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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON
HB 2689

June 5, 1995 Hearing Room 357
4:00 PM Tape 1

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Rep. Del Parks, Chair
Sen. Ken Baker
Rep. Kate Brown
Sen. Neil Bryant
Rep. Eileen Qutub
Sen. Peter Sorenson

STAFF PRESENT:
Holly Robinson, Counsel
Janet Ellingsworth, Assistant

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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.

TAPE 1, A

004 CHAIR PARKS: Convenes meeting at 4:02 P.M.

OPENS the WORK SESSION on HB 2689

006 TIMOTHY TRAVIS, JUVENILE RIGHT'S PROJECT: Testimony on HB 2689.
[EXHIBIT A]

011 REP. QUTUB: The question was raised on the Floor, if the children were
taken away, and the woman got pregnant again and wanted this child, would
she then have her child taken away when
it was born. The answer was yes, she would.

022 TRAVIS: Before a child could be removed from a mother at the hospital,
the criteria for removing the child from the parent would have to be met.

039 REP. QUTUB: If she had not taken action prior, as in line 17 and 18 of
the bill, if she had done
nothing to ameliorate it, something would be filed but she would have an
opportunity at that point to defend it?

044 TRAVIS: That is correct. If she had been clean and sober for five
years then she would have done something to ameliorate those conditions.

046 REP. BROWN: Under this bill, if five or even one of her children had
been previously terminated due to drug abuse, and she were still using and
the baby was effected, it is very likely
that a termination proceeding would proceed at that point.

054 TRAVIS: That is right, but to clarify, all this really does is before
you terminate a parents rights,
there is a period of time in which the state works with the mother.

064 REP. BROWN: My experience has been with Children's Services Division
(CSD), working with parents to get them rehabilitated, has been they work
with parents for an extremely long time.

068 TRAVIS: Yes, they do.

070 CHAIR PARKS: That is only a factor. Even if you have had your right's
terminated and they find that they have not done anything, it is still only
something they consider.

075 REP. BROWN: Essentially, you could have a parent who had raped one
child, intentionally starved another child, abused and neglected a third,
and then having those three terminated, has a fourth child and this would
still enable the state to bring a termination proceeding but would not
require the court to terminate the rights to that fourth child.

080 REP. QUTUB: My concern is with a totally different sceneio, where the
mother or father is
addicted to alcohol or drugs. Those things you can get treatment for.

089 CHAIR PARKS: I used to represent the juvenile department and it's
amazing the love that kids will continue to have after the horrible things
that parents do to them.

099 TRAVIS: That is one of the most difficult things to adjust to when you
are in juvenile court representing children.

117 REP. QUTUB: If you could "never" get your child back, it would be
egregious behavior?

119 TRAVIS: The reason it say's "never" is because right now judges are out
there and they won't order a guardianship because they know a parent can
attack a guardianship.

126 REP. BROWN: Permanent guardianship would accomplish everything plus
avoid the termination trial.

135 TRAVIS: That is one of the reasons it is written he way it is. This
will prevent termination trials because right now a parent really does not have a choice.

154 ROBINSON: Gives brief overview of conflicts in regard to HB 2689.

188 CHAIR PARKS: Everyone has had an opportunity to review the -B4
amendments.

190 MOTION: REP. BROWN: Moves the -B4 amendments and any conflict
necessary to HB 2689.

amendments

193 VOTE: In a roll call vote all members are present and vote AYE.

195 CHAIR PARKS: The motion CARRIES.

198 CHAIR PARKS: With nothing further the meeting is adjourned at 4:47 P.M.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

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