

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 1, 1993      Hearing Room E 1:30 p.m.      Tapes 43 - 44

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 2093 - Deletes requirement for statewide  
accounting system to identify certain costs, WRK HB 2468 - Req's sch  
dists to provide at least one-way transport. for kindergarten students  
enrolled in half-day programs, PUB HB 3099 - Auth. SSC to transfer  
mgmt of privately funded student aid programs to community foundations,  
PUB

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statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation  
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TAPE 43, SIDE A

004    REP. CAROLYN OAKLEY, CHAIR:    Calls the meeting to order at 1:35  
p.m.

Work Session on HB 2093

008    GREG McMURDO, DOE:    The 1989 Legislature directed the State Board  
of Education to define a basic education and develop a statewide  
accounting procedure whereby districts could identify those costs  
associated with providing the basic education. The Board did not  
produce a statewide accounting system because of the costs and the  
passing of Measure 5. > Legislative Counsel recommends deleting the  
entire requirement with the HB 2093-2 amendments (EXHIBIT A).

MOTION:    Rep. Meek moves to adopt the -2 amendment. > There are no  
objections.

MOTION:    Rep. Meek moves    HB 2093 as amended    to the floor    with a do  
pass recommendation.

VOTE:    In a roll call vote, the motion carries with Rep. Sowa voted NO.  
Carrier:    Rep. Meek

Public Hearing on HB 2468 Witnesses:    Greg McMurdo, Department of  
Education (DOE) Anita McClanahan, DOE Marv Evans, Mandates Advisory  
Committee Ed Edwards, Oregon School Employes Association (OSEA)

055    McMURDO:    The DOE opposes this bill.

062    ANITA McCLANAHAN, Early Childhood Coordinator, DOE:    This  
would be an exclusionary measure because children of kindergarten age  
whose parents are not able to bring them to school or pick them up

would not be able to have their children attend kindergarten. > Schools are mandated to provide kindergarten but parents are not required by law to send their children to kindergarten. > Some school districts made changes in their programs to provide two-way transportation so there is not a hardship on parents.

090 REP. SHARON WYLIE: The people who want this bill are concerned about the long days and chopped up weeks that are necessary in order to afford bus service both ways. What do we know about what the kids need - the regular consecutive short days or the long days?

McCLANAHAN: The learning environment of the school situation is what is important. The length of time in the school setting and on the bus is in direct relationship to that. > Teachers have different beliefs. Research supports the child being in an appropriate learning environment for a longer period of time.

REP. WYLIE: What are the costs for providing the bus service statewide?

McCLANAHAN: I don't have that information. > Talks about one kindergarten that offers a five-days-a-week full-day program.

McMURDO: Explains why the DOE does not have cost figures.

145 REP. JIM WHITTY: Would this discourage some parents from sending their children to kindergarten?

McCLANAHAN: It would prevent some parents from sending their children to kindergarten. It is usually the high-risk families in these situations. The responsibility shifts to the parents.

REP. WHITTY: Talks about situations that can occur to keep children from getting to kindergarten.

190 MARV EVANS, member of Mandates Advisory Committee: This bill was introduced because it was one place to make a budget cut with the least impact on children. School districts that have only provided transportation one-way found there was no significant impact on the attendance of kindergarten children. > Will provide for savings to the school district and the state.

REP. WHITTY: Was there any input from parents?

EVANS: I am sure they got input. There are some parents for whom this bill would be a problem. Full-day kindergarten is a way of avoiding this problem.

243 CHAIR OAKLEY: How long have we required two-way transportation?

EVANS: Transportation by school districts was optional until this year. It is now mandatory including two-way transportation for kindergarten children.

CHAIR OAKLEY: Could you get the costs of two-way transportation from a couple of school districts?

EVANS: Talks about two school districts he can get the information on. > The bill only makes one-way transportation optional.

280 REP. JOHN MEEK: Which district brought this issue forward?

EVANS: I believe it was the Lebanon School District.

299 ED EDWARDS, OSEA: OSEA opposes the bill because it is a question of access for all students. > Talks about reimbursement to school districts for transportation.

Work Session on HB 2093

370 MOTION: Rep. Whitty moves to suspend the committee rules in order to allow Rep. Schoon to vote on HB 2093. > There are no objections. > Rep. Schoon votes AYE.

Public Hearing on HB 3099 Witnesses: Dave Rhoten, Oregon Community Foundation Sue McCracken, Oregon Community Foundation Gregory Chaille, Oregon Community Foundation Jeff Lee, Oregon State Scholarship Commission (OSSC) Gary Bruebaker, State Treasurer's office Robert Nosse, Oregon Student Lobby (OSL)

390 DAVE RHOTEN, member of the Oregon Community Foundation: Reads testimony in support of HB 3099 (EXHIBIT B) which allows for an agreement between the Foundation and the OSSC to work together to increase the number of privately endowed scholarship funds available to Oregon students.

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020 SUE MCCRACKEN, member of the Oregon Community Foundation: Reviews her written statement in support of the bill (EXHIBIT C) because the amount of money available to the students in Oregon will be enhanced by the partnership.

REP. MEEK: Isn't this really the community foundation trying to get assistance from the OSSC?.

046 GREGORY CHAILLE, president of the Oregon Community Foundation: To achieve our own objective of building a charitable endowment for Oregon we needed to form a stronger partnership with OSSC. The partnership says the Foundation and the OSSC will work towards developing more resources for students, invest those funds and strengthen the selection process for students throughout Oregon.

REP. MEEK: What does the bill do? CHAILLE: Right now, the OSSC is restricted to only investing it's funds with the State Treasurer's office. The bill provides flexibility for the OSSC to invest it's private scholarship funds with the Foundation's funds.

MCCRACKEN: Many people who want to leave money for scholarships may not want to leave it to the state. They would have the flexibility of putting it somewhere else. The issue is to try and raise more scholarship dollars.

103 GARY BRUEBAKER, Deputy State Treasurer: We are not taking a position on program issues of the bill. Since the funds are not taxes or fees collected by a state agency but are private donations, the Treasurer's Office does not take a position against the bill.

REP. LARRY SOWA: Would your position be different if these were state funds being utilized?

BRUEBAKER: If these were funds that were collected and under the control of a public official by virtue of his office, we would take a hard stand that they not be invested outside the state treasury as required by ORS 293.265.

132 JEFF LEE, executive director, OSSC: Outlines some of the concerns in moving the private award program out of their agency and into a private agency. > Some of the funds we hold are not private funds and cannot be transferred to a private agency. > OSSC already does administrative work on a large amount of the private funds. > Agreement formalizes much of what is already being done. > Governor's budget includes no state tax monies for the administration of privately sponsored scholarships through out agency. Program does not produce enough fees to provide for administration of these funds. > Hope partnership with Foundation will help OSSC accumulate funds in order to run program.

190 ROBERT NOSSE, Oregon Student Lobby: Reviews his testimony in support of HB 3099 (EXHIBIT D) because it will complete a practical partnership between the OSSC and the Oregon Community Foundation.

215 CHAIR OAKLEY: Adjourns meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Reviewed and submitted by:

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