

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

April 24, 1995 Hearing Room  
8:00 a.m. Tapes - 91

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. John Meek

STAFF PRESENT:

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

MEASURES HEARD:

SB 467 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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SB 467 PUBLIC HEARING

005 CHAIR LUKE: Calls meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

McCOMB: Submits staff measure summary and background information.  
(EXHIBIT A)

008 DAN NICHOLS, RURAL SCHOOLS FOR EXEMPTION, DIAMOND: Submits and reviews  
written testimony with committee. (EXHIBIT B)

050 SEN. NEIL BRYANT: Urging an amendment to SB 467 changing the distance  
requirement.

100 REP. LARRY SOWA: Submits LC - 13 amendments and comments on the issues of the bill. (EXHIBIT C)

160 REP. JUDY UHERBELAU: Urges the passage of SB 467. Testifies about rural communities and the distance that has to be traveled to get to school.

185 REP. LIZ VANLEEWEN: Submits LC-11 amendments and comments on the bill.  
(EXHIBIT D)

245 SEN. MAE YIH: Submits and reviews testimony with committee and LC-9 amendments. (EXHIBIT E)

350 -Explains the LC-9 amendments to committee and urges adoption.

381 SNODGRASS: Asked if Sen. Yih would accept a changed from 20 miles to 15 miles.

400 BECKY JOHNSON, B.B. SCHOOL, REDMOND: Submits and reviews testimony with committee, in support of LC- 15 amendments. (EXHIBIT F)

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043 -Continues review of written testimony with committee.

090 -Requesting a reduction of the mileage requirement from 20 to 15 miles for the rural communities.

125 LUKE: Asked about the consolidation legislation from the 1991 legislation.

135 JOHNSON: Comments on the reduction of administrators and the consolidation of overhead cost.

171 LEHMAN: Comments on local control and why should local districts control whether they merge or not, when they currently have no control over their budget or finances.

229 SHIELDS: What is the cost per pupil in the district.

243 TONI FOSTER, CAMP SHERMAN: Submits and reviews written testimony with committee. (EXHIBIT G)

305 -Would like an exemption for 15 miles, because of the terrain and the rural area.

350 BYRON BEACH, B.B. SCHOOL, REDMOND: Testifies in support of SB 467 and reducing the distance requirement for the rural school districts.

450 TIM AUW, BOARD CHAIR, ANNEX SCHOOL DISTRICT #29, ONTARIO: Submits and reviews testimony with committee. (EXHIBIT H)

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050 GREG PANIKE, ANNEX SCHOOL DISTRICT: Submits and reviews testimony with committee. Comments on SB 467 and reducing the mileage requirement.  
(EXHIBIT K)

090       GEORGE WHITE, ANNEX SCHOOL DISTRICT: Comments in support of SB 467 and changing the mileage requirement. (EXHIBIT L)

130       SHIELDS: Asked about the student to teacher ratio and cost for the district.

160       ALLISA KING, PINEHURST SCHOOL DISTRICT #94 BOARD MEMBER: Submits and reviews testimony with committee. (EXHIBIT I)

170       MARGE FRANK, PINEHURST SCHOOL DISTRICT: Comments and support change to reduce mileage requirement.

174       SAM ALVORD, SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN: Concern that no legislation will pass both the House and the Senate. Submits and reviews testimony with committee. (EXHIBIT J)

278       RURINDA McCORMACK, BROTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT: Submits and reviews testimony with committee in support of SB 467 without any new amendments. (EXHIBIT M)

314       BILL McCORMACK, BROTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT: Submits and reviews testimony in support of SB 467 unamended. (EXHIBIT N)

390       REP. CEDRIC HAYDEN: Hopes the committee can find a way to accommodate the smaller rural districts in Oregon.

440       JONATHAN HILL, SUPERINTENDENT, LAKE COUNTY EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT: Submits and reviews testimony with committee. (EXHIBIT P)

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040       -How to create a measure that responds to individual communities and their needs.

050       -Isolation factor and urges amendment that takes into consideration distance, remote schools.

100       BILL ALBERSTON, UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT: Comments on merging districts and the districts in his area defeating merger plans. Submits and reviews testimony with committee. Testifies in support of SB 467 and changing the mileage requirement. (EXHIBIT O)

160       Submits additional written testimony from the following:  
-Petition from Lake County School District # 5 (EXHIBIT Q)

- (EXHIBIT R) Testimony from the following:  
-Pam & Bob Bertagna, Union School District  
-Lake County Board of Commissioners, Robert Pardue  
-Lake County School District No. 7, Howard Ottman  
-Michael Garrett, Union School, Lakewood School District  
-Rhea Van Den Berg, Lakewood School District  
-Vichie Childress, Lakewood School District  
-Stanley Wonderly, Lakewood School District

220       DEBBIE WATTS, UNION SCHOOL #5: Introduces students from the school district, and comments on weather problems and transporting students.

359 JOHN DANIELSON, OREGON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Testifies in support of  
SB 467.

440 -Equitable school formula needs to be established, it is important that  
the unification process continue.

-Educationally sound and urges support of the bill.

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035 TERRY DRAKE, LEGISLATIVE REVENUE: Comments on equalization issues for  
school districts.

-Unification has an equalizing function.

-Phasing in an equalization formula.

-About 4% or 100 million is dis-equalized.

070 -Most dis-equalization is on the east side of the state.

130 -Different districts spending different amounts on students.

-We are on a "phase in pathway" and this does not answer what level of  
funding we are willing or can establish for each student in the system.

150 LEHMAN: Asked about different levels of funding for different schools  
and full equalization plans.

200 SHIELDS: How many schools would rush to unification under full  
equalization.

220 OZZIE ROSE, CONFEDERATION OF OREGON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS: Historically  
the association has been in support of unification and equalization. With  
the great disparity of the different levels of funding for each district,  
you would need to have consistency in programs.

290 SNODGRASS: Comments on consolidations that have occurred and the  
increase in the salary levels of administrators under mergers she has  
observed.

300 ROSE: Comments on state wide bargaining and consolidation issues.

380 DANIELSON: Comments on equalization issue for school districts.

408 -Comments on test scores, rural schools, class size and student teacher  
ratio.

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031 GREG BROWN, BOARD CHAIRMAN, NORTH PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT:  
Submits and reviews testimony with committee. (EXHIBIT S)

085 -State wide assessment scores were not available in 1991 for review, now  
they are available for consideration and to see if the smaller districts  
are effective.

120 -Support the LC-A9 amendments.

149 BOB DUFFY, SUPERINTENDENT, NORTH PLAINS SCHOOL DISTRICT: Testifies in  
support of allowing districts to vote and supports the LC-A9 amendments.

200 JANET BRADY, FARMINGTON VIEW DISTRICT, HILLSBORO: Testifies on the cost  
per student in the district and test scores.

270 KEN FOOTE, REEDVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Submits and reviews testimony in

opposition to SB 467, supports unification without amendments, just as it is. (EXHIBIT AA)

340 CAROLYN ORTMAN, HILLSB ORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT: Testifies in opposition to SB 467 and supports unification. Submits written testimony.

(EXHIBIT T)

380 -Comments on cooperation of shared services such as transportation and food services.

420 MILNE: Asked about allowing districts to vote, and how would it adversely affect a district.

TAPE 90, SIDE B

060 RICHARD LEHNERT, SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL OF HAMILTON CREEK DISTRICT 33C, LEBANON: Submits and reviews testimony with committee. (EXHIBIT U)

116 RANDY BERNSTEN, TENNESSE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Testifies in support of the amendments.

160 DAVE LEGG, SODAVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #13: Testifies in support of SB 467 and the amendments allowing the mileage reduction.

200 ERIC BOWERS, WYATT ELEMENTARY, CHAIRMAN SCHOOL BOARD: Testifies in support of SB 467 with amendments.

250 -Continued testimony

300 -Continued testimony

390 -Continued testimony

400 LUKE: Announces additional testimony will be heard on Friday, April 28, 1995 and people must sign up upon leaving this hearing to be able to testify.

-Additional written testimony submitted by the following:

-MARGARET WOODBRIGHT, SALEM: (EXHIBIT V)

-DIANA MARGASON, SCIO: (EXHIBIT W)

-KENT GILL, SHERMAN: (EXHIBIT X)

-DOUGLAS FISHER, VICTOR POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: (EXHIBIT Y)

-LOURDES SCHOOL, LINN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #124: (EXHIBIT Z)

440 CHAIR LUKE: Adjourns at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Shelley Jones  
Committee Assistant

Jan McComb  
Committee Administrator

EXHIBIT LOG:

A- SB 467, Staff measure summary, LC-12, background information- Staff- 29  
pages  
B- SB 467, Testimony- Nichols- 2 pages  
C- SB 467, LC-13 amendments- Rep. Sowa- 5 pages  
D- SB 467, LC-11 amendments- Rep. VanLeeuwen- 4 pages  
E- SB 467, LC-17 amendments- Sen. Yih- 17 pages  
F- SB 467, Testimony- Johnson- 12 pages  
G- SB 467, Testimony- Foster- 2 pages  
H- SB 467, Testimony- Auw- 2 pages  
I- SB 467, Testimony- King- 1 page  
J- SB 467, Testimony- Alvord- 1 page  
K- SB 467, Testimony- Paniki- 2 pages  
L- SB 467, Testimony- White- 2 pages  
M- SB 467, Testimony- R. McCormack- 1 page  
N- SB 467, Testimony- B. McCormack- 1 page  
O- SB 467, Testimony- Albertson- 2 pages  
P- SB 467, Testimony- Hill- 5 pages  
Q- SB 467, Petition, Lake District #7- Albertson- 6 pages  
R- SB 467, Testimony- Albertson- 17 pages  
S- SB 467, Testimony- Brown- 32 pages  
T- SB 467, Testimony- Ortman- 7 pages  
U- SB 467, Testimony- Lehnert- 9 pages  
V- SB 467, Testimony- Woolbright- 1 page  
W- SB 467, Testimony- Margason- 6 pages  
X- SB 467, Testimony- Gill- 1 page  
Y- SB 467, Testimony- Fisher- 1 page  
Z- SB 467, Testimony- Lourdes School District- 12 pages  
AA- SB 467, Testimony- Foote- 2 pages