

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Hearing Room Tapes - 53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. John MEEK, Chair Rep. Judith Uherbelau, Vice-Chair Rep. George Eighmey Rep. Bill Fisher Rep. Patti Milne Rep. Kitty Pi

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Mann, Committee Administrator Pamela Berger, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD: HB 3196 - Public Hearing HB 3199 - Public Hearing HB 3200 - Public Hearing HJR 55 - Public Hearing HJR 56 - Public Hearing

These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation mark report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents of the proceedings, please refer to the tapes.

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CHAIR MEEK: Calls the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m., as a subcommittee -announcements -submits and refers to Chronology of the Whitehead Ca Staff submits an Oregonian article about CSD (EXHIBIT C)

HB 3196, HB 3199, HB 3200, HJR 55 and HJR 56 - Public Hearing

Staff submits background materials on HB 3196, HB 3199, HB 3200, HJR 55 and

HJR 56 (EXHIBIT B)

021 REP. KATE BROWN, DISTRICT 13: Testifies in favor of HB 3196, HB 3199, HB 3200, HJR 55 and HJR 56 -introduces Bill Howe and Beth M

072 BILL HOWE, TASK FORCE ON FAMILY LAW: Submits and reads written testimony on HB 3196, HB 3199, HJR 55 and HJR 56 (EXHIBIT D) -ref

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-submits letters from judges who were unable to attend today's hearing - all in favor of HB 3196, HB 3199, HB 3200, HJR 55 and HJR 56 (EXH

CHAIR MEEK: Explains that he would like to combine the bills and make them

one packet acknowledges support from committee members to change the current family law system

050 EIGHMEY: States support of changing the current system -tells of personal experiences in the family court system

068 UHERBELAU: Family conflict; language could be clarified

HOWE: Responds -HB 3196 section 14(a) -intent of language

135 EIGHMEY: Notes concerns that can be worked out by a work group

160 BETH MASON, ATTORNEY: Responds about peer mediation projects -will provide findings

180 HOWE: Refers to page 1 of Exhibit D

MASON: All strategies in Exhibit D have not been drafted as legislation -family resource centers

210 HOWE: Felt it was important not to bring to you legislation that hasn't been polished -refers to proposed amendments (see: Exhibit

311 HUGH ISAAC, DIRECTOR, FAMILY SERVICES, MULTNOMAH COUNTY: Discusses current parent education plan -importance for families to learn

HOWE: Introduces Bill Waling, who supports our proposal -SB 619 mirrors one of our amendments -submits proposed amendments to HB 3197 (EXHI

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100 MASON: Discusses proposal

124 CARL MYERS, TASK FORCE ON FAMILY LAW: Explains differences in bills -submitted concept to Legislative Counsel and they came back se six bills

MEEK: Talks about proposed amendments to HB 3197 -asks Rep. Piercy to have all amendments for HB 3197 combined into one to amend HB 3196

185 MARIE BELL, JUSTICE ACT TASK FORCE: Submits and reads written testimony

on (EXHIBIT H) 350 -in response to Uherbelau, discusses task force

360 NANCY MILLER, STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE: Testifies on HJR 55 -discusses keeping study in-house -refers to Exhibit H -page

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-there are not adequate resources for the CASA program -continues with suggested amendments (will provide in writing to staff)

044 BELL: Closing remarks

080 HOWE: Housekeeping matters

100 INGRID SLEZAK, MEDIATOR: Submits and summarizes written testimony on HB

3196, HB 3199, HB 3200 HJR 55 and HJR 56 (EXHIBIT E) -refers to Exhibit E

176 CHAIR MEEK: Where is the piece that parents may want to reconsider their relationship and not file for divorce?

SLEZAK: This is for those who have already reached to point that they will

be obtaining a divorce

190 HOWE: Responds about county services that offer conflict resolution -in our chart, point of conflict is the point of conflict in th

MORGAN: If it is not mandatory, it won't be so effective -maybe we shouldn't make it so easy to get married, without thinking out some of t

290 EIGHMEY: People then will choose to live together and not get married and the same problems will be there -voluntary is the best ap

320 UHERBELAU : Making it mandatory probably will not fly -if mandated, then offer choice of where couples receive services

PIERCY: Don't believe that it can be mandated but need to create a community concern to invest in marriages and family -healthy family reso

MORGAN: As an individual, I agree with Eighmey's comments

369 HOWE: Mandatory discovery

430 FISHER: Comments

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Submitted for the record testimony from: -Rita Olin (EXHIBIT J) -Alice Phalan, Oregon Dispute Resolution Commission (EXHIBIT K)

070 CHAIR MEEK: Adjourns the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

Pamela Berger Tom Mann Committee Assistant Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - CSD - Chronological report of Whitehead case - staff - 20 pp B - HB 3196, HB 3199, HB 3200 HJR 55 and HJR 56 - Background materials -
- 6 pp F - HB 3196, HB 3199, HB 3200 HJR 55 and HJR 56 - Proposed amendments - Howe - 2 pp G - HB 3196, HB 3199, HB 3200 HJR 55 and HJR