

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Hearing Room 50 2:00 p.m.

Tapes 31

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

PUBLIC HEARING: HB 2141 -- Requires CSD to establish priorities  
for

receiving custody of children based on available resources.

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003 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Calls the committee to order at 2:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Rep. Adams, Rep. Milne, Rep. Shibley, Chairman  
Meek EXCUSED: Rep. Naito

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Discusses future agendas.

049 REP. SHIBLEY: If we'll be dealing with the Care Team  
legislation, can we have an overview of the bills first? -During the  
Care Team we were forbidden to talk about the budget.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: We've had that discussion. We're finding it difficult  
to schedule Legislative Fiscal.

REP. SHIBLEY: Annette, will you be presenting on the 3rd?

081 ANNETTE PRICE: That hasn't been determined.

085 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Continues discussing the agendas.

093 REP. ADAMS: Refers to the regional meeting. Will each of us go  
to one site?

CHAIRMAN MEEK: We'll go together. REP. ADAMS: We'll go to one site?

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Several sites on the same day. -That will be  
prearranged. -Within the next week we'll be concentrating on HB 2004.

Rep. Naito enters at 2:20 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - HB 2141 -- EXHIBITS A to

Witnesses: Nancy Miller, Administrator, Citizen Review Board Benjamin De Haan, Assistant Administrator, CSD

Timothy Travis, Juvenile Rights Project, Inc. Jo Ellen Reich, CSD  
Therapist Juanita Mara, Parent Rosemary Adamski, Mothers

Keith Kuhn, Parent Marlene Kuhn, Parent Jean Rees, Parent

111 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Opens the Public Hearing on HB 2141.

114 NANCY MILLER, Administrator, Citizen Review Board: Presents testimony in opposition to HB 2141 (EXHIBIT A).

194 REP. ADAMS: On Monday, someone testified that if the Children's Care

Team (CCT) legislation passed, he would support this bill. -Do you agree?

204 MILLER: Thinks what they were talking about was that if the CCT legislation passed, this would no longer be an issue, because somebody would be serving that population.

209 REP. NAITO: Unintelligible.

216 CHAIRMAN MEEK: We won't get out of here until we identify how those Level 7 kids will get served.

REP. ADAMS: At this time we don't have any additional funding for the Level 7 children.

232 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Asks Nancy Miller to briefly review the CCT report.

239 REP. ADAMS: Do you agree with some of the comments made regarding paperwork? -Do you agree that if caseworkers could spend 40% of their time with clients, rather than 20%, they could handle the workload?

MILLER: The paperwork could be reduced. -She agrees with CSD's comments on the survey they will supply the committee. -There's a lot of other time that is direct service time that is outside of the 20%. 260 REP. NAITO: We looked at social services in the Care Team and didn't

spend much time looking at the Judicial Department. -Are you recommending any changes?

MILLER: That would be a better question for Bill Linden.

274 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Refers to her recommendations. -The Children's Care Team report talks about families designing their own service plan. -Another aspect in the report requires a statewide automation system.

300 REP. SHIBLEY: Refers to an article in today's Oregonian about escapes from the Hilgard Work Study Center in La Grande. -What level would the residents of Hilgard be classified as?

MILLER: This is a parole camp. These youth exhibit severe delinquent behavior.

334 REP. SHIBLEY: If CSD continues it's present assortment of services, and provides services to Level 7, what's that mean for the upper levels, will those resources be taken away?

349 MILLER: That's one of the concerns. -CSD needs to discuss with their partners the most efficient way to serve the children.

357 BENJAMIN De HAAN, Assistant Administrator, CSD: The delinquent children will continue to be served; they are not part of the level system.

367 REP. SHIBLEY: People living in the environment of Hilgard might not feel comfortable.

De HAAN: The local people are very concerned, it is not a secure facility. He elaborates.

REP. SHIBLEY: These are felony sex offenders?

De HAAN: Some of them are.

391 REP. ADAMS: Refers to service agreements on page 2 of Nancy's testimony. -What is a service agreement and why don't we do it?

De HAAN: Describes service agreements.

436 REP. ADAMS: Can see why it's an agreement and not a commitment. -How could they save \$1.8 million per year, if that's not provable?

446 MILLER: The spirit and intent in which those agreements is developed is very important. -CSD is implementing the Family Unity Model.

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001 MILLER: The Secretary of State's audit recommends a service agreement that's developed jointly with the family. -The audit implies that when families feel they are part of the solution the case plan will progress more quickly, children will leave care more quickly, saving dollars.

008 De HAAN: The savings are calculated on achieving a permanent plan more quickly. -We support the spirit of service agreements to the extent that it involves families, but service agreements alone are a narrow description of the changes we need to make.

024 REP. MILNE: Would encourage the use of service agreements. -Why haven't they been done?

040 MILLER: Ben and I believe it's a good idea.

De HAAN: Service agreements are one tool. -There are lots of things we need to consider.

REP. MILNE: We need all the parts, why aren't they implemented?

067 De HAAN: We don't have the policy requiring service agreements in all cases. -Mandating service agreements won't get us where we need to go.

063 MILLER: We've made the recommendation to CSD, but have never formalized it; maybe we could.

REP. MILNE: If there is a potential savings and if service agreements are an important part of a family's service, they should be implemented.

071 De HAAN: We'll try to increase our efforts.

085 TIMOTHY TRAVIS, Juvenile Rights Project, Inc.: Testifies in opposition to HB 2141 (EXHIBIT B).

240 REP. SHIBLEY: Bob Dylan also said, "Money doesn't talk, it swears."

Maybe we should do more swearing.

TRAVIS: Comments on service agreements. -He doesn't know how service agreements can save \$1 million.

267 JO ELLEN REICH, CSD Therapist: Presents testimony on recommendations

relating to University of Southern Maine study. (EXHIBIT C).

380 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Could you explain how cutting services to Level 7 relates to contracting.

REICH: Responds. -We only have staff in our office to treat Levels 1 through 3. -The Level system is already in place.

TAPE 31, SIDE B 017 REP. NAITO: Thanks her for her testimony.

REICH: It's crazy interviewing children at home. It's much more successful if we can interview them at school. -The kids deserve the help. -She refers to Whistleblower Law (EXHIBIT C).

041 REP. NAITO: Thanks her for her testimony.

047 JUANITA MARA, Concerned Parent: Presents testimony in opposition to HB 2141 (EXHIBIT D).

114 REP. ADAMS: A previous speaker is convinced that we need to put more

money into serving children. Why are you at odds with CSD?

MARA: Has been directly affected by the agency.

135 ROSEMARY ADAMSKI, Mothers: Testifies in opposition to HB 2141.

236 KEITH KUHN, Parent: Presents testimony on his relationship with  
CSD (EXHIBIT E).

274 MARLENE KUHN, Parent: Presents testimony on her relationship  
with CSD (EXHIBIT F).

292 K. KUHN: Continues with testimony.

303 M. KUHN: Continues with testimony.

351 CHAIRMAN MEEK: This hearing is on HB 2141.

K. KUHN: This case has wasted money.

M. KUHN and K. KUHN: Continue their testimony.

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014 M. KUHN: Continues with her testimony.

022 REP. ADAMS: Why hasn't an appeal process been successful?

K. KUHN: We can't afford the attorney we need.

REP. ADAMS: This may not have anything to do with HB 2141. -Why are you  
appearing before us?

038 K. KUHN: We met with Rep. Tiernan.

M KUHN: CSD wants more money, but they don't use what they have. -Some  
of the caseworkers should be fired; they have the wrong attitude. 052  
De HAAN: Would be happy to answer any questions the Kuhn's have; we'll  
do what we can.

060 CHAIRMAN MEEK: We need to make sure we stick to HB 2141.

072 De HAAN: Rep. Adams, do you want me to get back with you with  
some specific information?

REP. ADAMS: No.

076 REP. MILNE: What's the hang up, why aren't these parents being  
served and why are they being forced to pay back money?

084 K. KUHN: Responds.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: We need to stick to the bill. -He thanks them for their  
testimony.

REP. NAITO: She had to meet with constituents and will read their  
testimony.

102 JEAN REES, Parent: Presents testimony on her experience with  
CSD.

131 CHAIRMAN MEEK: We need to stay focused on HB 2141. -This is not  
the time for an open forum. -He thanks her for her testimony.

159 REP. ADAMS: Do you have specific comments on the bill?

REES: Is opposed to the bill and CSD getting any additional funding.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Adjourns at 3:50 p.m.

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