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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**March 3, 1997 Hearing Room 343**

**3:00 P.M. Tapes 39 - 40**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Sen. Tom Hartung, Chair**

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

**Sen. Ken Baker**

**Sen. Susan Castillo**

**Sen. Gary George**

**Sen. Cliff Trow**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**None**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Jan McComb, Administrator**

**Shirley Spendal, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Introduction of Legislative Concepts**

**SB 225, SB 226 - Work Session, Possible Bill Tabling**

**SB 630, SB 628 - Work Session**

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<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 39, A</b>		
005	Chair Hartung	Opens hearing at 3:15 p.m. Discusses LC drafts.
010	Sen. Trow	<b>MOTION: Moves LC 4007 dated 2/28/97, LC 4000 dated 2/27/96, LC 4029 dated 3/3/97, and LC 4203 dated 3/3/97 BE INTRODUCED as committee bills.</b>
	<b>Chair Hartung</b>	<b>VOTE: Hearing no objection, the motion CARRIES.</b> (LC 4007 introduced as SB 918; LC 4000 introduced as SJR 33; LC 4029 introduced as SB 917; and LC 4203 introduced as SB 919.) Opens work session on SB 225 and SB 226.
<b><u>SB 225 and SB 226 - WORK SESSION</u></b>		
030	Roger Bassett	Education and Work Force Policy Advisor to Governor Kitzhaber. LC 4029 consolidates language of SB 225 and SB 226. Discusses effect of LC 4029. Substantially, this is for purpose of greater accountability and more direct policy service to the stake holders in education and work force arenas procedurally.
042	Sen. Trow	<b>MOTION: Moves to TABLE SB 225.</b>
047	Chair Hartung	<b>VOTE: Hearing no objection, motion CARRIES.</b>
048	Sen. Trow	<b>MOTION: Moves to TABLE SB 226.</b>
051	Chair Hartung	<b>VOTE: Hearing no objection, motion CARRIES.</b>
		Opens work session on SB 630 and SB 628.
<b><u>SB 630 AND SB 628 - WORK SESSION</u></b>		
061	Chair Hartung	Discusses Beaverton school negotiating with Edison Project. Sees four opportunities to pursue better education - Edison, charter, alternative and private schools. Describes how bill developed.
079	Richard Meinhard	Portland, Oregon. Discusses history of bill and failed initiative.
119	Meinhard	Discusses revisions on latest draft. Discusses first section, Intent.

		( major issue whether you open up sponsorship
		( major issue whether you allow new model of schools
		( sees charter school bill giving districts reason to make innovated attempt to extend services to underserved families
		( customer choice
		( legislature can establish a new form of accountability by meeting charter and public obligations
		( the school will be unit of reform in charter schools
169	Meinhard	( professional opportunities for teachers
175	Sen. Trow	Attempt to do what is good for all children, the whole system. Say this is part of a package.
180	Chair Hartung	Discusses Arizona charter schools.
197	Sen. Trow	Discussion - should fit this operation into total package.
203	Chair Hartung	Discusses making good use and not lose local control of locally elected school board and council.
210	Jim Green	Oregon School Boards Association. Compares two bills. Looked to constitution for guiding principal. Discusses lawsuit in Bend - influence on other boards. Should allow freedom without fear from lawsuit.
251	Sen. Shannon	Asks about law protecting school board members.
253	Jim Green	SB 184 proposed amendment. Language should be part of the charter school bill.
261	Meinhard	Discusses underserved family needs that might best be responded to in charter schools.
<b>TAPE 40, A</b>		
003	Meinhard	Discusses 26 groups he has hoping for charter schools because finding roadblocks at their district level.
006	Sen. George	Question.
011	Jim Green	Believes all school boards want to be responsible agents for education in their district. They want to duck lawsuits. They want to be "providers of change" within local school districts. Issue has been is there accountability. Basis for accountability is the ballot box.
025	Meinhard	Discusses wanting to give system more flexibility.
048	Sen. Trow	Discusses Section A in Sen. Qutub's bill - asks what mean by unnecessary, burdensome, onerous mandates.
052	Meinhard	Discusses school in North Portland - referral process. Some parents find state CIM and CAM program burdensome. Suggesting schools come up with different set of equally rigorous standards.
073	Sen. Trow	Continues discussion of unnecessary burdensome mandates.

077	Sen. Shannon	Asks if would we lose federal funds if allow to drop out of 21st century reform - indicates Dept. of Education will get answer for committee.
085	Green	Discusses issue of mandates. Language depends on person's perception.
095	Sen. Shannon	Wonders if AOI would come up with some language.
113	Sen. Qutub	In response to Sen. Trow's question, discusses comment from previous testimony that all public schools could be free of these rules. Have a good charter in first place where rules should be carefully examined. Will be held to their charter and if do not abide, will be "unchartered."
141	Chair Hartung	Need to consider how restrictive are we going to make it.
146	Sen. George	Discusses giving alternatives to unserved children.
153	Sen. Qutub	Believes intent of this bill to make systemic changes and create an all-around better public system - not to create elite separate schools.
163	Meinhard	Asks committee to think about redesigning public school model. Discusses Minnesota report from Citizen's League.
194	Sen. Castillo	Sees public schools being accountable. Discusses Eugene schools.
203	Meinhard	Discusses school districts that are not quality. Need avenue for minority group.
219	Sen. Qutub	Thinks problem comes in action that follows after board hears matter. Many constituents dissatisfied with not being heard.
234	Chair Hartung	Discusses lawsuit against Beaverton School District by school board member. States defends school board members in their efforts to accommodate people.
263	Meinhard	Discusses definition of new public school.
<b>TAPE 39, B</b>		
002	Meinhard	Continues explanation of new public school definition. Multiple sponsorship see as important as gives flexibility and will give us option to go somewhere else when a local board does not respond.
007	Sen. Trow	Asks if have checked out with boards you are allowing to become sponsors.
010	Meinhard	Discusses making no formal inquiry.
018	Green	This area causes great concern. Discusses ability of another local board to impose its authority over a local board. Discusses different boards' experiences with running K-12 school district. Discusses standardization visits and variety of decisions for local school board.
066	Sen. Shannon	It is, do they have the will. Discusses Silverton district.
075	Green	Discusses lifting fear of lawsuits. That would create innovation in our public system.

096	Meinhard	Discusses new role for school board - whole point is a brand new model will take over.
115	Chair Hartung	Asking for public money - should become private.
116	Meinhard	Discusses setting accountability performance that puts the charter school at risk. Discusses Denver situation.
163	Sen. Castillo	Discusses charter starters before school boards - committee not having information as to why rejected.
172	Meinhard	Discusses Northwest Academy as example. Discusses Section 3, Formation. Discusses public schools converting.
227	Green	Discusses public alternative school becoming charter school. Concern existing private school converting to charter school as attempt at voucher system.
240	Sen. Shannon	Question.
248	Green	Discusses drain on public system.
267	Sen. George	Question.
270	Green	Discusses way the system works. Reallocation of bodies but no additional monies.
276	Sen. Qutub	Key is "in two years."
283	Meinhard	Discusses getting private schools under charter school bill.
<b>TAPE 40,B</b>		
001	Green	Question is policy issue - do you want to allow existing private schools to convert and get money from public school - voucher system.
006	Sen. Trow	Discusses private schools getting public money.
021	Sen. Shannon	Question.
028	Green	Continues discussing issue of converting private to charter school.
035	Sen. Qutub	Discusses private schools with religious basis. Brings down number quite a bit.
050	Sen. Trow	Discusses lottery system.
060	Green	Discusses special education law. Discusses funding under federal law. Discusses monies following special ed student.
097	Sen. George	Questions about 100% money following child.
100	Green	Support appropriate amount of money supporting what individual education plan (IEP) says that child is supposed to receive. District bound by law to support that. Federal law is local education agency responsible. That means resident school district for that student.
		Discusses all special education monies should go to the district as cannot

112	Meinhard	change federal law. Charter school placement would be considered out of district placement.
134	Chair Hartung	Discusses sections 4, charter process, and 5, charter review, being straightforward. Discusses restriction, waiver section.
140	Meinhard	Issue there is the super-waiver.
142	Green	Discusses OSBA stand on waivers. Discusses issue of contention in meeting state-wide standards. If spending public dollars, be accountable publicly.
160	Meinhard	Discusses being site-based accountable model - contractual accountability is looking at outcome not process.
171	Sen. Castillo	Public wants more accountability, more disclosure today; seems your proposal opposite.
183	Meinhard	Shift accountability focus to good learning for all kids.
187	Sen. Trow	Seems want to be private schools without meeting public responsibilities. Comment on using public money. Comments you want to run a business based on a contract.
196	Chair Hartung	Adjourns at 4:58 p.m.

**Submitted By, Reviewed By,**

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