

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
WORK GROUP ON STATE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

April 19, 1993                      Hearing Room H-170  
3:00 p.m.                              Tapes 06 - 07

MEMBER PRESENT:                      Rep. Lisa Naito, Chair  
    Rep. Patti Milne

STAFF PRESENT:                        Edward C. Klein, Committee Assistant  
    Kathy Taylor, Committee Clerk

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POSSIBLE WORK SESSION:              HB 2004 - Creates State Commission on Children and  
    Families.

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WITNESSES:

CHRIS KRENK, OREGON ALLIANCE OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS  
JEAN GAINS  
JIM DYER, MARION & POLK FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION  
RICH PEPPERS, OREGON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNION

003 CHAIR NAITO: Calls the work group to order at 3:15 p.m.

004 CHRIS KRENK, OREGON ALLIANCE OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:  
Concerns of transition if decentralized. Don't want child  
services to be disrupted.

CHAIR NAITO: If we set up state commission, should it  
oversee what goes on in the state offices?

KRENK: It should be separate, that would be the strongest  
Are you getting close to finishing?.

CHAIR NAITO: We have draft summary, with conceptual  
amendments.

047 JEAN GAINS: There are going to be a lot of corrections over  
the next couple of years. We need to know how to find out  
about specialized services. Lets not be too fast in pulling  
out CSD functions.

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094 MILNE: Low incident - high cost services, some are provided at local level. Key word is require the state coordination.

CHAIR NAITO: Can't mandate each locality.

MILNE: If that seems to be what is working, let's leave it. What kind of state coordination, can we build on that?

CHAIR NAITO: We need to know where state commission people are at in planning. Key decisions: do we want state office to be overseen by commission, decide if we want to set up state office at all or leave existing and pull those over.

149 MILNE: Want to make some assumptions, to generate conversation.

CHAIR NAITO: Tried to summarize testimony, outlines all of concerns.

174 JIM DYER, MARION & POLK FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION: If you're going to a leave state office, then I would urge that foster care stay within the state office. It's extremely difficult to put on county level.

CHAIR NAITO: Because you need to work closely with CPS?

194 DYER: Work very closely with natural parents teaching them how to take care of their children. If we can put them back together as a family, hopefully they will be directed to a resource center.

CHAIR NAITO: That is how I envision it.

226 DYER: Team effect is beginning to work whether you leave it or change the name.

CHAIR NAITO: What is your opinion of having commission oversee state offices?

DYER: There has to be close cooperation with protective side. If the commission oversees the state offices they would have more authority to request cooperation.

289 RICH PEPPERS, OREGON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNION: OPEU does not support state commission overseeing state offices. Strong link of services provided through CSD with other DHR programs. This proposed change would make it more difficult to cooperate and exchange resources.

315 CHAIR NAITO: Agree, do you feel it would be possible sometime in the future?

PEPPERS: If we had a better idea of what we are moving toward or trying to create. We need to build on our strengths.

CHAIR NAITO: Would that ambiguity be disconcerting to employees?

354 PEPPERS: Another reason for not supporting this, is what kind of legal status the state office has at that point. It makes sense to designate CSD as state office. Review by legislators is necessary before going on.

TAPE 7 SIDE A

040 CHAIR NAITO: I would only support commission overseeing state offices if put in some timeline so that there can be some analysis. Advantages in child protective services being separate.

055 CHAIR NAITO: Closes meeting at 3:50.

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