

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 11, 1993 Hearing Room E 1:30 p.m. Tapes 12 - 13

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Carolyn Oakley, Chair Rep. Jim Whitty, Vice-Chair
Rep. Patti Milne Rep. John Schoon Rep. Larry Sowa Rep. Sharon Wylie

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. John Meek

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Sample Brown, Administrator Carolynn
Gillson, Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 2093 - Deletes requirement for statewide
accounting system, PAW HB 2095 - Set standard for admission of underage
children to kindergarten, PUB

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statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation
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TAPE 11, SIDE A

004 REP. CAROLYN OAKLEY, chair: Calls meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.

Public Hearing on HB 2093 Witnesses: Greg McMurdo, Department of
Education (DOE) Marvin Evans, Confederation of School Administrators
(COSA)

015 GREG McMURDO, DOE: Addresses some of the issues raised at the
initial hearing on the bill such as the deletion of the word "basic" on
line 7 and deletion of the requirement for statewide accounting
procedures to identify actual costs of implementing a basic education. >
This statute is a product of former Governor Goldschmidt's Commission
on School Funding Reform and it was enacted in 1989. > Reviews why the
Department no longer needs the accounting system. > Legislative Counsel
Committee directed the DOE to have a bill drafted since the statute had
not been implemented.

061 MARVIN EVANS, COSA: We are concerned about this bill becoming law
because it would have been very expensive for school districts to
implement. > Explains why he was fundamentally against changing the
accounting system when he was a school district superintendent.

Work Session on HB 2093

087 MOTION: Rep. Whitty moves HB 2093 to the floor with a
do pass recommendation.

MOTION PASSES: In a roll call vote, the motion carries with all
members present voting AYE. Excused: Rep. Meek Carrier: Rep. Larry
Sowa

Public Hearing on HB 2095 Witnesses: Karen Brazeau, Department of
Education (DOE) Anita McCallahan, DOE

114 KAREN BRAZEAU, DOE: Reviews the statute changes in the bill regarding the entrance of kindergarten-age children into school, removal of reference to a nonjury civil action, placement of special education children, and reimbursement to school districts for providing transportation for children who are eligible for special education at ages 3 and 4.

149 REP. JOHN SCHOON: Is the intent of Section 1 beyond what HB 3565 required from last session?

BRAZEAU: The intent is to allow local school districts to establish local policy for the entrance of children into kindergarten programs. Some school districts have an open enrollment policy and will let children enroll up to a particular date in the school year.

REP. SCHOON: It appears we are no longer looking for children who are more socially developed beyond their age, but for those who need special help. Is that true?

BRAZEAU: The wording was changed to make the words the same as those in HB 3565. The real intent is to allow school districts to accept children who missed the cut off date but can benefit from being in a kindergarten program.

200 REP. PATTI MILNE: By eliminating a particular birth date that sets the parameters of what makes a child eligible, is the school district or the Department going to spell out the guidelines to use when determining when a child is ready for school?

BRAZEAU: I believe the intent of this legislation is to allow the local school districts to establish those criteria.

229 REP. SHARON WYLIE: Are behavioral and emotional criteria considered when developing those guidelines?

247 ANITA McCALLAHAN, coordinator for early childhood programs, DOE: Language on line 11 is current policy. > Each school district creates a early entrance policy. The policy is generally based on developmental skills that children are tested on. Some districts require a battery of tests that parents pay for or they may require a two-week trial period in a kindergarten environment. The policies vary across the state.

REP. WYLIE: How would this bill set a different standard or guideline for local school districts?

McCALLAHAN: We are standardizing the language with what is currently in HB 3565. The standard for entrance remains the same and is up to local school districts.

329 REP. WYLIE: It seems strange to me that the things that are fairly constant for that age would not be part of the state's policy. McMURDO: It is already the law. > Requests committee hold bill until 2/22 so amendments can be prepared so Oregon's law can conform with the rapidly changing federal law.

Introduction of committee bills

394 CHAIR OAKLEY: Makes comments about introducing committee bills.

TAPE 13, SIDE A

015 CHAIR OAKLEY: Reads the summary of the following Legislative Counsel drafts and lists the requesters (EXHIBIT A): LC 2841 at the request Rep. Starr LC 2153, 2154 and 2155 at the request of Jim Markee, Ore. Professional Cosmetologist Assoc. LC 1146 at the request of the Oregon State Grange LC 2506 at the request of the Traditional Values Coalition LC 2955, 2956 and 2957 at the request of the Oregon Education Association > There are no objections to motions to introduce the drafts as committee bills.

168 CHAIR OAKLEY: Adjourns the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Reviewed and submitted by:

Carolynn Gillson Assistant

EXHIBIT LOG: A - Introduction of Committee bills - Committee staff - 42 pages