

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

February 1, 1993 Hearing Room E 8:00 a.m. Tapes 19 - 22

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Mary Alice Ford, Chair Rep. Beverly Stein,  
Vice-Chair Rep. Marilyn Dell Rep. Bill Fisher Rep. Dennis Luke Rep. John  
Meek Rep. Frank Shields

STAFF PRESENT: Melanie Zermer, Committee Administrator Barbara  
Porter, Committee Clerk

MEASURES CONSIDERED: Informational Meeting HB 2296 - Foster  
home care reimbursement HB 2297 - Foster home care reimbursement

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statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in  
quotation marks report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents  
of the proceedings, please refer to the tapes. [--- Unable To Translate  
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TAPE 19, SIDE A

004 BILL CAREY, ADMINISTRATOR, CHILDREN SERVICES DIVISION & BEN DE  
HANN, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, CSD: Overview of CSD foster care system.

164 -legal definition of foster care in Oregon.

200 LINDA SUNDAY, FOSTER CARE MANAGER, CSD: Explains rates for  
foster care.

225 CAREY: Responds to questions from the members.

240 DE HANN: Explanation of care for adolescent children.

300 DE HANN: Submits information on foster care (EXHIBIT A).

320 -Discussion of children with special needs.

TAPE 20, SIDE A

001 MELANIE ZERMER, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Are there any barriers  
(ie: federal) that would prevent reimbursement to relative foster  
parents?

CAREY: Fiscal impact is a major problem, length of stay goes up

considerably when a child is with a relative.

075 CAREY: Submits letter in protest of video tape being shown by Kathy Smith (EXHIBIT B).

Invited testimony - HB 2296 & HB 2297

100 MARK KRAMER, ATTORNEY: Submits and reads written testimony in support of HB 2296 & HB 2297 (EXHIBIT C).

282 -Responds to questions from members.

315 TIM TRAVIS, ATTORNEY: Submits and reads written testimony relating to HB 2296 & HB 2297 (EXHIBIT D).

TAPE 19, SIDE B

001 TRAVIS: Continues testimony in favor of children's placement with relatives.

060 -Responds to questions from members.

135 -Description of "means test".

170 KRAMER: Answers questions from members.

211 KATHY SMITH, FORMER KGW REPORTER: Submits video tape relating to "kinship care".

TAPE 20, SIDE B

010 The committee continues viewing the video on "kinship care".

153 SMITH: Submits and refers to written testimony (EXHIBIT E).

- Reads and comments on a letter to Steve Clifford from Bill Carey (See: Exhibit E - a).

- Refers to Exhibit E - b

220 SMITH: Refers to letters from grandparents (Exhibit E - d & e)

- Provides indictment materials for members to review (EXHIBIT F).

272 - Discusses New York's kinship placement program.

302 ANGELA SHERBO, ATTORNEY, NATIONAL CENTER FOR YOUTH LAW: Refers to affidavits from children in foster care.

TAPE 21, SIDE A

005 SHERBO: Continues reading affidavits.

025 -Reads affidavits from foster care providers.

060 -Reads progress report.

115 -Responds to questions from members.

-Discussion of lawsuits.

163 BETTY UCHYTIL, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM OFFICE, CSD & LINDA SUNDAY, FOSTER CARE PROGRAM: Submits and reads written

testimony relating to HB 2296 & HB 2297 (EXHIBIT G).

250 -Responds to questions from members.

260 DE HANN: Discussion of policy's effect on funding.

-Responds to questions from members.

320 -Clarification of length of stays in foster care.

370 UCHYTIL: Explanation of placement of children in permanent situations.

TAPE 22, SIDE A

005 LINDA SUNDAY: Children should grow up in foster care as a last resort.

-Discussion of permanence.

460 -Paid guardianship programs.

-Responds to questions from members.

066 SHIRLEY ISHAM, GRANDPARENT: Submits and reads written testimony in support of HB 2296 & HB 2297 (EXHIBIT H).

160 SIGNA JOHNSTON, GRANDPARENT: Relates personal experience with CSD.

TAPE 21, SIDE B

015 SHERBO: Explanation of confidentiality.

JOHNSTON: Continues testimony.

035 NANCY BETHUREM, OREGON FAMILIES IN CRISIS WITH CHILDREN'S SERVICES: Offers video tapes for committee viewing.

080 OLIS DAVIS, PORTLAND GRANDPARENT COALITION: Testifies in favor of HB 2296 & HB 2297.

115 ELLA GAY, PORTLAND GRANDPARENT COALITION: Testifies in favor of HB 2296 & HB 2297.

150 DE LOYCE OFFORD, PORTLAND GRANDPARENT COALITION: Submits and reads written testimony in favor of HB 2296 & HB 2297 (EXHIBIT I).

220 CHAIR FORD: Coordination of departments of CSD.

230 CRUCITA WHITE, PORTLAND GRANDPARENT COALITION: Relates personal experience with CSD.

TAPE 22, SIDE B

005 WHITE: Continues testimony.

050 ELEANOR MATTHEWS, GRANDPARENT: Supports testimony of Portland Grandparent Coalition.

Submitted for the record, two letters from Portland Grandparent Coalition members (EXHIBITS J & K).

065 CHAIR FORD: Adjourns the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Barbara Porter  
Administrator

Melanie Zermer Clerk

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Information on foster care - CSD - 15 pages B - Correspondance - B. Carey, CSD - 2 pages C - Testimony on HB 2296 & HB 2297 - M. Kramer - 9 pages D - Testimony on HB 2296 & HB 2297 - T. Travis - 5 pages E - Testimony on HB 2296 & HB 2297 - Kathy Smith - 22 pages F - Indictment materials - Kathy Smith - 18 pages G - Testimony on HB 2296 & HB 2297 - B. Uchytel - 3 pages H - Testimony on HB 2296 & HB 2297 - S. Isham - 2 pages I - Testimony on HB 2296 & HB 2297 - D. Offord - 2 pages J - Testimony on HB 2296 & HB 2297 - M. T. Brown - 3 pages K - Testimony on HB 2296 & HB 2297 - Margo Keep - 2 pages