

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

March 31, 1995 Hearing Room D
9:00 a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Dennis Luke, Chair
Rep. Frank Shields, Vice-Chair
Rep. Bill Fisher
Rep. Mike Lehman
Rep. Patti Milne
Rep. Barbara Ross
Rep. Lynn Snodgrass
Rep. Charles Starr
Rep. Terry Thompson
Rep. Sharon Wylie

MEMBER EXCUSED:

Rep. Meek

STAFF PRESENT:

Jan McComb, Committee Administrator
Tom Mann, Committee Administrator
Shelley Jones, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

HB 3424 Work Session
HB 2828 Work Session
HB 2067 Work Session
HB 3050 Public Hearing

These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize
statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation marks

report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents of the proceedings,
please refer to the tapes.

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005 CHAIR LUKE: Calls the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

HB 3424 WORK SESSION

McCOMB: Submits staff measure summary, LC-1 and fiscal analysis. (EXHIBIT
A)

008 REP. MINNIS: Reviews the amendments with committee. Submits letter
from Cam Preus-Braly, Director, Office of Educational Policy and Planning.
(EXHIBIT B)

025 MOTION: REP. MILNE: Moves to adopt the LC-1 amendments to HB 3424.

VOTE: Hearing no objections, the motion CARRIES.

030 MOTION: REP. MILNE: Moves HB 3424 as amended to the floor with a DO
PASS recommendation.

VOTE: In a roll call vote REP. FISHER, LEHMAN, MILNE, STARR, THOMPSON,

SHIELDS, LUKE vote AYE. REP. MEEK, ROSS, SNODGRASS, WYLIE are excused.

CHAIR: The motion CARRIES. REP. MINNIS to carry to the floor.

HB 2828 WORK SESSION

040 McCOMB: Submits staff measure summary, LC -1 amendments and revenue impact. (EXHIBIT C)

060 MOTION: REP. SHIELDS: Moves the LC-1 amendments to HB 2828.

VOTE: Hearing no objections, the motion CARRIES.

070 MOTION: REP. SHIELDS: Moves HB 2828 as amended to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation and rescind the subsequent referral to the Committee on

Ways and Means.

VOTE: In a roll call vote REP. FISHER, MILNE, SNODGRASS, STARR, THOMPSON, SHIELDS, LUKE vote AYE. REP. LEHMAN, ROSS vote NAY. REP. MEEK, WYLIE are excused.

CHAIR: The motion CARRIES. REP. COURTNEY will carry to the floor.

HB 2067 WORK SESSION

090 MANN: Submits staff measure summary, fiscal analysis and LC-1 amendments. (EXHIBIT D)

116 -LC-1 amendments clarify the language and make it consistent to the federal language.

126 MOTION: REP. SHIELDS: Moves the LC-1 amendments to HB 2067.

VOTE: Hearing no objections, the motion CARRIES.

MOTION: REP. SHIELDS: Moves HB 2067 as amended to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

VOTE: Rep. Fisher states that he might have a potential conflict of interest. In a roll call vote REP. FISHER, LEHMAN, MILNE, ROSS, SNODGRASS, STARR, THOMPSON, WYLIE, SHIELDS, LUKE vote AYE. REP. MEEK is excused.

155 CHAIR: The motion CARRIES. REP. ROSS to carry to the floor.

HB 3050 PUBLIC HEARING

MANN: Submits staff measure summary and LC-3 amendments. (EXHIBIT E)
Submits comparison of the 1993 legislation and the proposed 1995 legislation. (EXHIBIT H)

MARCUS SIMANTEL, MEMBER STATE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE JOBS PLUS PROGRAM:
Submits written testimony to committee. (EXHIBIT G)

160 TED ABRAM, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, JELD-WEN: Introduces other speakers.
Has submitted LC-2 amendments and is working to implement JOBS PLUS program state wide.

165 BILL EARLY, JOBS PLUS PROGRAM: Presents background information on the program and who it is working in the pilot counties. (EXHIBIT F)

220 -The current board is strongly in favor of taking this project state wide.

277 -There are 113 presently working in subsidized JOBS plus jobs.

310 ROSS: What about people who take a better job while there in the JOBS

PLUS program.

330 CHARLES HOBBS, CONSULTANT ON WELFARE TO WORK PROGRAMS: Oregon is a leader in welfare to work programs in the county. Since Oregon passed it's

legislation, four other states have enacted welfare reform legislation.

385 -President Clinton has commented that the JOBS PLUS program being implemented in Oregon is a program he would like to see implemented nation wide.

403 DON CARLTON, OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURY: Comments on implement of the

JOBS PLUS program statewide and helping to solve problems in welfare reform. Pilot program has demonstrated that this program can be implemented. The current system needs to be changed.

459 -Congress is trying to transfer responsibility and funds directly to states and is looking at block grants as a way to disburse funds.

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035 SNODGRASS: Question on federal waivers for implementation of the program and what would those waivers be necessary for.

060 REP. VANLEEUEWEN: Interested in expending the JOBS PLUS program. Comments that the pilot program is working extremely well.

088 STEVE MINNICK, ADMINISTRATOR FOR ADULT AND FAMILY SERVICES: The proposal to take the JOBS PLUS program state wide has implications that will effect Adult & Family Services.

118 -The concept of changing from benefit allocation to a training and employment component.

133 -Suggest that the JOBS PLUS program be put into the current jobs program

as a component, and not be set up as a competitive program, but rather a component of the existing process now.

173 -The JOBS PLUS program has incentives and it is important that no one gets less than what they get in welfare benefits.

196 LUKE: Does this increase the agency current budget.

205 MINNICK: We have an appropriation for jobs currently, if this is implemented as a component of our existing program, this will be another strategy to get people into jobs and off welfare.

270 -Vision for JOBS PLUS is to make it a proper part of JOBS, for a total approach.

310 -Proposing a reduction of the time the employer receives the subsidy and

make the employer decide on retaining the participant.

326 SUSAN WARNER, JOBS PLUS COORDINATOR, MALHEUR COUNTY: Explains her role in the Malheur County pilot program.

335 SUZY DOUGLAS, COMMUNITY RESOURCE COORDINATOR, ONTARIO ADULT AND FAMILY SERVICES: Oversees program and recruitment of employers.

350 MINNICK: Reviews LC-3 with committee.

400 -Changes on the JOBS PLUS ADVISORY board appointments and representation, and that program will go state wide.

454 -annual report requirement and exploring contracting for jobs processing

and placement.

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040 -Employers who are able to qualify and participate. No one can have more than 10% of their workforce in the program.

089 -Sanctions for non-compliance.

104 MILNE: Question on volunteer versus mandated participation.

151 -Would people be refused benefits if they are not required to

participate.

162 -Questions on placement and barrier removal cost, what is that referring to.

190 MINNICK: Comments on life skills, GED and barrier removal items.

210 ABRAM: Comments on the difference in the LC-2 and LC-3 amendments and slight differences with the Department.

250 CHUCK SHEKETOFF, MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEGAL AID SERVICE: Submits and reviews section-by-section analysis of HB 3050 written testimony with committee. (EXHIBIT I)

270 -80% of people on welfare to do not receive child support but in calculating benefits, the child support amount is included in calculation of benefit level.

320 -It is way to early to call the program successful. The average wage is \$6.00 per hour, and over 50% of people return to welfare benefits within 18 months.

386 BOB CASTAGNA, OREGON CATHOLIC CONFERENCE: Testifies additional positive steps if the committee is going to expand this to a state wide program. Comments that it is much to early to expand to a state wide program based upon a four month experiment.

418 -The salary levels are much to low, and the Oregon minimum wage is not acceptable or attractive.

Ask the employers to pay the going wage rate for that occupation.

445 -Before it is expanded on a state wide level, make it a voluntary program first.

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035 SHIELDS: Asks if making the program voluntary, would it work.

050 CASTAGNA: If you review the information presented by the Department, it is premature to move to a mandatory state wide program.

070 SHIELDS: Comments that welfare reform is a high priority, but concern that without data to prove that this program has been successful, is it a wise decision.

115 CASTAGNA: Recommends that if this program is going to be paid for by tax dollars, there is a glaring lack of advocates or welfare/social workers on the proposed board.

133 CHAIR LUKE: Adjourns meeting at 10:40 a.m.

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Reviewed by,

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Jan McComb
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EXHIBIT LOG:

A- HB 3424, Staff measure summary, LC-1 amendments, fiscal analysis- Staff- 3 pages

B- HB 3424, Testimony- Preus-Braly- 1 page

C- HB 2828, Staff measure summary, LC-1 amendments, revenue impact- Staff- 3 pages

D- HB 2067, Staff measure summary, LC-1 amendments, fiscal analysis- Staff- 4 pages

E- HB 3050, Staff measure summary, LC-3 amendments- Staff- 28 pages

F- HB 3050, Testimony- Early- 2 pages
G- HB 3050, Testimony- Simantel- 2 pages
H- HB 3050, Comparison of 1993 & 1995 legislation- Staff- 1 page
I- HB 3050, Testimony- Sheketoff- 6 pages