

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

May 17, 1993  
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Hearing Room 137 1:30 p.m.

Tapes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. John Meek, Chair Rep. Lisa Naito,  
Vice-Chair Rep. Ron Adams (Alternate) Rep. Larry Campbell Rep. Patti  
Milne Rep. Gail Shibley

STAFF PRESENT: Annette Price, Committee Administrator Edward C.  
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WORK SESSION: HB 2004 - Creates State Commission on Children  
and Families.

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004 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Calls the committee to order at 1:47 p.m.

WORK SESSION ON HB 2004 -- EXHIBIT A

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Opens the Work Session on HB 2004. -We have HB 2004-18,  
Proposed Amendments (EXHIBIT A).

009 MOTION: REP. NAITO: On page 2, line 4, change  
"must" to "should". -On page 12, line 21, delete "under the  
direction of the district attorney".

REP. NAITO: The language on page 12, line 21 is redundant and we don't  
need to include it.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Hearing no objection the motion is adopted.

016 CHAIRMAN MEEK: On page 6, line 21 "into" and line 30, "standards"  
were omitted in the previous draft. -There's a typo on page 38, line 4.  
The brackets should be removed from "Children's Services Division" and  
"or" should be inserted after it. -CSD will still be providing that  
service for two years.

031 REP. SHIBLEY: Which amendments are we going with?

CHAIRMAN MEEK: 2004-18. HB 2004-17 was a working copy.

REP. SHIBLEY: Are those the only differences between 17 and 18?

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Correct.

041 MOTION: REP. CAMPBELL: Moves HB 2004-18 as amended be printed and engrossed with a do pass recommendation to the House Appropriations Committee.

REP. NAITO: We have to adopt HB 2004-18 first.

MOTION: REP. CAMPBELL: Moves to adopt HB 2004-18 as amended.

056 REP. SHIBLEY: Where did section 1, separate from 1a come from?

060 ANNETTE PRICE: That was the Chair's request to Legislative Counsel (LC) to summarize the bill.

REP. SHIBLEY: It's an intro overview.

066 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Kathleen Beaufait worked up the intro.

REP. SHIBLEY: There was concern from the federal Government about continuing federal funds. -Later versions of the bill deal with that by saying the State

Commission, to ensure all federal funds continue to flow and do whatever is necessary to insure that happens. -Has there been any kind of expert opinion whether or not that language will suffice?

087 CHAIRMAN MEEK: We spent much of our time with LC over that issue and had LC draft the language they felt would be adequate to meet those

concerns of the federal agency. -DHR is the single agency with an interagency agreement to the state

commission. -The state commission will still be the advocate as they look at all of the programs.

098 REP. SHIBLEY: DHR will continue to act as the repository of federal funds, while the commission will have access of the funds for transfer

to the counties.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Yes.

REP. SHIBLEY: We don't know the Federal Government's reaction at this point?

CHAIRMAN MEEK: We have not gotten any negative response from them. -They were comfortable with that and said they were willing to continue to work with us. -They were supportive of the direction we were going.

112 REP. NAITO: On page 11, line 7, we adopted the state office would become effective July 1, 1995?

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Yes; it should be July.

120 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Will accept it as a friendly amendment.

MOTION: REP. NAITO: Offers a friendly amendment to change the effective date on page 11, line 7 to July 1, 1995.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Hearing no objection the motion is adopted.

127 REP. ADAMS: On page 8, line 15, why do we talk about Title XX by itself?

135 REP. CAMPBELL: Region 10 suggested that be included.

144 ROLL CALL: AYE: Rep. Campbell, Rep. Milne, Rep. Shibley, Rep. Naito, Chairman Meek.

The motion passes unanimously 5 to 0.

150 MOTION: REP. CAMPBELL: Asks for unanimous consent to suspend the rules and move HB 2004-18 to be printed engrossed as amended with a do pass recommendation to Appropriations.

167 REP. NAITO: Agrees with the motion. -This legislation is an effort to reinvent government. -There are some things which may cause some nervousness. -If you review the goals and statements in the legislation, what we're

trying to do will move us in a great direction. -We're trying to put the emphasis on prevention; preventing problems

from occurring. -The Wellness Model is one of the most exciting pieces of this

legislation. -We want to move into the direction of nurturing children; identifying

risks, providing supports, moving away from the crises model we now

have. -Another key factor is providing a continuum of services; integrating

funding and building on community supports. -The planning process will benefit our communities. -We're requiring they set goals, and we tie the goals to the Benchmarks and start measuring outcomes. -We've gone to great lengths to provide for a continuation of existing

services. -The intent is not to interrupt any existing programs. -As advocates for children, we should also advocate for increased

funding for these services. -We won't solve a funding problem with reorganization. -In the Children's Care Team we identified that the Oregon Health Plan

would provide many health care services to children; services they are

not now receiving. -We also identified integrating social services with education was a key component. -Finally, we identified there is a critical lack of services for

children. -She will continue to advocate for increased funding, tax reform,

funding the Oregon Health Plan, funding education reform and funding the programs called for in this legislation.

210 REP. MILNE: This is a bill one doesn't suddenly vote yes or no for. -She did not have the opportunity or honor to work on the Children's

Care Team. -When we're talking about children, it's not easy to do what's right. -She thanks all those who worked hard on this and those who have shared their ideas and views. -Many shared their heart wrenching stories, which should be the things

that shape the legislation we make. -While we had to have input and the best interests of every corner of

the state to make it work, there are things that will not please

everyone. -She has some concerns with some of the things in this bill and will

continue to try and change them if the opportunity is there. -HB 2004 deserves the respect and commitment that HB 3565 (1991 Session) has received. -She hopes we can continue to work on this bill to serve our children

and families better.

246 REP. CAMPBELL: This a tribute to 35 people plus some staff members. -The CCT asked that we stop talking about problems and start talking

about solutions. -This committee has taken a step forward in dealing with real problems

for real children in Oregon. -A lot of people have given tremendous input and plugged many of the

holes of concern in this legislation. -We need to recognize what's happening to children after they arrive in school. -We shouldn't be critical of teachers. -Many times the product we're providing teachers isn't ready to learn. -This legislation provides us an opportunity to focus on each year of a child's upbringing. -Giving emphasis where very little emphasis has been given; prenatal to age five. -He hopes this committee will begin to deal with registering child care providers and with the Healthy Start legislation. -He is proud of this committee, because the CCT gave us a lot of words

and a lot of challenges. -He doesn't think we could ask for a better job of putting something

together from different perspectives. -There has not been a single issue of partisanship during this process. -He thanks Annette Price and Craig Campbell. -He will give Rep. Adams the opportunity to vote.

311 REP. SHIBLEY: Government has done a very poor job of directing its resources at solving problems and of communicating what it is doing and why it's doing it. -She is reminded of a metaphor Superintendent Norma Paulus used at an

educational forum a couple of months ago; 3565 was like changing a tire

on a bus when it's careening out of control down a hill. -It's important for us to understand that we have some structural

problems with the way we deliver services to kids. -We also have a financial problem. -We have sorry record when it comes to providing for children. -Kids in poverty are the fastest growing segment of all people in

poverty. -Homeless kids are the fastest growing segment of the homeless. -We have sorry rates for immunized two year olds. -We have third-world birth weights. -There's no reason to expect this bill to do it all. -We need to be as committed, as we're showing now, to continue and

ensure that our kids are our most precious resource. -She also agrees that not everyone will be happy with this. -Portions of the bill differ from the Care Team Report. -She disagrees with some other things that are in the bill that were

also in the report. -Several Representatives from different counties have conflicting views of this legislation. -Ten years ago the federal government dropped a lot of services on to

the states. -She feels that is what the state is now doing to the counties. -She hopes she's wrong. -It's very important, as we change the structure, delivery system and

focus of those services, that we provide some early success. -She's concerned that if we bite off too much, we might not be able to

digest it all. -We need to go after this methodically, and with some real commitment. -We also need to be smart about it. -The devil is in the details. -The devil is here and, in some cases, maybe in people's minds. -This is not a panacea to the real pain of families and children. -If we are to be serious about moving from putting out fires to forest

management, we need to recognize it may be more expensive in the short

term. -We'll have to continue to put out those fires and manage crises at the time we're moving to a prevention and wellness model. -Some issues that are not in here, that are important for an early

success: -Address in a substantive way, the access and breadth of services

available to both genders. -Parenting education is critical. -She is supportive of healthy start and a beefed up child care system.

460 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Appreciates Rep. Shibley's comments.

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014 REP. ADAMS: When he was first appointed to the committee, he didn't realize how important it was. -A week ago he introduced HB 2004 to a group of doctors at Meridian Park Hospital. -They couldn't say more positively how important this really is in their world. -He agrees this is an opportunity to reinvent government. -He believes there will be incredibly positive response from the

recipients.

048 CHAIRMAN MEEK: He'll cherish this experience. -He thanks the audience for their help. -He thanks the staff. -For the record: The Speaker made the motion and Rep. Adams is voting

in his place.

067 ROLL CALL: AYE: Rep. Adams, Rep. Milne, Rep. Shibley, Rep. Naito, Chairman Meek.

The motion passes unanimously 5 to 0.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Adjourns at 2:23 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Amendments to HB 2004 - Staff - 42 pages