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Work Session: SB 814

SENATE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND SCHOOL FINANCE

May 22, 1991 1:00 PM Hearing Room A State Capitol Building

Members Present: Senator Jane Cease, Chair

Senator Joan Dukes, Vice Chair

Senator John Brenneman (arrived 1:45)

Senator Shirley Gold

Senator Ron Grensky (arrived 1:26)

Senator Tricia Smith

Members Excused: Senator Bill McCoy

Staff Present: Terry Drake, Legislative Revenue Office

Mary Ann Zimmermann, Committee Assistant

Witnesses Present: Rick Burke, Department of Education (DOE) Walter
Koscher, DOE TAPE 163 SIDE A

005 CHAIR CEASE called the meeting to order at 1:25 and conducted
administrative business.

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042 RICK BURKE discussed district enrollment for Independent Education
Program (IEP) students is 10 percent of the 2.0 special education
weighting. The issue of inaccurate reporting to produce more entitlement to
the 2.0 weighting was addressed. The recommendation was to investigate
districts that are outside the range of 8-12 percent of qualifying
children.

070 CHAIR CEASE recommended amendments requiring accurate reporting with
review for the special education component of the formula.

079 CHAIR CEASE reviewed the ability of districts to use local election
funds is an option in SB 814.

087 TERRY DRAKE explained the levy results will be included in the funding
figures for school districts. Previous simulation data allowed for a large
percentage of levy passage which actually did happen in yesterday's
election (May 21, 1991). Therefore there should be little change from the
figures already presented to the committee. EXHIBIT 1

118 SEN. DUKES asked where the current tax rates for districts could be
obtained. The figures are available in the School Fund Formula (SFF)
simulation. EXHIBIT 2

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128 SEN. DUKES questioned the election results of Columbia 5J School
District because of the small number of people that voted. EXHIBIT 1

142 WALTER KOSCHER discussed the election results of May 21, 1991 as
depicted in EXHIBIT 1.

160 SEN. SMITH questioned the ballot terminology of "extending the

curriculum downward". The response is a unification of a school district.
171 CHAIR CEASE asked if the districts that passed a levy are in the \$12.50
limitation.

178 TERRY DRAKE testified there is a strong correlation between election
results and those districts subject to the limitation. Discussion continues
with reference to EXHIBIT 1.

192 CHAIR CEASE asked for an analysis of the school districts subject to
the Measure 5 limitation.

198 SEN. DUKES questioned the serial levy in EXHIBIT 1.

203 WALTER KOSCHER explained many serial levies have diminished but there
are different types. The serial levy in EXHIBIT 1 was for a capital
construction project.

227 Discussion follows regarding the difference of issuing a serial levy
rather than an operation bond for capital construction. Reference was made
to districts passing a serial levy for capital construction that are
already at the cap therefore the state will pick up the bill. It was
pointed out that SB 814 is not earmarking replacement dollars therefore a
district would not receive state dollars to support a serial levy.

259 TERRY DRAKE discussed that 80 percent of the levy failures in EXHIBIT 1
are districts not subject to the Measure 5 limitation.

275 CHAIR CEASE conducted administrative business and adjourned the meeting
at 1:47.

Mary Ann Zimmermann, Committee Assistant

Kimberly Taylor, Office Manager

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

1. May 21, 1991 Election Results, DOE, 5/22/91 - SB 814
2. SFF Draft Simulation, LRO, 5/20/91 (See Senate Revenue Minutes from
5/20/91, EXHIBIT 1 - SB 814)

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