300 district average. Portland has 2,200 left to fingerprint, \$92,000 cost. Discusses cost of someone coming to take fingerprints. Beaverton 900 \$37,800. Clackamas 475, \$20,000. McMinnville 200, \$8,400. Eugene 650 at \$27,300. Discusses some districts have will pay; some will pick up portions. Support bill, but want the added flexibility to recover costs if needed.

## **TAPE 11, B**

005 Wilma Wells Confederation of American School Board Administrators. Discusses salaries of classified employees. Feels paid well.

010 Tricia Smith Represent Oregon School Employees Association.

( represent classified in 130 of 220 school districts

( average top step is \$10.32 an hour

( real issue isn't whether or not classified employees can afford \$42

( issue is fingerprinting all school employees as a matter of public policy

( school districts as employers responsible for protection of children

( to ask these classified employees excluded from previous law to pay inappropriate

( if requiring business to fingerprint its employees for good of public, likely require business to pay costs

( classified school employees are low wage, part time, not 12 month employees nor 8-hour-a-day employees; hardship to pay

( ask adopt -1 amendment.

030 Chair Hartung Out of courtesy to Sen. Trow will reschedule for another hearing and possible work session. If bill passed out Monday will that meet deadline?

035 McMurdo Yes.

037 Sen. Shannon Asks if have information on Christian schools.

039 McMurdo Yes, legislature could pass a law which would authorize fingerprinting and FBI criminal verification checks. Discusses current system available.

046 Sen. Shannon If the law does not forbid it, couldn't the Christian school come to you for fingerprinting nationwide checks?

049 McMurdo No, there would have to be specific statute before FBI would accept.

054 Sen. Shannon Do Washington, Idaho, California require it or allow it?

056 McMurdo Mr. Shannon did check on Washington, but just a Washington State criminal background check. Not a national check.

060 Al Shannon Permissive check in Washington.

063 Chair Hartung If interested in private side, we will introduce another bill. Does not want to work into this one.

064 Sen. Shannon Agrees.

066 Chair Hartung Closes public hearing on SB 183. Adjourns at 4:07 p.m.

Additional testimony submitted by Lake Oswego School District (**EXHIBIT D**).

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - SB 178, memorandum, Laurie Wimmer, OEA, 1 pg.**

**B - SB 217, data, Bret West, Oregon Community Colleges, 4 pg.**

**C - SB183, data, Jim Green, 3 pg.**

**D - SB 183, memorandum, Bruce Kaiser, Lake Oswego School, 1 pg.**

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