

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

May 19, 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. Patti Milne Rep. Gail Shibley

STAFF PRESENT: Annette Price, Committee Administrator Edward C.
Klein, Committee Assistant

WORK SESSION: HB 3469 - Establishes Task Force on Girls and
Young

Women.

PUBLIC HEARING: HB 3657 - Authorizes Oregon Community Children
and Youth Services Commission to provide programs and moneys to counties
for creation of programs to employ and train male and female youth who
are gang involved, gang affected or at risk of becoming gang affected.

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003 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Calls the committee to order at 1:38 p.m. -We
won't be able to hear HB 2008 today.

WORK SESSION ON HB 3469 -- EXHIBIT A

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Opens the Work Session on HB 3469.

014 REP. SHIBLEY: Offers a conceptual proposed amendment to combine
HB 346 9 and HB 3576 (EXHIBIT A). -Section 1 (1) is from Section 1 (2)
of HB 3576. -Subsection (2) is from HB 3469. -The language in subsection
(2)(b) relating to gang involvement is new. -Subsections (3)(a), (b) and
(c) are from HB 3469. -Subsections (4) and (4)(a) are from lines 15 to
23 of HB 3576. -She describes subsection (4)(b). -Section 2 is from HB
3469. -Subsection (2) also has the gang language. -She would like some
feedback from Legislative Counsel on the last clause of subsection (2).
-That study could be an enormous task and she's not sure if the task
force has the time or resources to do that. -She describes subsection
(3). -Subsection (4) is from page 2, line 1 of HB 3469, with additional
language. -As far as she knows there have been no gender specific
reports done in Oregon, but there may be some things done in other parts
of the country. That clause may or may not be necessary. -Sections 3 and
for are from sections 3 and 4 of HB 3469. -In subsection (2) she would
like to add, "Subject to the availability

of funds, the Oregon Community...." -Section 5 repeals the task force on the same date as it is in HB 346 9. -We must provide equal access to boys and girls. -We are concerned about a variety of specific issues; teen pregnancy, physical and sexual abuse, etc. -Recognizing that we are establishing a task force, we establish who will be on the task force and what we want. -We want them to get information. One of the main places to get information is directly from state agencies.

120 REP. NAITO: Will we also be asking the state agencies to look at federal funds that pass through the state agencies? -That should be included.

REP. SHIBLEY: Yes. We could specify that in section 1 (4) (a). -It's her intent not to include education in this. -While we want them to be a player, it seems as though we would be taking on a whole other piece that could skew the results.

142 REP. NAITO: Do we also want to look at local funding for services and consider them in the mixed county funds?

REP. SHIBLEY: That's addressed in section 2 (2).

137 REP. NAITO: How do you see this fitting in with the local planning provisions of HB 2004? -Do you see this task force as a resource or somehow monitoring those plans to ensure gender equity in the service plans?

REP. SHIBLEY: The task force was set up in OCCYSC. -If a state Commission on Children and Families is set up all of OCCYSC's responsibilities, including this task force, would fall under the state commission.

158 CHAIRMAN MEEK: In section 1 (4) (a), is your intent to include or exclude school-based clinics that are not under DHR?

REP. SHIBLEY: Would be open to any suggestions. -She thinks they would be included, because the Health Division is in charge. -We may want to say medical and mental health services; that may help to clarify it. 193

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Part of the discussion that has come up is that HB 200 4 calls for an interim committee being formed. -Would you be open to utilizing the interim committee as utilizing the

technical committee concept?

203 REP. SHIBLEY: Would be open to that. -The timeline is ambitious, but achievable. -A year from this July 1, all state agencies not only have to compare money and services, but they have to come up with a plan to implement equal access. -They will be pretty busy being in communication with the technical work committee. -After July 1, the technical committee and task force will be busy trying to figure out what to do with the information they received and

what their prioritized recommendations are? -We could put language in the bill that the task force could periodically report to the interim committee.

213 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Your preference is to have the task force separate from the interim committee?

REP. SHIBLEY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: We can sit down and work with the interested people and have those discussions.

REP. SHIBLEY: Is always open to discussion.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: He wants to get this through.

REP. SHIBLEY: She appreciates his interest.

235 MOTION: REP. SHIBLEY: Moves that the proposed amendments be accepted as conceptual amendments to be drafted by Legislative Counsel.

REP. SHIBLEY: Would like Kathleen Beaufait to come and talk to the committee about fiscal concerns as well as responsibility. -Is it kosher for a state agency to be required to answer to a citizen

task force set up under OCCYSC?

251 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Will have staff take some of these changes and get some clarification on some of the language that was brought up in our discussion. -We'll have this on our agenda Monday.

REP. SHIBLEY: We'll have Legislative Counsel work on that?

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Or at least get an answer. -We can request they be here.

REP. SHIBLEY: It would be helpful to see this in LC form. CHAIRMAN MEEK: He closes the Work Session.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 3657 -- EXHIBITS B to D

Witnesses: Rep. Dave McTeague, District 25 Howard Klink, Legislative Liaison, Multnomah County Health and Human Services Program and Legislative Liaison, Juvenile Justice Division Muriel Goldman, Children First for Oregon Bill Ray, Board Member, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette Terral Johnson, Mainstream Youth Program, Portland Annabelle Jaramillo, Commission on Hispanic Affairs

265 REP. DAVE McTEAGUE, District 25: Presents testimony in support of HB

3657 (EXHIBIT B).

345 HOWARD KLINK: Legislative Liaison, Multnomah County Health and Human

Services Program and Legislative Liaison, Juvenile Justice Division: Testifies in support of HB 3657. -With a complete continuum of services we are able to serve youth at the local level and provide cost effective alternatives to very expensive incarceration options at the state level. -Career track employment training is seen as one of the hooks that successfully diverts kids from criminal gang activity. -There is a network of nonprofit organizations that have provided training and opportunities.

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009 REP. SHIBLEY: How many agencies in Multnomah County combat the growth of gang related problems for female youth?

KLINK: This particular project involved 17 youth-serving agencies. -He can get her the information about which agencies specifically serve females or what percentage of the service population of those agencies serve females.

REP. SHIBLEY: Thinks there is one. -She supports programs dealing with gangs, but it's very shortsighted to deal with only male gang members. -If we don't start dealing with females, we'll have problems for generations to come. -She refers to page 1, lines 19 through 21. -Would it be advisable to require that those programs serve the same number of males and females?

034 REP. McTEAGUE: Supports that concept in principle.

REP. SHIBLEY: Would there be any concern if you had ten slots and five were for females and five were for males?

041 KLINK: The demographic data he has indicates that about 90% of gang involved youth are male. -There is an emerging problem of female gang activity and abuse of young women as a result of their involvement with male gang members.

050 REP. SHIBLEY: You're saying it should be more than 50%?

KLINK: Cannot answer, but based on these demographics he'd raise questions about it.

REP. SHIBLEY: Has no doubt his figures are very accurate. -If we don't provide professional employment activities for young women we are exacerbating not only the gang problem, but a variety of other social, criminal and other problems. -Would you agree?

066 KLINK: Yes.

REP. SHIBLEY: Where did the 10% and 2% administrative costs in section 3 (2) come from?

REP. McTEAGUE: They came from John Ball of OCCYSC.

075 REP. SHIBLEY: Is concerned that every last dollar be spent and invested for our youth.

REP. McTEAGUE: Put this in there at the request of OCCYSC. -He'd defer to the committee on this.

085 REP. SHIBLEY: Would it make sense to put language in here to allow this fund or OCCYSC...

REP. McTEAGUE: It's appropriate for OCCYSC to offer this up for grants.

REP. SHIBLEY: For OCCYSC to be able to accept gifts and grants for this fund?

096 ANNETTE PRICE: Senate Bill 682-A includes that language.

REP. McTEAGUE: Would accept that as a friendly amendment.

105 REP. NAITO: Does not know if offering some of the gang members a job

would make any difference. -Those young men seem to want adult males to take an interest in their

lives. -She hopes that this measure won't be seen as a panacea. -Lack of self-esteem, lack of involvement in the community may be greater issues than the ability to get a job.

118 REP. McTEAGUE: We met with youth gang outreach workers to develop this proposal.

139 KLINK: This is an outgrowth of a popular community perception that an appropriate response to gang activities were mentoring and recreation programs. -Unless an economic future and a job is connected as an extension of those other things it's not a complete package of services.

148 REP. MILNE: Refers to page 2, lines 2 through 4, HB 3657. -There are communities that are just beginning to recognize the problem. -She hopes every community that has a problem will get an appropriate share of the moneys.

168 REP. McTEAGUE: The loss of Level 7 services will affect a lot of girls. -It's our intent that this be utilized as a statewide program. -We also shouldn't let Multnomah County's program fall apart. -If we adequately fund this, there should be enough dollars to do some

things in other areas of the state.

KLINK: Addressing the statewide problem is the goal.

197 MURIEL GOLDMAN, Children First for Oregon et al: Presents testimony in support of HB 3657 (EXHIBIT C). -Describes the one program in Multnomah County that serves gang involved girls. -She presents information from "Blueprint on Gangs."

290 BILL RAY, Board Member, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette: Presents testimony in support of HB 3657 (EXHIBIT D).

324 TERRAL JOHNSON, Mainstream Youth Program, Portland: Testifies in support of HB 3657.

410 REP. NAITO: Have you tried to work with the schools?

JOHNSON: Does not know.

423 REP. NAITO: Has heard where the curriculum has worked for some of these kids.

JOHNSON: It's a much bigger statewide problem. -He sees it from his neighborhood's perspective.

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017 RAY: There is an Indian Education Program associated with the Portland schools.

030 REP. SHIBLEY: Do either of you deal with the Interact Program?
-It's a diversion program that deals with youth who will be expelled or
are about to drop out of the Portland Public School System? -As you work
with kids who are already out of school, the next group of people would
be those who are barely hanging on.

JOHNSON: Does not work with the program.

RAY: Is not familiar with the program.

REP. SHIBLEY: Urges them to contact the Portland Public School Interact
Program.

045 ANNABELLE JARAMILLO, Commission on Hispanic Affairs: Testifies
in support of HB 3657.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Closes the Public Hearing. -He adjourns at 2:43 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

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