

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES & EDUCATION
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Hearing Room
9:00 a.m. Tape

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Patti Milne, Chair
Rep. Terry Thompson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Mike Lehman
Rep. John Meek
Rep. Frank Shields
Rep. Lynn Snodgrass
Rep. Dennis Luke, ex-officio

STAFF PRESENT:

Jan McComb, Committee Administrator
Shelley Jones, Committee Assistant

MEASURE HEARD:

HB 2892 Work Session

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 MILNE: Opens meeting at 11:30 a.m.

HB 2892 Work Session

009 DICK MEINHARDT, PORTLAND: Reviews the proposed LC- 4, LC-5, LC-6 amendments

to HB 2892, allowing charter schools. (EXHIBIT A)

020 -LC-1, LC-2 and LC-3 amendments have been integrated into the LC-4 amendments.

055 -Specific requirements for teachers and the possible religious nature of some charter schools.

080 -Annual report will be used for public disclosure, and is a mandatory requirement.

113 -Board immunity issues, eliminated in the language and debt limited to the term of the charter.

128 -Background checks for teachers and school employees.

132 -Uniformity in records, especially transfer records.

150 SNODGRASS: Comments on the vacant buildings reference of buildings

currently owned by the state.

195 MEINHARDT: LC-5 and LC-6 gives the local board the first right of refusal, with a review by the State Board of Education.

208 LUKE: Concerned that the LC-6 amendments only allow charter approval within 90 days. With this being so short, what if the're in a process of negotiations beyond the 90 days.

237 -If the local school district does not approve, can the charter starters go to another sponsor. The language leaves it open for "rejection" to include non-action, or action no fast enough to meet the limited timeline.

265 MILNE: The committee discussed the issue of what to do with a district that takes no action on an application.

290 SNODGRASS: Questions on maintaining charter school records in a similar manner as public student records.

305 THOMPSON: How are local districts going to enforce not having a charter school that is "religious based".

345 LUKE: Notification to "parent" school district when a charter school goes to or applies to another sponsor in another district.

350 MEINHARDT: Agrees that the local board does need to know about charter schools being considered in their district. Suggest an amendment be done to correct the language.

377 CHAIR MILNE: Adjourns meeting at 12:00 a.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A- LC-4, LC-5, LC-6 amendments- Meinhardt- 6 pages