

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 25, 1993 Hearing Room F 1:30 p.m. Tapes 19-22

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

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

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 2711 - Appropriate money to State Board of
Higher Education for College

of Veterinary Medicine, PAW

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TAPE 19, SIDE A

005 REP. CAROLYN OAKLEY, chair: Calls the meeting to order at 1:30
p.m.

Public Hearing on HB 2711

Witnesses: Rep. Bill Markham Sen. Mae Yih Rep. Denny Jones Rep. Lonnie
Roberts Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen Rep. Kate Brown Rep. Carolyn Oakley Dr.
Loren Koller, Dean of College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) at OSU Rep.
Tim Josi Sam Snyder, Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Dave Nelson, Oregon Dairy
Farmers Assoc. Don Moisan, dairy farmer Jim Krahan, Oregon Dairy Farmers
Assoc. Jim Krieg, Skylane Farms Andrea Adams, student at CMV Mary
Grimes, OSU student John Byrne, OSU President Tonia Rice, Granges of
Oregon Tom Bartlett, Chancellor of Higher Education John Reddington,
Diagnotics Bob Pearson, Mallard Medical Rep. Larry Sowa Bud Byers,
former state representative Witnesses: Bill Hoyt, Hawley Land & Cattle
Co. (cont.) Lynn Lundquist, Oregon Cattlemen's Assoc. Stan Hendy,
Oregon Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) Bob Hall, rancher in Douglas county
Dr. Robert Huckfeldt, Oregon Veterinary Medicine Assoc. (OVMA) Dr.
Duwayne Penfold, veterinarian from Eugene Dr. Michael Foland, OMVA Dr.
Joe Snyder, veterinarian Dr. Terry McCoy, Animal Health Center Sen. Rod
Johnson Rep. Sam Dominey Don Halligan, llama industry Richard Wickum,
llama industry Glen Pfefferkorn, Willamette Valley Llama Assoc.
Christopher Dorn, of Salem Joyce Faultus, from Canby Cassera Moretty,
from Canby Cheryl Breslin, from St. Helens Linda Young, from Douglas
county Cleve Dumdi, Oregon Sheep Growers Assoc. John Guynup, Western
Oregon Livestock Assoc. Ray Seidler, from Corvallis Tom Meyer, Mtn. View
Veterinary Hospital and Washington State Veterinary Medicine Assoc.
Libby Robertson, student at CVM Rep. Hedy Rijken, District 4 Erwin
Weichel, from Oregon City Rebecca Anderson, Human Society of Willamette
Valley Sharon Harmon, Oregon Human Society

040 REP. BILL MARKHAM, District 46: Reviews the history of the
College of Veterinary Medicine (CVS) at OSU. > Reads the list of

organizations that are listed as requestors on the bill. > Explains how strongly he supports the bill.

148 SEN. MAE YIH, District 19: Reads her testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT A).

232 REP. DENNY JONES, District 60: Testifies in support of the bill.

248 REP. LONNIE ROBERTS, District 21: Testifies in support of the bill. > Oregon has a strong agricultural base and it would be criminal to not have a state veterinarian school. > The CVM has done some important things in bio-technology and could be on the cutting edge of new technology.

282 REP. LIZ VanLEEUEWEN, District 37: OSU is the only land grant institution in state and is a fitting place for the CVM to be. > Suggests cutting out the Environmental Law Clinic and related programs at the U of O. > The school not only trains students but serves as a diagnostic lab.

343 REP. KATE BROWN, District 23: The veterinarian profession is a good one for women. > Explains how important the school is to horse owners as well as owners of pets.

377 REP. CAROLYN OAKLEY, District 36: Talks about the mail she has received in support of the bill from people in her district and elsewhere. > Stresses the issue is not a rural issue but a statewide issue.

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008 DR. LOREN KOLLER, Dean of the CVM at OSU: Reads his testimony giving a brief overview of the college and reviews the additional materials provided (EXHIBIT C). > Shows number of petitions signed in support of school.

094 REP. JOHN SCHOON: How does the college support the agricultural industry?

KOLLER: We support all aspects of livestock and poultry primarily through advances in research, in our diagnostic laboratory and by returning animals to production.

104 REP. SHARON WYLIE: How are fees set for services?

KOLLER: About 90 percent of the animals we treat are referred by veterinarians around the state. The fees are competitive and pay for the operation of the program. Annual fee for the diagnostic lab is nearly \$300,000 and annual fee for the hospital is about \$850,000.

132 REP. TIM JOSI, District 2: Explains the importance of a stable supply of veterinarians to the dairy industry in Tillamook county.

157 SAM SNYDER, Director, Veterinary Diagnostic Lab: Reviews a list of negative impacts on the diagnostic lab should the college close (see p. 5, EXHIBIT B).

CHAIR OAKLEY: Is it a safe assumption, if this program were not funded, it would be difficult to bring it back to the level it is

today?

SNYDER: It would be almost impossible.

257 DAVE NELSON, Oregon Dairy Farmers Assoc. and quarter horse breeder: Talks about the three areas the facility provides services to: commercial livestock industry, recreational and pet owners, and education to young people.

323 DON MOISAN, dairy farmer: Represents 600 dairy farmers. > Explains how important veterinarians are for dairy farmers. > Urges support of bill.

394 JIM KRAHAN, Director of the Oregon Dairy Farmers Assoc.: Explains how they actively recruit students at OSU and without the veterinary program many will go to school in the state of Washington.

443 JIM KRIEG, Skylane Farms: Reads his written testimony explaining the importance of maintaining a strong livestock and poultry industry in Oregon (EXHIBIT C). TAPE 19, SIDE B

005 KRIEG: Continues his testimony in support of the bill.

046 ANDREA ADAMS, senior at the College of Veterinary Medicine: Reads her testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT D).

073 MARY GRIMES, OSU student: Reads her testimony listing her questions and concerns if OSU loses its veterinary program (EXHIBIT E).

117 JOHN BYRNE, OSU President: Suggests requesting a minimum of \$8.8 million for funding. > Reviews the history of budget reductions at OSU. > Prepared vision statement last April to help get through the budget problem created by the passage of Measure 5. Used guidelines from the Board of Higher Education to prepare the 1993-95 biennium. > Because of the apparent high cost of training veterinarians, we recommended that the state general fund portion of its support be reduced from \$5.1 million to \$1 million to support the diagnostic lab. > Veterinary school is highest priority for add back funds. > Two factors at work - limitations in higher education and the importance of veterinary medicine to this state. > Recommends passing the bill on to the Ways and Means Committee.

194 CHAIR OAKLEY: What are the actual cuts to OSU?

BYRNE: We were asked to come up with a total of \$23.5 million which is a 20 percent reduction. Most of the support for the college is the state general and education portion which is a \$15.75 million reduction. > Half of that cut is to come from administration and support services and the remainder to come from program reductions, tuition increases and increased faculty productivity. > If the cut is less than 20 percent, we will recommend funding go to veterinary medicine.

254 REP. WYLIE: What is the average salary for a veterinarian working in the lab?

KOLLER: For an assistant professor it is around \$52,000. > Last year, we received nearly \$900,000 in grants.

CHAIR OAKLEY: How will closure of the college effect the land grant situation?

BYRNE: There is no question it will have a detrimental effect on OSU as a land grant university. It will take a long time to rebuild the program if it is lost.

CHAIR OAKLEY: Have you looked at the possibility of increasing the productivity of faculty as a way to of making up the dollar loss?

BYRNE: Talks about the number of hours a week faculty work.

387 TONIA RICE, Granges of Oregon: Reads her testimony explaining why the college is important for those people closely related to agriculture (EXHIBIT F).

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020 DALE MORRIS, Oregon State Grange: Expresses support for the bill.

025 CHANCELLOR TOM BARTLETT: For the 1993-95 biennium, we were instructed to cut \$86 million off the level of absolute appropriations from the preceding biennium. > Half of that amount is to come out of administrative and support services. > We added factors for increased faculty productivity and tuition. > We instructed campuses to protect undergraduate programs and look at the highest cost graduate and professional programs. Veterinary medicine is the second highest cost program in the system. > It is simply a question of money and not a question of quality. > Strongly advises against saying maintain the school and figure out how to fund it.

091 CHAIR OAKLEY: If the cuts are not 20 percent, would the CVM be the first add-back priority for the Board?

BARTLETT: It would be improper for me to speak for the Board. We are dealing with public policy issues not education issues. My own instinct would be to accept the recommendation from the campus assuming we are talking about new money.

133 REP. JIM WHITTY: What would be saved if the Chancellor's office were cut?

BARTLETT: The centralized services provided by the Chancellor's office would have to be put back on each campus and there would not be any savings. > If a significant investment is made in computer processing, we may be able to save multiple millions of dollars over a period of time.

167 REP. WHITTY: Where did the funds come from for the original construction of the CVM? Were there federal funds involved and was there an agreement involving the receipt of those funds?

BARTLETT: There were about \$5.5 million in federal funds appropriated for construction and a 20-year agreement to use the funds for that purpose. I estimate the date of construction to be 1979.

214 JOHN REDDINGTON, President and C.E.O. of Diagxotics: Reviews his testimony which describes his company which planned to move its headquarters, laboratory and manufacturing operation to Corvallis Oregon until the potential closing of the CVM caused them to rethink their plans (EXHIBIT G).

282 REP. WYLIE: Do you have any advise on how Oregon can attract good industry and fund the kind of education system we need to have?

REDDINGTON: Education is the key and new revenue from some kind of tax such as a sales tax, property tax or user fee tax.

346 BOB PEARSON, President and C.E.O. of Mallard Medical: Reviews his testimony requesting support for the continuation of the CVM (EXHIBIT H).

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020 REP. LARRY SOWA: Explains why veterinary education is an important issue to him. > Received his veterinarian education out-of-of state because it was not available in Oregon.

049 BUD BYERS, former state representative: Reviews his written testimony explaining why the CVM school should be saved (EXHIBIT I).

104 BILL HOYT, Hawley Land and Cattle Company: Reviews portions of his written testimony in support of HB 2711 (EXHIBIT J).

195 LYNN LUNDQUIST, president of Oregon Cattlemen's Association: The beef industry is the largest segment of agriculture in Oregon. > Our organization has looked at the situation on a nonemotional economic basis. We have met with CVM leadership and they are receptive to our suggestions on how to improve the school. > Supports the continuation of the CVM but is hopeful other agricultural enterprises are not negatively impacted because of it.

250 STAN HENDY, second vice-president, OFBF: Reviews his testimony in support of HB 2711 (EXHIBIT K).

345 BOB HALL, rancher in Douglas county: Testifies in support of the bill. > Explains how important the Vet school is in the production of livestock. > The college is an outstanding model of how higher education can deliver educational opportunities as well as provide vital services to the tax payers of Oregon.

364 DR. ROBERT HUCKFELDT, OVMA President: Reviews his written testimony in support of HB 2711 (EXHIBIT L).

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004 DR. DUWAYNE PENFOLD, veterinarian in Eugene area: We are really talking about small business people who produce a tremendous amount of tax revenues to the state. It doesn't really matter how much it costs to educate a student if that student is going to return to the state tenfold what it costs. > When we give a veterinarian an education we are not just providing one job because each of these students will hire more people in their practices.

046 MICHAEL FOLAND, veterinarian in Salem area and chair of the OMVA Legislative Action Committee: Provides written testimony in support of HB 2711 (EXHIBIT M). If we close the CVM, it will be hard for me to advise young men and women to pursue this career.

071 JOE SNYDER, veterinarian in Myrtle Point: I graduated from the OSU CVM in 1982. > Talks about his own practice and explains how he uses the CVM every day. > Describes the integrated resource management concept used by veterinarians today. > Resources of CVM are critical.

157 TERRY McCOY, Animal Health Center: Reviews his written testimony in support of HB 2711 and describing his own practice (EXHIBIT N). > Fifty percent of the veterinarians currently in Union county are OSU graduates. > Seventy-five percent of the large animal or mixed animal practitioners are OSU veterinarians. > Union county will need three additional veterinarians within the next 6 months. > The veterinarians at OSU are the hardest working state employees. > The CVM is our support staff.

CHAIR OAKLEY: If the school did not continue, could you get services from Washington State University?

McCOY: I could get services from Washington State but I have had better service from OSU.

222 SEN. ROD JOHNSON: Express support for CVM. > Cost per student is not the question. The value of each of those students to the state is the question.

279 REP. SAM DOMINEY, District 44: Talks about the effect of closing CMV on rural Oregon.

314 DON HALLIGAN, representing the llama industry: Testifies in support of HB 2711. Provides written testimony (see EXHIBIT Z).

314 RICHARD WICKUM, Chula Llamas: Provides written testimony supporting HB 2711 (EXHIBIT O).

230 GLEN PFEFFERKORN, member of the Willamette Valley Llama Assoc.: Reviews his written testimony in support of the bill and describing the needs of llama owners (EXHIBIT P).

426 CHRISTOPHER DORN, Salt Creek Farm: The state Department of Agriculture does not know the size of the horse business in Oregon. Problem in our industry is it is so fragmented. > Reviews information gathered by the U.S. Equine Marketing Association on the dollars spent in support and maintenance of horses (EXHIBIT Q). > \$680 million spent a year in this state in support of horses.

TAPE 21, SIDE B

022 JOYCE FAULTUS, from Canby: Provides written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT R). > Explains how the CVD helped save her horses life. > Suggests generating money for the school through voluntary income tax donation.

041 CASSERA MORETTY, from Canby: Provides testimony in support of the bill and a copy of a booklet she prepared as a classroom assignment (EXHIBIT S).

056 CHERYL BRESLIN, from St. Helens: Speaks in favor of the bill on behalf of several horse-related associations. Explains how the loss of the CVM would be devastating to horsebreeders. > Intent of Measure 5 was not to eliminate an entire educational opportunity nor to strike a blow to Oregon's agricultural future.

092 LINDA YOUNG, from Douglas County: Speaks in favor of the bill on behalf of several horse-related organizations.

101 CLEVE DUMDI, Oregon Sheep Growers Assoc.: There are 3,800 producers in this state. We have a resolution in favor of keeping the CVM. > Suggests using lottery funds to keep the college open.

116 JOHN GUYNUP, Western Oregon Livestock Assoc.: Provides written testimony in support of the bill (EXHIBIT T).

154 RAY SEIDLER, cattleman from Corvallis: Hopes the assault on higher education and secondary education in our state stops so Oregon can remain competitive in world markets. > Quality education may represent the only hope to bring about long-term economic vitality in this country. > Does not support a partial program that is crippled. Level of support is as important as saving CVM. > Provides letters of support from other people in the cattle business (see EXHIBIT Z).

190 TOM MEYER, Mountain View Veterinary Hospital and representing the Washington State Veterinary Medicine Assoc.: Reviews his written testimony supporting the continued funding of CVM at OSU (EXHIBIT U).

243 REP. SCHOON: Is the Washington State University Vet school going to establish a clinic in Vancouver?

MEYER: To my present knowledge, there will not be a veterinary facility in the Vancouver area.

255 LIBBI ROBERTSON, student at CVM: Provides written testimony supporting the bill and urges the committee to support the CVM (EXHIBIT V).

272 REP. HEDY RIJKEN, District 4: This is a vital program to the state and I hope you pass this legislation with a unanimous vote.

280 ERWIN WEICHEL, horsebreeder from Oregon City: Testifies in support of funding the CVM - provides written testimony (EXHIBIT W).

308 REBECCA ANDERSON, Human Society of the Willamette Valley: Reviews her written testimony supporting the bill (EXHIBIT X) and explaining how veterinarians volunteer their time so low income people can get quality care for their pets.

335 SHARON HARMON, Oregon Human Society: Provides copies of her testimony supporting the bill (EXHIBIT Y).

Written testimony was submitted by several people so it could be made part of the record (EXHIBIT Z).

Work Session on HB 2711

384 DANI WILKE, representing the Oregon Veterinary Medical Assoc.: The purpose of the HB 2711-1 amendment (EXHIBIT AA) is to show it is a statewide program and not just a teaching facility.

MOTION: Rep. Sowa moves to adopt the -1 amendment. There is no objection.

419 MOTION: Rep. Sowa moves to fill in the blank on page 2,

line 4 with \$11,287,366. REP. SCHOON: As I understood it, OSU decided to take their entire cut in one lump sum by closing down the CVM which meant the rest of OSU did not have to go through this process. If we restore this money and it comes from another source, then OSU comes out unaffected by any of the fiscal problems we are having. Maybe the Ways and Means Committee could cause the school and higher education to look at further economies in the university system to make up this money.

TAPE 22, SIDE B

022 CHAIR OAKLEY: Reviews the commitment made earlier by OSU President John Byrne that if there is not a 20 percent cut from the general fund budget, funding the CVM would be the first priority.

There are no objections to adopting the amendment.

MOTION: Rep. Sowa moves HB 2711 as amended to the Ways and Means Committee with a do pass recommendation.

REP. MEEK: It is unfortunate that people in advisory positions of higher education who make these types of decisions lost the connection of the economic impact and viability of OSU to the people of Oregon. They need to be better stewards with their decisions that impact our citizens.

VOTE: In a roll call vote, the motion carries with all members voting AYE.

069 CHAIR OAKLEY: Adjourns at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by:

Carolynn Gillson
Administrator

Sample Brown Assistant

TESTIMONY ON HB 2711 A - Sen. Mae Yih - 2 pages B - Dean Loren Koller, OSU CVM - 55 pages C - James Krieg, Skylane Farms - 1 page D - Andrea Adams, student - 1 page E - Mary Grimes, student - 2 pages F - Tonya Rice, Granges of Oregon - 2 pages G - John Reddington, Diagxotics - 2 pages H - Bob Pearson, Mallard Medical - 3 pages I - Bud Byers, former legislator - 2 pages J - William Hoyt, Hawley Land & Cattle Co. - 2 pages K - Stan Hendy, OFBF - 3 pages L - Dr. Robert Huckfeldt, OVMA - 2 pages M - Dr. Michael Foland, OVMA - 2 pages N - Dr. Terry McCoy, Animal Health Center - 2 pages O - Richard Wickum, Chula llamas - 2 pages P - Glen Pfefferkorn, Glenmor Forest Llamas - 7 pages Q - Chris Dorn, Salt Creek Farm - 6 pages R - Joyce Faltus of Canby - 2 pages S - Cassera Moretty of Canby - 19 pages T - John Guynup, Western Oregon Livestock Assoc. - 1 page U - Dr. Thomas Meyer, Mountain View Veterinary Hospital - 2 pages V - Libby Robertson, student at CVM of OSU - 1 page W - Dr. Erwin Weichel of Oregon City - 1 page X - Rebecca Anderson, Humane Society of the Willamette Valley - 1 page Y - Sharon Harmon, Oregon Humane Society - 1 page Z - Testimony from several people - 35 pages AA - HB 2711-1 amendment - Oregon Veterinary Medicine Assoc. - 1 page