

WORK SESSION ON SB 346 TAPES 063 - 064 A/B

SENATE REVENUE COMMITTEE

MARCH 4, 1997 - 9:00 A.M. - HEARING ROOM B - STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Members Present: Sen. Ken Baker, Chair

Sen. Neil Bryant, Vice Chair

Sen. Joan Dukes

Sen. Verne Duncan

Sen. Tom Hartung

Sen. Randy Leonard (arrived at 9:20 a.m.)(left 9:30 a.m.)

Staff: Steve Meyer, Economist

Carol Phillips, Committee Assistant

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005 Chair Baker Opened meeting at 9:05 a.m.

OPENED WORK SESSION ON SB 346

006 ^{Chair}
Baker Opening remarks on schedule for rest of the week.

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Steve Exhibit A - SB 346 (-10). Relating to out of state placement of students with severe disabilities. None of the placements at this time are from small districts with limited budgets. Provides \$400,000 each year of biennium from which costs can be withdrawn to pay for these students' education expenses. Determined by committee to change name of

Meyer Children with Disabilities Educational Fund to Out-of-State Disabilities Placement Fund. This acts like a sub-appropriation from state school fund. Questions and discussion interspersed.

186 Meyer Exhibit B - State School Fund Permanent Equalization Formula. This is a "cheat sheet" to help clarify how formula works.

203 Meyer Exhibit C - SB 346 (-15). Relating to growth grants. Sen. Dukes said she would like to go along with this amendment but cannot because some school districts cannot even afford new text books, equipment, computers, etc. and does not want millions of dollars going to equip new schools buildings before meeting other needs first. Questions and discussion interspersed.

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064 Chair Baker Asked committee members if they thought committee was moving in the right direction on these amendments. Discussion on the definition of "growth" relating to districts, number of students, or buildings.

089 Meyer Exhibit D - SB 346 (-12) - Relating to PERS and desegregation costs for Portland and some additional language that must be changed to accommodate that. Eight year limit to desegregation costs not being part of local revenue. Questions and discussion interspersed.

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033 Chair Baker Referred back to (-15) amendment, in which growth grants were referred to. Had a note from lobbyist stating they should be referred to as facilities grants. That would eliminate confusion in actual meaning of growth. By general consensus of committee members present, it was decided to change term to "facilities grant" instead of "growth grant".

061 Meyer Exhibit E - SB 346 (-14) - Relating to general purpose and transportation grants. Questions and discussion interspersed.

173 Chair Baker Stated he would meet with Sen. Dukes and Sen. Duncan to discuss ESD consolidation problem and how to address issue.

181 Chair Baker Brought Sen. Bryant up to date on information he missed while out of the room regarding (-14) amendment.

190 Meyer Continuation of (-14) amendment discussion. Further questions and discussion.

440 Chair Baker Adjourned meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Carol Phillips

Committee Assistant

Kim James

Office Manager

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Exhibit Summary:

A. SB 346, Meyer, (-10) proposed amendment, 2/28/97 (CH/ps), 2 pages

B. SB 346, Meyer, State School Fund Permanent Equalization Formula worksheet, 1 page

C. SB 346, Meyer, (-15) proposed amendment, 3/03/97 (CH/ps), 8 pages

D. SB 346, Meyer, (-12) proposed amendment, 2/28/97 (CH/ps), 9 pages

E. SB 346, Meyer, (-14) proposed amendment, 3/03/97 (CH/ps), 8 pages

F. SB 346, Sen. Baker's office, written testimony from Roger Woehl for the record and not presented at meeting, 1/31/97, 2 pages