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Work Session

House Committee on
State and School Finance
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HOUSE STATE AND SCHOOL FINANCE COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FINANCE

March 16, 1995 8:30 AM HEARING ROOM A STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

Members Present: Chair Jim Welsh
Vice Chair Anita Rasmussen (arrived late 9:03 am)
Rep. Ken Strobeck
Rep. Jane Lokan (arrived late 8:50 am)

Witnesses Present: Walter Kosher, Dept. of Education

Staff: James Scherzinger, Legislative Revenue Officer
Terry Drake, Legislative Revenue Office
Laura Sherwood, Committee Assistant

TAPE 11 SIDE A

007 Chair Welsh -calls the meeting to order at 8:40 am and conducts administrative business
-distributed a list of issues regarding school finance for future information and discussion
020 Terry Drake -distributes Exhibit A, Program Budgeting & Accounting Manual
040 Walter Kosher -explains Exhibit A - school districts use the manual for coding expenditures. The manual was published in 1980.
084 Rep Strobeck -asks if every school dist. uses the manual
087 Kosher -answers every school dist. does use this accounting manual
-explains the coding system in the manual
115 Terry Drake -asks are services from ESD coded
120 Kosher -answers if services are received from ESD it is not an expenditure
134 All -general questions and discussion
170 Kosher -continues with explanation of coding in manual
234 All -general questions and comments

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-continuing with general questions and discussion regarding Exhibit A, Program Budgeting & Accounting Manual, specifically focusing on coding.
030 Kosher -comments several small school districts (eastern part of Oregon) are creating a dormitory system, in lieu of transportation funding
-general discussion
177 Kosher -comments district expenditures will vary on personnel descriptions
210 Terry Drake -states the school district representatives should be brought

in for future information

233 Chair Welsh -recesses at 9:24 am
234 Chair Welsh -reconvenes at 9:32
238 Rep. Schoon -many parents, in response to classroom crowding, enroll their children in private schools, crowded classrooms seem to be a local problem (Washington Co., Clackamas Co., Multnomah Co., school districts)
-comments superintendents want stable funding level and are currently cutting back to bare minimum to survive funding cuts
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-remarks that a few schools have started successful programs (Corvallis - traditional program, Eugene - alternative program, Portland-dropout program)

103 Rep Rasmussen -states concern that each child should be taught at the level they progress
118 Ozzie Rose -would like to see high school principals and college administrators come together on funding and teaching issues for the benefit

of the children.

150 All -discussion
180 Rep Lokan -asks what is the "traditional" school system.

188 Chair Schoon -explains the "traditional" school system
212 Chair Welsh -charges committee to continue researching and looking for
future items for discussion and information needed regarding cost of
educating students.
-general discussion
360 Chair Welsh -meeting adjourned 10:07 am

Laura Sherwood, Committee Assistant

Kimberly Taylor James, Office Manager

Exhibit Summary

A. Cost of Education Students, Kosher, Program Budgeting and Accounting
Manual for school districts