

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 15, 1993 Hearing Room E 1:30 p.m. Tapes 52 - 54

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Patti Milne

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

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 3337 - Proh. renewal of cert. or shop license by St. Bd.of Barbers & Hairdressers for person in default of loan, PUB HB 3099 - Auth. OSSC to transfer mgmt of privately

funded student aid programs to community foundations, PUB SB 297 - Mod. VISTO program, PUB HB 3440 - Auth. loan repymts for dental students agree to prac. dentistry in underserved rural community, PUB

[--- Unable To Translate Graphic ---] These minutes contain materials which paraphrase and/or summarize statements made during this sessio

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

Public Hearing on HB 3337 Doug Collins, Oregon State Scholarship Commission (OSSC)

013 DOUG COLLINS, deputy director, OSSC: The OSSC and the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers need to decide on the procedures to implem legislation. We should be able to report back to the committee with some proposed language.

Public Hearing on HB 3099 Greg Chaille, Oregon Community Foundation Jeff Lee, Oregon State Scholarship Commission (OSSC) Gary Andeen, Oregon

043 GREG CHAILLE, president, Oregon Community Foundation: Explains how the new partnership between the OSSC and the Oregon Community Fo will be enhanced by the passage of HB 3099. > Purpose of partnership is to increase scholarship funds for Oregon students. > Looking at efficiencies within the program and at better options for investment return.

076 JEFF LEE, executive director, OSSC: This bill is a small part of our partnership with the Foundation. The rest we are doing under law.

088 GARY ANDEEN, OICA: This one of a series of efforts to leverage more private dollars into the scholarship arena around Oregon.

REP. JOHN SCHOON: Is there no limit on the organizations this money might go to?

CHAILLE: The language was left open so the Commission can evaluate the entities that could fit into the definition of a community foundation.

REP. SCHOON: What would prevent community foundations from giving the money to a charitable organization such as United Way?

CHAILLE: The United Way does not fit under the community foundation classification in the internal revenue code and both our Board and the OSSC have entered into a partnership agreement and are committed to that relationship.

CHAIR OAKLEY: I would feel more comfortable with an amendment that would make the language tighter.

152 ANDEEN: Suggests checking with Legislative Counsel because there may be some legal reasons why you don't want to do that.

LEE: This is a bill that has to do with money we have now. However, organizations may change in the future and having the law apply to only one organization can cause a problem.

REP. SCHOON: Why won't there be more money in the future?

LEE: Explains why the situation that exists now may not exist in the future.

198 REP. SHARON WYLIE: Explains why the language should be left open to provide flexibility.

REP. SCHOON: We are already taking a step away from security by moving the responsibility for public monies from the State Treasurer's office to a private organization. > Suggests getting an amendment requiring a report back on where the money is.

CHAILLE: Talks about safeguards built into the procedure.

LEE: Only moving privately donated funds.

282 ANDEEN: Explains with the partnership more scholarships are likely to be gained from the private sector and the security and oversig

Public Hearing on SB 297 Seiji Shiratori, legislative assistant to Sen. Hamby Ann Sukalac, Volunteers in Service to Oregon (VISTO) Keith Rob
300 SEIJI SHIRATORI, Sen. Hamby's office: Reviews his written statement in support of the bill which extends the VISTO program to ages 1
extends vouchers to minimum wage and extends time to use vouchers and
refers to articles concerning peer counseling (EXHIBIT A). > The Governor's proposed funding is for current program levels (EXHIBIT B) and t
extend the program to more students.

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034 REP. SCHOON: If they are volunteers, why is it necessary to pay them minimum wage?

SHIRATORI: The current level is \$25 for 8 hours of work and the minimum wage would bring it up to \$38 for 8 hours of work. This change wi
encourage them to go into the VISTO program rather than into another
part-time job.

REP. JOHN MEEK: Why is there a difference in the amount of money to be
used for administration of the program if it is operated by the state or by the county?

050 ANN SUKALAC, VISTO volunteer: Reviews her testimony explaining the purpose of the bill and the effectiveness of the VISTO program
program and SB 297 will give them some funding. > Talks about the prospect of funding from private foundations.

CHAIR OAKLEY: Do you have a waiting list for people who want to apply
for this program?

SUKALAC: In some counties, we do. Some counties are out of money. We
can shuffle dollars between counties. > Reviews which counties have used the program.

185 REP. WYLIE: Have there been any partnerships with local private industry councils so more funding can be leveraged?

SUKALAC: Not to this point. There are some restrictions.

REP. SCHOON: A lower stipend with more kids served would be better for
students in Oregon.

257 SUKALAC: Students who are trying to work for their tuition get pressure to give up their other school activities and volunteer wo
program helps them to work in an area that is directed towards their
educational goals. > Program not intended to be limited to the best and the brightest
students. The benefit is in the quality of their work experience. > Describes the voucher and how it is used for tuition only.

REP. SCHOON: Do agencies have to cover the kids working for worker's
compensation benefits?

SUKALAC: The five percent of the VISTO funds used for administration by the OSSC includes worker's compensation insurance.

381 REP. MEEK: It does not come off the amount of the voucher for minimum wage?

SUKALAC: That is correct.

REP. SCHOON: If the vouchers were for less than minimum wage and not an hourly payment, some of the other costs could be avoided.

430 KEITH ROBINSON, superintendent of schools, Woodburn School District 103 : Reads his testimony in support of SB 297 (EXHIBIT D) because
program allows students to establish a dream and contribute toward the
achievement of that dream.

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030 CHAIR OAKLEY: What is the average amount of dollars in vouchers the students are able to earn?

ROBINSON: Maybe \$100 to \$200. Explains the process used for selecting
kids for the program. > Talks about the various positions kids can fill in order to earn the
vouchers.

078 JEFF LEE, OSSC: Recommends human integration on line 15, page 1, be changed to human interaction. > \$148,000 included in Governor'
limitation not new funds for more VISTO awards. > Amount of funds we can offer to students will be at zero at end of
this biennium. > No fiscal impact on this bill.

CHAIR OAKLEY: If other bills providing funding for VISTO do not pass,
how will you get your money?

LEE: Explains the process used when issuing a voucher and how the
original appropriations were funded. > No new appropriation from lottery or general fund for 1993-95
biennium.

164 REP. SCHOON: Could you use money in the VISTO program?

LEE: Many good programs but no money. > Explains how newly appropriated money could be spent on the program.

REP. SCHOON: Why the emphasis on drug-related programs?

220 LEE: Talks about using mentoring programs to provide young kids with the opportunity not to become drug dependent. > These students

398 CHAIR OAKLEY: Do you have the number of participants per county and the dollars allotted to each county?

LEE: Agrees to supply the requested information.

REP. MEEK: Do you provide anything to the counties that participate in this program?

LEE: We provide the materials and the mechanics for administering the program. > VISTO coordinator salary is through a federal grant that expires soon. Money comes from drug enforcement and forfeiture. > One of funding available.

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046 REP. SCHOON: Where do you send the money that goes to the county? Does it go to ESDs or school districts?

LEE: In most of the counties, it goes to the Children and Youth

Commission. Program also serves students who are out of public school. > Reads statement from student concerning VISTO (see p. 6, EXHIBIT C

107 MARIANNE McGEE, Clackamas County Department of Human Services: Testifies in support of the bill (EXHIBIT E) and explains how t administrative fees. > Has not tracked amount of money student earns.

Testimony submitted by Oregon Student Lobby (EXHIBIT F).

Public Hearing on HB 3440 Jane Myers, Oregon Dental Assoc. (ODA)

196 JANE MYERS, director, ODA: Reviews her testimony explaining why the ODA requested the bill which encourages dentists to work i underserved areas of the state in return for loan repayment (EXHIBIT G). No funding attached to the bill. > Refers to chart showing numbe population in each county. > Requests amendment to include deficient dental areas and allow Office of Rural Health to develop criteria and w

MYERS: I would not have a problem with your suggestion.

REP. WHITTY: There are many areas within counties that are hurting for

dental care. > Agrees to work with the ODA to develop guidelines to determine eligibility for underserved areas.

440 TOM TURNER, OSSC: The OSSC administers the existing program that provides loan repayment benefits for nurse practitioners, phys
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020 CHAIR OAKLEY: Where did the \$100,000 come from during 1991 biennium?

TURNER: There was a general fund appropriation of \$100,000 and a donation of \$22,000.

REP. SCHOON: Credits of \$5,000 for 10 years are available to rural medical practitioners as well.

TURNER: According to the rural health services statute, the people who participate in the loan repayment program are not able to get that state tax credit. HB 2018 would extend the tax credit to these people e though they are participating in this program. All the money we pay to participants is taxable at both the state and federal level.

052 REP. SCHOON: Concerned about programs that expand beyond their original purpose.

REP. WHITTY: Points out how the economic situations in communities helps determine the number of needed dentists.

TURNER: The Office of Rural Health at OHSU is our source for determining which communities have a shortage of health care and has prepared an extensive report ranking every community in the state. Twenty-nine communities are now classified as health care shortage areas.

101 CHAIR OAKLEY: Adjourns meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Reviewed and submitted by:

Carolynn Gillson Assistant EXHIBIT LOG: A - Testimony on SB 297 - Rep. Hamby - 17 pages B - Legislative fiscal analysis - Legislative Fisc