

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Hearing Room Tapes - 78

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

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

MEASURES HEARD: HB 2030 - Work Session HB 2061 - Work Session HB 2108 - Work Session HB 2860 - Work Session HB 3196 - Work Session S

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 8:13 a.m. -announcements

HB 2108 - Work Session

MEEK: Not all needed materials are ready so will come back to that later

HB 3196 - Work Session

CARL MYERS, FAMILY LAW TASK FORCE: Submits HB 3196-3 proposed amendments (EXHIBIT A)

BILL HOWE, FAMILY LAW TASK FORCE: Explains amendments -section 4 and 5 relating to discovery -in response to Uherbelau, L.C. decides placem
116 MILNE: States objections to language about mandatory education in divorce cases

HOWE: Explains it is up to the county if they want to have an educational plan; not a mandate -only addresses those cases where children ar

MILNE: Still objects; expands

UHERBELAU: Important to bring it to the parent's attention that what they say and do impacts the children

MILNE: Doesn't think the court should be dictating

EIGHMEY : Re-phrases Milne's concern -explains current process

268 PIERCY: Doesn't see this as threatening -making people aware of the impact of a divorce on a family; doesn't see any judgmental lan

HOWE: State is the only one who can grant a divorce -severe impact that divorce has on children -study by Judith Wallace on children from d

MILNE: Thinks that professionals such as churches and counselors, not the law, should provide this service

HOWE: Submits information from Judith Wallace (EXHIBIT B) -parental conflict is bad for children -mediation -section 16

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-costs

044 -EIGHMEY: In response to Meek, discusses income tax as being part of discovery process

HOWE: Further explains

MEEK: Points out that the fiscal does not address the -3 amendments -may move this to Ways and Means -encourages Myers and Howe to work wit
bill and amendments

085 SNODGRASS: Concern with language about educational efforts

MYERS: The whole package would include the original HB 3196 plus the -3 amendments

UHERBELAU: Feels that we go too far

MEEK: Will clear up confusion about section 1 -clarifies about section 1 for Uherbelau that renumbering has not occurred

145 HOWE: This has been tried in Georgia, strongly opposed by the bar, most

popular program

HB 2108 - Work Session

Staff submits -1 amendments (EXHIBIT C)

JANICE ELLIOT, EMPLOYMENT DIVISION: Testimony from Building Codes suggested amendments, after discussions with L.C. realized that those ame

220 MANN: Further explains

UHERBELAU: Comments

MOTION: PIERCY MOVES THE ADOPTION OF HB 2108-1 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

VOTE: NO OBJECTIONS

MOTION: PIERCY MOVES HB 2108, AS AMENDED, TO THE FLOOR WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION

VOTE: THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. EIGHMEY CARRIES.

HB 3252 - Work Session

MANN: Explains bill -submits and explains HB 3252-1 proposed amendments (EXHIBIT D)

272 MOTION: SNODGRASS MOVES ADOPTION OF HB 3252 -1 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

VOTE: NO OBJECTIONS

MOTION: SNODGRASS MOVES HB 3252, AS AMENDED, TO THE FLOOR WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION

VOTE: THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. SNODGRASS CARRIES.

HB 2860 - Work Session

MOTION: MILNE MOVES HB 2860 WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION TO TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND SCHOOL FINANCE BY PRIOR REFERENCE

UHERBELAU: Has problem with language on line 9, feels that we are setting

up a system of deceit; wonders if we can leave off portion about abortion, fund is fine

334 MILNE: Purpose of bill is to provide some reassurance that there is help available

EIGHMEY: Intent -offers suggested language

MILNE: Comments

UHERBELAU: Abortion language

MILNE: Purpose of this legislation is very specific

PIERCY: Rep. Schoon testified about adoption also

MEEK: Understands that this targets mainly young single mothers

SNODGRASS: Doesn't feel that this was to get into the details, this was just the fund setting piece, as Rep. Schoon pointed out

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MEEK: Need to identify concern, need to make Rep. Schoon aware of this -can move bill with the understanding that language is of concern -

MILNE: WITHDRAWS MOTION

MOTION: MILNE MOVES HB 2860, WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION, WITH NOTE OF CONCERN OF LANGUAGE ON LINES 8-9 THE THE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND SCHOOL PRIOR REFERENCE

UHERBELAU: Feels that we are moving too many bills with the idea of having

other committee fix it, will object

PIERCY: Would like to fix language, will object

EIGHMEY: Agrees -relinquishing our responsibility -simple deletion would take care of my concern

MEEK: Will send note to Rep. Schoon about concern

VOTE: THE MOTION PASSES 4-3. FISHER, MILNE, SNODGRASS, AND MEEK VOTE AYE.

EIGHMEY, PIERCY, UHERBELAU VOTE NO.

HB 2030 - Work Session

MEEK: Refreshes members on testimony heard -indeterminate fiscal -discussions with Congressman Ron Wyden on this bill and ties to HB 3180;

100 MANN: Bill has referral to the Ways and Means Committee -block grant; changes in funding

UHERBELAU: Block grants -no written fiscal impact concerns me

MEEK: General fund; block grant

UHERBELAU: Funding this through a block grant is wishful thinking, this will fall back on the general fund and not sure that we have that mo

MEEK: No requirement of funding -need to talk to L.C. about section 6 which address general fund, not sure if that language is necessary

170 UHERBELAU: Besides removing section 6 also add if additional funds are available they can go to existing programs

HB 2061 - Work Session

190 MEEK: Update on bill

204 CHUCK SHEKETOFF, LEGAL AID: Reviewed previous questions -calculation of impact from Washington County March 22 memo sent to Rep. Me

MEEK: Recesses the meeting at 10:35 a.m. -reconvenes at 10:40 a.m.

287 MARSHA MARTIN, COMMISSION FOR CHILD CARE: Submits and explains HB 2061-2 proposed amendments (EXHIBIT F)

Staff submits HB 2061-1 proposed amendments (EXHIBIT G)

MEEK: Explains differences

SHEKETOFF: Explains financial impact of bill

398 MILNE: Clarification

MEEK: Responds

MARTIN: Child care as a work force issue

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MILNE: Rather see direct reporting to legislature or see this under the Child Care Commission instead of the Work force Quality Council

EIGHMEY: Feels that Milne's concerns is addressed in the -2 amendments

MEEK: Comments

UHERBELAU: Also questioned why this was under the Workforce Quality Task Force and after talking to folks decided this was the correct pla

PIERCY: Department of Labor study that pointed out that child care is the number one issue for women

060 MILNE: Simply talking about task force, no need to make it complicated

EIGHMEY: Addresses Milne's concerns

SNODGRASS: Clarification

099 SHEKETOFF: Responds about deductions and credits

118 MEEK: Responds about deductions and credits

MOTION: EIGHMEY MOVES ADOPTION OF HB 2061-1 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

VOTE: NO OBJECTIONS

MOTION: EIGHMEY MOVES ADOPTION OF HB 2061-2 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

VOTE: THE MOTION PASSES 5-2. EIGHMEY, PIERCY, SNODGRASS, UHERBELAU, AND CHAIR MEEK VOTE AYE. MILNE AND FISHER VOTE NO.

MOTION: EIGHMEY MOVES HB 2061, AS AMENDED, TO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, WITH A DO PASS RECOMMENDATION

MILNE: Comments

VOTE: THE MOTION PASSES 6-1. EIGHMEY, FISHER, PIERCY, SNODGRASS, UHERBELAU, AND CHAIR MEEK VOTE AYE. MILNE VOTES NO.

SB 1 - Informational Meeting

204 MEEK: Submits and explains proposed amendments to SB 1 to be submitted to the House Judiciary Committee (EXHIBIT H) 330-for the rec
Measure 11 for any purpose other than to put them into the judicial part for further prosecution; Measure 11 does limit some of prosecution

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005 EIGHMEY: Concerned about moving the 21-25 year olds

040 MANN: Further explains proposed amendments

MEEK: Members can submit further changes; will provide to Rep. Parks 086 -adjourns the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Submitted by, Reviewed by,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - HB 3196 - proposed amendments - staff - 13 pp B - HB 3196 - letter from Wallerstein - Howe - 3 pp C - HB 2108 - proposed amendments - st