

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

May 18, 1993 Hearing Room 343 3:15 p.m. Tapes 69 - 70

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Catherine Webber, Chair Sen. Stan Bunn,
Vice-Chair Sen. Ron Cease Sen. Shirley Gold Sen. Paul Phillips

STAFF PRESENT: Lee Penny, Committee Administrator Julie Mušiz,
Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: SB 589 - Relating to higher education SB
934 - Relating to literacy for blind students HB 2065 - Relating to
school elections HB 2060 - Relating to interstate
cooperative agreements

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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 69, SIDE A

006 CHAIR WEBBER: Calls meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

(Tape 69, Side A) SB 934 - RELATING TO LITERACY FOR BLIND STUDENTS -
PUBLIC HEARING WITNESSES: Carla McQuillan, National Federation
for the Blind of Oregon Maureen Otos, Department of Education Larry
Brown, Oregon Textbook and Media Center David Myton, Teacher Standards
and Practices Commission Wilma Wells, Confederation of
Oregon School Administrators

023 CARLA MCQUILLAN, NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE BLIND OF OREGON:
Testifies in support of SB 934. This bill safeguards the children
who fall

through the cracks because they are not blind enough to learn Braille.

If we train these students how to read Braille when the teachers are
available in the school, then we won't have to train them later.

079 MAUREEN OTOS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Reviews bill. Submits SB
934 -1 amendments, (EXHIBIT A).

144 LARRY BROWN, OREGON TEXTBOOK AND MEDIA CENTER: Provides
Braille and large-print textbooks to schools. School division
publishers have

agreed to provide books in a format that can be used on a computer. The

American Printing House for the Blind will be the depository, providing a single source from which these materials may be obtained.

167 SEN. CEASE: How would this work in a small school? Would the assessment be done by the ESD?

Otos: The assessment would be done each year when the child's IEP is written. The instruction would be provided by the regional staff. The teachers have always been available; the tool to identify the appropriate mode of learning has been missing.

SEN. CEASE: What would be the training process for a student in a small school?

Otos: That will be worked out during the assessment for the IEP.

SEN. CEASE: Would the teacher be brought in?

Otos: Yes.

220 WILMA WELLS, CONFEDERATION OF OREGON SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS: The regional programs work with the child on a regular basis and show the regular

teacher how to work with the child. It takes time to transcribe the books into Braille. The blind students who have to wait for their book to be Brailled then start out behind.

255 DAVID MYTON, TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION: Submits and reviews testimony, (EXHIBIT B).

(Tape 69, Side A) SB 589 - RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION - WORK SESSION

300 SEN. CEASE: Reviews SB 589-1 amendment, (EXHIBIT C). Suggests the deletion of the phrase "seek to" on page 2, line 6 be added to the

amendments.

CHAIR WEBBER: This would then have an operational effect rather than be a statement of policy.

SEN. CEASE: Yes.

349 MOTION: SEN. CEASE moves the amended SB 589-1 amendments.

SEN. BUNN: As one of the bill's sponsors, I would feel comfortable with these changes.

VOTE: Hearing no objection, so ordered.

363 MOTION: SEN. BUNN moves SB 589 as amended to the floor with a do pass recommendation.

VOTE: Motion passes, (5-0). Sen. Bunn will lead the

floor discussion. (Tape 69, Side A) HB 2060 - RELATING TO INTERSTATE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS - PUBLIC HEARING WITNESSES: Melinda Grier, Department of Higher Education Lynn Rosik, Attorney General's Office

400 MELINDA GRIER, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION: Reviews bill.

411 LYNN ROSIK, ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE: Supports bill.

HB 2060 - WORK SESSION

458 MOTION: SEN. CEASE moves HB 2060 to the floor with a do pass recommendation.

VOTE: Motion passes, (5-0). Sen. Cease will lead the floor discussion.

(Tape 70, Side A) HB 2065 - RELATING TO SCHOOL ELECTIONS - PUBLIC HEARING WITNESSES: John Marshall, Oregon School Boards Association Charles Stern, Oregon Association of County Clerks Greg McMurdo, Department of Education

034 JOHN MARSHALL, OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION: Discusses purpose of bill. Submits and reviews -3 amendments, (EXHIBIT D).

065 SEN. CEASE: Asks reasons for removal of ESDs in amendments.

Marshall: Citizens in ESDs don't have the same petition opportunities as citizens in school districts have. The petition opportunities are listed in (4).

SEN. CEASE: Under SB 26, ESDs would have bonding authority. Where would citizens go who object to a bonding election?

Marshall: If there's a measure on the ballot, the Secretary of State would automatically have that authority.

SEN. CEASE: Why?

090 CHARLES STERN, OREGON ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY CLERKS: This bill brings remonstrance petitions into the same procedural steps as other types of petitions. If the governing body places an ESD bonding petition on the

ballot, then it's a measure that's supervised by the Secretary of State. If an initiative petition places it on the ballot, then the filing of the initiative petition begins the supervisory authority.

SEN. CEASE: What about an issue about the election of a board member?

Stern: That is being governed by the candidate law.

SEN. CEASE: So there's not a problem in reference to ESDs? Stern: That's correct.

SEN. CEASE: Asks what the recourse would be if someone had a complaint

about annexing an existing ESD. Would like this issue cleared-up.

140 GREG MCMURDO, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Supports bill as amended.

144 LEE PENNY, COMMITTEE ASSISTANT: The Secretary of State's office also supports this.

CHAIR WEBBER: Adjourns meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Julie Mu\$iz
Administrator

Lee Penny Assistant

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - SB 934-1 amendments - Department of Education - 4 pages B -
Testimony on SB 934 - David Myton - 2 pages C - SB 589-1 amendments -
Sen. Cease - 3 pages D - HB 2065-A3 amendments - OSB A - 1 page