

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

June 16, 1993

Hearing Room 137 1:30 p.m.

Tape 97

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Gail Shibley

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

WORK SESSION: HB 3184 - Directs Children's Services Division
to regulate adoptions of children under 18 years of age. HB 2003 -
Establishes standards for support delivery

systems for children and families by State Office of
Services for Children and Families

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TAPE 97, SIDE A

003 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Calls the committee to order at 1:58 p.m.

WORK SESSION ON HB 3184

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Opens the Work Session on HB 3184. -SB 295 also deals
with adoption and in his discussions with Rep.

Mannix, the Speaker and Rep. Parks, he asked that these two bills be put
together or at least be brought out at the same time so they are not in
conflict.

015 MOTION: REP. MILNE: Moves HB 3184 without recommendation as
to passage to the Speaker with a subsequent referral to Judiciary.

ROLL CALL: All members present voting Aye (3 to 0).

AYE: Rep. Adams, Rep. Milne, Chairman Meek.

EXCUSED: Rep. Naito & Rep. Shibley

WORK SESSION ON HB 2003 -- EXHIBIT A

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Opens the Work Session on HB 2003. -HB 2003-3, Proposed
Amendments (EXHIBIT A).

023 REP. BEV CLARNO, District 55: Appreciates your cooperation in helping us in Deschutes County. -She introduces the panel members.

039 NANCY MILLER, Administrator, CRB: The State Court Administrator's Office and the folks with Deschutes County came up with a concept before the session started to do integrated service delivery with children and families. -We are coming to you at this late date, because we first wanted to see if the Deschutes County concept could be done in concert with HB 2004. -The major reason HB 2003 is needed is that it goes a little farther

than HB 2004 and includes the court piece. -The State Court Administrator has worked closely with Deschutes County to ensure we get the most efficient, effective and accessible service

delivery system. -We did not have the opportunity to put the court piece into 2004,

because it did not have the 18 months of study by the Children's Care

Team that the other services had. -We're not sure how it will work. -Rep. Naito and others asked how we were integrating the court piece. -We wanted to do it on a pilot basis and see how it works.

070 CHAIRMAN MEEK: If this bill passes, how long before you are up and running?

MILLER: Deschutes County can reply.

076 ERNIE MAZOROL, Trial Court Administrator, Deschutes County: Once the bill passes both Houses, he hopes that by mid to late October we'll have a commission in place. -By the first of the year we should have the commission on board and the Program Advisory Council working. -We see no reason that the Program Advisory Council can't begin work

right now. -The Program Advisory Council are the department heads who will advise

the all lay commission.

091 STEVE TIKTIN, Circuit Judge, Deschutes County: We appreciate the commitment and ability of the people of Deschutes County to establish

and implement this project. -The judiciary wants to be involved with this project, because we

believe this is also a matter of mutual concern between the judiciary

and county commission. -We would have preferred mandating the inclusion of a presiding judge in the process, we are certain the county commissioners will involve us. -Some time ago the county commission and presiding judge, with the

support of all the judges, established a working partnership toward the development of a project similar to the one HB 2003 provides for. -We believe we'll be able to demonstrate, within the period of the pilot project, the wisdom of the pilot project itself and the wisdom of

ensuring the full participation of judges.

117 REP. NAITO: Is there any reason why it needs to be a pilot project? -Someone indicated that it might more appropriately be a demonstration

project.

JUDGE TIKTIN: Is not aware of any reason why it was designated a pilot project.

REP. NAITO: It seems that this is the first step to demonstrate that we can actually get a program that does this.

128 BRAD MULVIHILL, Division Manager, Juvenile Department, Deschutes County: We have worked closely with the juvenile department in creating a

juvenile court referee. -This recognizes the fact, in a formal way, that judges are a part of

the process. -A lot of ground was lost when the judge was taken out of the role of

being the appointing authority of the juvenile court director. -HB 2003 recognizes that judges are an important player in the system.

144 CHAIRMAN MEEK: It might be more appropriate changing "pilot" to "demonstration". -We don't have a fiscal, would anyone not be available at 10:30 a.m.

Friday?

REP. NAITO: Would prefer having that time to review these amendments.

158 REP. ADAMS: You're talking about page 1, line 6?

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Yes.

REP. ADAMS: We've heard from some judges that HB 2004 was headed down the wrong track. -He assumes you disagree with that?

JUDGE TIKTIN: Yes.

REP. ADAMS: Do you have any idea why he's been hearing differently? -He doesn't know why they see HB 2004 as a weakening of the juvenile court process.

JUDGE TIKTIN: We think 2004, in conjunction with 2003, strengthens it.

177 MILLER: There has been some concern. -Change is frightening. -There has been concern by one county about raiding remedial programs

for preventive programs. -She doesn't think Deschutes County has an intent to raid remedial

programs and render them ineffective. -There may be a money savings in

remedial programs and that money could be transferred to prevention programs. -It's frightening to think some of the children we work with could be

left out as we work with the Wellness Model. -They need to be provided for at the same level as we move towards that wellness approach.

193 REP. ADAMS: Why do we need section 7?

CHAIRMAN MEEK: This rolls into HB 2004. -He refers to page 2, lines 22 through 27. -This is so we don't have duplicate commissions; so the commission at

that time will become the commission under HB 2004. -If we can iron out some of the aspects of how this demonstration

project works, next session we'll be dealing with how to roll that into HB 2004. -This sunsets; it'll either be renewed or it will be rolled into HB

2004.

218 REP. ADAMS: It looks like lines 22 through 27 accomplishes that if 2004 passes. -If they want to do it and we want them to do it; why don't we do it?

REP. NAITO: Concurr. Legislative Counsel could draft it so that if HB 2004 fails, it can proceed on its own.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: If it looks like 2004 won't pass, we could deal with this in the Senate,

239 REP. ADAMS: As long as you make a commitment to get this accomplished.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: There was a lot of discussion about putting something like this into 2004. -Deschutes County had been working on this prior to the session. -In early May Deschutes County was mentioned in HB 2004 and that was

deleted. -Since then HB 2003 has come about, better clarifying their intent. -He has no problem making sure this gets going. -He closes the Work Session. -We'll move it at 10:30 a.m. on Friday. -He'd like a motion to allow Rep. Naito to vote on HB 3184.

MOTION: REP. MILNE: Moves to allow Rep. Naito to vote on HB 3184.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Hearing no objection the motion is adopted.

REP. NAITO: Votes Aye.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Adjourns at 2:19 p.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Amendment to HB 2003 - Staff - 5 pages