

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

May 20, 1993 Hearing Room 343 3:15 p.m. Tapes 71 - 72

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Catherine Webber, Chair Sen. Ron Cease Sen.
Shirley Gold Sen. Paul Phillips

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Stan Bunn, Vice-Chair

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

MEASURES CONSIDERED: SB 796 - Relating to school district
boundaries HB 2065 - Relating to school elections SB 934 - Relating to
literacy for blind students

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statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in
quotation marks report a speaker's exact words. For complete contents
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TAPE 71, SIDE A

007 CHAIR WEBBER: Calls meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

(Tape 71, Side A) HB 2065 - RELATING TO SCHOOL ELECTIONS - WORK SESSION

020 LEE PENNY, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Reviews memo
discussing -5 amendments, (EXHIBIT A).

030 MOTION: SEN. CEASE moves the conceptual amendments discussed
in the memo, (EXHIBIT A).

CHAIR WEBBER: The record should note that there is no audience
opposition to these amendments.

VOTE: Hearing no objection, so ordered.

050 MOTION: SEN. CEASE moves HB 2065 as amended to the floor with
a do pass recommendation.

VOTE: Motion passes, (4-0). Sen. Phillips will lead the
floor discussion.

(Tape 71, Side A) SB 934 - RELATING TO LITERACY FOR BLIND STUDENTS -
WORK SESSION WITNESSES: David Myton, Teacher Standards and Practices
Commission Maureen Otos, Department of Education

079 Penny: Submits Legislative Fiscal report. The Library of Congress tests are administered and scored free of charge. A new test will not

need to be developed.

090 DAVID MYTON, TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION: The previous estimate of costs we had given was an estimate of the cost to upgrade

the current test for teachers of the blind. I was unaware of the Library of Congress test that is available free of charge. That test will need to be checked for validity and accuracy to make sure the results are reliable.

116 MAUREEN OTOS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: The National Library of Congress is developing a test for teacher competency. There is already a test

for transcriber competency. We have not seen that test and will need to review it before adopting it.

SEN. CEASE: I understand that you wouldn't want to adopt the test before seeing it, but this affects the fiscal impact of the bill. Suggests sending bill to Ways and Means.

CHAIR WEBBER: Suggests amending bill so that it says TSPC may require it as part of the testing process with the understanding that they would develop rules when the test does become available.

SEN. PHILLIPS: If we put in the "may" then I would support it.

153 Penny: This should be addressed in 8, page 4, line 7 so that it reads "A teacher licensed to provide education to students who are blind may

be required to demonstrate competency in reading and writing Braille, as defined..." We can also add the phrase, "when a reliable test becomes available at a reasonable cost."

SEN. CEASE: Won't you want a teacher to demonstrate competence in reading and writing Braille in any case?

CHAIR WEBBER: There's no particular requirement at the current time. That's the purpose of the bill.

Myton: We currently require a test of teachers of the visually impaired. That test includes Braille, but it's not at the level of Braille skills that we understand the Library of Congress test covers.

175 SEN. CEASE: Suggests including "subject to availability of funds, they shall be required.." Presumably, if we didn't have funding, 2 wouldn't

go into place?

SEN. PHILLIPS: Not too uncomfortable passing it out without these amendments since it would still have to go through the House and the fiscal impact is relatively small.

SEN. CEASE: Concurs.

197 Otos: Once the test has been adopted at the national level, we can work with teacher training programs to have that test taken as part of the

training program. If they've passed the test through that program, they don't need to take it again separately. Suggests an implementation date of September 1994.

190 MOTION: SEN. CEASE moves delaying the implementation date of SB 934 until September 1, 1994.

VOTE: Hearing no objection, so ordered.

MOTION: SEN. CEASE moves SB 934 as amended to the floor with a do pass recommendation.

226 Otos: The language still doesn't address whether all currently licensed teachers should be required to take the test, whether only new teachers should be required to take it or whether the test should be taken at the time the teacher's license is renewed?

Penny: Suggests the language indicate that the bill apply to teachers seeking licenses on or after September 1, 1994.

CHAIR WEBBER: How long does it require someone to become competent in Braille?

Otos: People usually come into the profession having had some Braille instruction.

250 SEN. CEASE: Suggests that these provisions apply to new teachers applying for licenses and for those applying for renewals after the

effective date of the Act.

Myton: Does that language require retesting of each renewal thereafter?

Otos: Once they've demonstrated they've passed it, they don't need to take it again.

273 MOTION: SEN. CEASE moves language be added to the -1 amendments stating that these provisions apply after September 1994 to the first application of new teachers applying for

licenses and for those applying for license renewals,

that once the test is taken, it does not need to be taken again, and that these amendments be adopted.

VOTE: Hearing no objection, so ordered.

280 MOTION: SEN. CEASE moves SB 934 as amended to the floor with a do pass recommendation.

VOTE: Motion passes, (4-0). Sen. Cease will lead the floor discussion.

(Tape 71, Side A) SB 796 - RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES - PUBLIC HEARING WITNESSES: Jon Chandler, Common Ground, Home Builders Association of

Metro Portland Steve Rhodes, Manager, City of Tualatin J.C. Reeves, J.C. Reeves Corporation John Marshall, Oregon School Boards Association Darlene Cain, Sherwood Board of Education Karen Hemmingsen, Eugene School District 4J Don Tank, Oregon City School District Superintendent William Hill, Sherwood School District Superintendent

295 SEN. PHILLIPS: Discusses reasons for requesting bill. Submits SB 796 -1 amendments, (EXHIBIT B).

390 JON CHANDLER, COMMON GROUND, HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF METRO PORTLAND: Testifies in support of SB 796.

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060 SEN. CEASE: Agrees that the current system doesn't work well. Discusses problems with the Boundary Commission. Are there any other

ways of solving this problem with school district boundaries if we were to change the current arrangement?

Chandler: No.

SEN. CEASE: As the Boundary Commission becomes more tied to Metro, giving it an educational function raises some questions.

124 SEN. PHILLIPS: Metro is a regional government dealing with urban services. This is really a land-use issue more than an educational

issue.

145 STEVE RHODES, MANAGER, CITY OF TUALATIN: Testifies in support of SB 796.

180 SEN. CEASE: The two Boundary Commissions used to be funded by the General Fund. They are now funded by fees and charges. Discusses how

school districts would fit into this system.

SEN. GOLD: There has been a lot of discussion over school boundaries in the past two sessions.

227 J.C. REEVES, J.C. REEVES CORPORATION: Submits and reviews notebook, (EXHIBIT C). Testifies in support of SB 796.

Tape 71, Side B

073 Penny: Submits testimony of John Young, Washington County ESD Superintendent, for the record, (EXHIBIT D).

077 JOHN MARSHALL, OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION: Submits chart, (EXHIBIT E). Testifies against SB 796.

093 SEN. PHILLIPS: Asks about possible perceived bias of a land-use issue brought before an ESD.

Marshall: Denies bias exists. Citizens can involve themselves in this process; they don't have to go through an ESD board to get approval.

SEN. PHILLIPS: Are you in favor of the bills that would make school decisions a part of land-use planning?

Marshall: We are in favor of those bills.

130 DARLENE CAIN, SHERWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION: Submits and reviews written testimony in opposition to bill, (EXHIBIT F).

250 KAREN HEMMINGSEN, EUGENE SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J: Testifies against bill. Submits and reviews written testimony, (EXHIBIT G).

280 DON TANK, OREGON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Submits and summarizes written testimony, (EXHIBIT H).

305 WILLIAM HILL, SHERWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Testifies against bill. Introduces other Sherwood board members.

CHAIR WEBBER: Adjourns meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Reviewed by:

Julie Mu\$iz
Administrator

Lee Penny Assistant

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Memo on HB 2065-5 amendments - Staff - 1 page B - SB 796-1 amendments - Sen. Phillips - 1 page C - Notebook on SB 796 - J.C. Reeves - 92 pages D - Testimony on SB 796 - John Young - 29 pages E - Testimony on SB 796 - John Marshall - 1 page F - Testimony on SB 796 - Darlene Cain - 2 pages G - Testimony on SB 796 - Karen Hemmingsen - 1

