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May 1, 1991Hearing Room F 3:00 p.m.Tapes 24 - 25

MEMBERS PRESENT:Rep. Bob Pickard Rep. Vera Katz, Vice-Chair Rep. Mary Alice Ford Rep. Carolyn Oakley Rep. Beverly Stein

STAFF PRESENT: Melanie Zermer, Administrator Lee Penny, Committee Administrator Carolynn Gillson, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: HB 2954 - Expands duties of Oregon Coordinating Council for Children and Families - PUB HB 2402 - Family life education and pregnancy prevention programs - PUB

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TAPE 24, SIDE A

005 REP. BOB PICKARD, CHAIR: Calls the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Reps. Stein, Ford and Oakley were delayed.

HB 2954 - Expands duties of Oregon Coordinating Counsel for Children and Families to include recognition of Oregon Progress Board's benchmarks Public Hearing Witnesses:Barbara Ross, Department of Human Resources

010 BARBARA ROSS, Department of Human Resources: Talks about expanding the duties of the Oregon Coordinating Council for Children. Refers to a rough draft of the bill (EXHIBIT A). > The Legislature needs to decide if the council's report should be maintained and updated or whether a one-time effort is all you want. The report costs approximately \$95,000 to produce.

Rep. Stein arrives at 3:40 p.m.

CHAIR PICKARD: Another option might be a reduced report.

ROSS: We don't want to produce a report of poor quality.

HB 2402 - Directs specified state agencies to prepare family life education and pregnancy prevention programs Public Hearing Witnesses:Michael R. Skeels, Health Division, Dept. of Human Resources Donna Clark, Health Division, Dept. of Human Resources Jeff Kushner, Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs John Pendergrass, MacLaren School and Camps Stephanie Nutt, Rep. Pickard's staff Jim Mann Peggy Holstedt, Department of Education Josh Silverman, Portland Planned Parenthood Wary Widoff, Eugene Planned Parenthood

040 MICHAEL R. SKEELS, administrator, State Health Division: Reads testimony concerning the government's roles in preventing teen pregnancy (EXHIBIT B).

098 REP. VERA KATZ: Requests what is currently being spent on teen pregnancy.

105 MELANIE ZERMER, committee administrator: I will provide some information at the next meeting.

117 DONNA CLARK, assistant administrator, Health Division: Reads her testimony explaining the important steps in HB 2402 which are necessary if Oregon is to reduce teen pregnancies (EXHIBIT C). > Provides copies of testimony from minority groups concerning the bill (EXHIBIT D). > Reviews provisions in the bill.

183 JEFF KUSHNER, assistant director, Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, Department of Human Resources: Proposes an amendment to Section 4 of the bill so parent training is also included. > We have put together a budget of \$225,000 in cooperation with the Department of Education for 20 demonstration schools for both grades 4-6 and parent training. > It is \$125,000 less than what is requested in the bill.

242 JOHN PENDERGRASS, supervisor of education at MacLaren School and Camps: Testifies in support of HB 2402 and explains how resources identified in Section 3 of the bill would be used to serve juveniles in close custody and residential care facilities (EXHIBIT E).

Rep. Ford arrives at 3:55 p.m.

REP. KATZ: Am I to understand without additional funding, you will not be doing any of this?

PENDERGRASS: Doing it mostly on a volunteer basis now. We don't want staff to stop working on alcohol and drug issues.

REP. KATZ: The alcohol and drug treatment needs to be linked to pregnancy and other dysfunctions.

PENDERGRASS: All of our programs deal with appropriate behavior and sound decision making.

TAPE 25, SIDE A

019 STEPHANIE NUTT, staff member of Rep. Pickard's: Reads testimony explaining how HB 240 2 combats teen pregnancy with education and provides continued funding for proven programs (EXHIBIT F).

050 JIM MANN: Talks about the local communities role. Makes some suggestions: > Stable funding for existing programs. > Provision for development of new programs in local areas. > Centralized evaluation, data collection and dissemination. > Create one single funding stream using the block grant mode. > Prefer management of program lodged in one Department. Recommends the Health Division because of their data system. > Elimination of grant to CSD. > Suggests asking director of DHR to appoint someone to administer the program and get the money to the local level. > Consult other agencies to help develop guidelines and principles of what they want to accomplish.

105 REP. MARY ALICE FORD: I don't see anything in the bill concerning

agency coordination.

MANN: I would like to see it spelled out in the bill.

REP. KATZ: Are you concerned about the multiple programs that spread the dollars thinly in the communities?

MANN: Each program is fine. If we had one source to deal with all the requests and see that the dollar gets to the local level, there would be more assistance in the total program.

Rep. Oakley arrives at 4:15 p.m.

133 REP. BEV STEIN: What is your vision of how the block grant money would be distributed at the local level?

MANN: I think 80 percent of the dollar should go to existing programs. Use about 20 percent of the funding for new program development. Suggests one teen parent czar lodged in the Health Division. Funds would go directly from the state to the local level programs without community input.

REP. STEIN: Explains why there needs to be a local level planning group.

177 PEGGY HOLSTEDT, Department of Education: Talks about Department's relationship with the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs Office. > Reads testimony explaining how the Department of Education would use any funds allocated to it (EXHIBIT G).

237 JOSH SILVERMAN, public affairs coordinator, Portland Planned Parenthood: Expresses support for the bill. Refers to a bibliography on adolescent pregnancy and sexuality education (EXHIBIT H).

255 MARY WIDOFF, director of education, Eugene Planned Parenthood: I want to direct my comments primarily in support of comprehensive sex education. > Reads her testimony describing the kids they serve (EXHIBIT I). > Explains how the ability to impact problems depends on effective services, both clinical and comprehensive sexuality education programs. > Talks about the high rate of teen pregnancy in this country. > Refers to programs used in other countries. > Gives committee background information on the teen pregnancy. > Talks about their program in Eugene.

043 CHAIR PICKARD: Adjourns meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by: Reviewed by:

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EXHIBIT LOG: A - Rough draft of HB 2954 - Barbara Ross, DHR- 3 pages
B - Testimony on HB 2402 - Mike Skeels, Health Division - 2 pages
C - Testimony on HB 2402 - Donna Clark, Health Division - 2 pages
D-Testimony on HB 2402 - Donna Clark, Health Division - 2 pages
E-Testimony on HB 2402 - John Pendergrass - 3 pages
F-Testimony on HB 2402 - Stephanie Nutt - 1 page
G-Testimony on HB 2402 - Peggy Holstedt - 1 page
H-Testimony on HB 2402 - Portland Planned Parenthood - 3 pages
I-Testimony on HB 2402 - Eugene Planned Parenthood - 4 pages