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SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 5, 1997 Hearing Room 343

3:00 P.M. Tapes 41 - 42

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 Concept

SB 628 - Work Session

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
TAPE 41, A		
005	Chair Hartung	Opens hearing at 3:10 p.m.
010	Bend Community Schools presentation. Submits (EXHIBIT A).	
044	Michelle Abraham	13 years old. Discusses why she loves Bend Community School and how it affects her education.
076	Kristine Collan	13 years old. Discusses why she loves Bend Community School. Easy to learn as can make choices.
096	Sen. Shannon	Questions.
<u>INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATIVE CONCEPTS</u>		
120	Chair Hartung	Discusses introducing LC 2887 as committee bill.
124	Sen. Shannon	Comments this is a bill to limit class size in Oregon schools.
129	Chair Hartung	Wants to bring to table to discuss.
135	Chair Hartung	MOTION: Moves LC 2887 dated 3/4/97 BE INTRODUCED as a Committee bill.
136		VOTE: 4-1
		AYE: 4-Baker, Castillo, Trow, Hartung
		NAY: 1-Shannon
		EXCUSED: 1-George
138	Chair Hartung	The motion CARRIES. Opens work session on SB 628.
<u>SB 628 - WORK SESSION</u>		
143	Cindy Hunt	Legislative Counsel's Office. Discusses (EXHIBIT B), -1 Amendment. Complete gut and stuff of bill.
		First part of bill takes SB 290 with some changes:
		(discusses change in waiver of laws and rules
		(discusses Section 9, Applicability of Laws, list cannot waive - need to amend to add state-wide assessments

178	Sen. Trow	Asks about standards.
180	Hunt	(discusses subsection (3) of the amendment - may be possible all rules may or may not apply to charter schools
		(added statutes specifically listed to tuition and fees
195	Hunt	Discusses Section 21, the pilot program.
204	Sen. Baker	Question regarding make-up of amendment.
205	Chair Hartung	Explains process of -1 amendment.
211	Hunt	Continues discussing Section 21, separate pilot program.
217	Sen. Trow	Discusses, questions why provide pilot program.
229	Chair Hartung	Discusses why bill put together this way. Discusses Edison project. Great parent participation. Discusses minority report. May have two separate bills. Thinks full debate would be good.
269	Hunt	Continues discussing pilot program. Still have sponsors, applicants. Outlines difference in sponsors. In pilot program, cannot be sponsored by local school board. Existing public school cannot be converted to pilot charter school.
282	Sen. Castillo	Question about elected board member.
TAPE 42, A		
002	Hunt	Discusses sponsors. Discusses special education issue. Discusses difference through local school board.
		Discusses Section 23, funding.
036	Hunt	Discusses handout, State School Fund (EXHIBIT C). Discusses remote small school fund qualifications.
067	Hunt	Discusses equalization formula.
090	Richard Meinhard	Portland, Oregon. Sees bill as contract school bill. Need to strengthen local control. Would not support as charter school bill.
133	Jim Green	Oregon School Boards Association. Only one major adjustment here to - automatic waiver. Believes state wide assessment and standards should be left in bill.
		Discusses pilot program. Causes concern because sponsors do not have to turn to local school board.
156	Chair Hartung	Asks if wanted to put local school board back as sponsor.
157	Meinhard	"Absolutely." Discusses multiple sponsors. Give school board first right to get involved.
		Boards going outside boundaries causing great concern. Direct access to state school fund concern.

175	Green	Local school board members will not set up programs for failure.
		Discusses calculating teacher experience mix into charter school. With special education students, local school district "on hook." If allow access to state school fund for any of these programs, see the voucher program.
220	Sen. Trow	Comments bill does not say how long pilot program is.
240	Chair Hartung	Questions.
242	Meinhard	Maximum of five years, not minimum. Discusses fundamental policy issues behind charter school bill. Gut pilot program, turn into contract bill. Put off charter idea unless committee would like to put full charter school bill out. Reason is have to set up infrastructure.
271	Chair Hartung	Asks about Edison saying they are charter school.
TAPE 41, B		
001	Chair Hartung	Discusses, questions being charter or contract school.
009	Green	Believes bill is charter school bill. Gives new tools to local school boards that they have not had before. Have building accountability in our bill. Have choice in this state. Have private alternative schools, private schools, home schools. OSBA will not support Sen. Qutub's bill.
036	Chair Hartung	Discusses next step in putting bill or bills to floor. Asks committee to comment.
045	Sen. Baker	Will not vote for -1. Pilot program "deadbeat dad" provision. No accountability. Would like to see strong, independent charter schools. No protection for sending district. Will not be party to anything that hurts local schools.
068	Sen. Trow	Comments each part of bills defective - not ready to go now.
075	Sen. Castillo	Cannot support either one of these bills.
081	Sen. Shannon	All committee will have to give and vote for something not first choice. Will do whatever Chair wants to do.
089	Chair Hartung	Would like to take a step back and look at 18 policy issues, cut and paste a single bill and work through that. Want to get charter school bill out.
106	Sen. Trow	Comments on making decisions on policy issues.
110	Sen. Shannon	First day not as thorough as second day.
114	Sen. Castillo	Discusses her understanding of process.
		Wanted to assure important policy issues included.

118	Chair Hartung	Putting together bill for working document.
124	Jan McComb	Committee Administrator. Discusses her understanding of process.
152	Chair Hartung	Adjourns at 4:17 p.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Shirley Spendal, Jan McComb,

Administrative Support Administrator

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Bend Community School, handout, 1 pg.

B - SB 628, Proposed Amendments, 19 pg.

C - SB 628, State School Fund Equalization Form, 1 pg.
