

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**February 25, 2009
1:00 P.M.**

Hearing Room 50

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Rep. Sara Gelser, Chair**
 Rep. Michael Dembrow, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Sherrie Sprenger, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Chris Harker
 Rep. John Huffman
 Rep. Betty Komp
 Rep. Ron Maurer
 Rep. Arnie Roblan
 Rep. Kim Thatcher
 Rep. Suzanne VanOrman

STAFF PRESENT: **Kevin Christiansen, Committee Administrator**
 Debbie Malone, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD: **Introductions of Committee Bills – Work Session**
 Oregon School for the Blind – Informational Meeting
 HB 2544 – Work Session
 HB 2062 – Work Session
 HB 2063 – Work Session
 HB 2113 – Public Hearing

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1:04:33 PM Meeting Called to Order
1:04:36 PM Chair Gelser
1:04:46 PM Introduction of Committee Bills-Work Session
1:04:50 PM {Exhibit} 1 - 3: Chair Gelser
1:05:27 PM MOTION: Vice-Chair Dembrow moves LC 2846, LC 2925, and LC 3606 BE INTRODUCED as Committee Bills EN BLOC
1:05:54 PM Chair Gelser
1:06:03 PM Rep. VanOrman
1:06:14 PM Rep. Komp
1:06:16 PM Chair Gelser
1:06:30 PM VOTE: 10-0-0
1:06:30 PM Ayes: Dembrow, Gelser, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman
1:06:33 PM Chair Gelser
1:06:40 PM Oregon School for the Blind – Informational Meeting
1:07:49 PM Kevin Christiansen, Committee Administrator
1:08:03 PM Chair Gelser
1:13:14 PM Rep. Huffman
1:13:21 PM Chair Gelser
1:13:52 PM Sen. Doug Whitsett, Senate District 28
1:20:38 PM Rep. Brian Clem, House District 21
1:22:35 PM Chair Gelser
1:22:41 PM Rep. Komp
1:23:38 PM Sen. Whitsett
1:24:00 PM Chair Gelser
1:24:28 PM Morgan Allen, Department of Education
1:25:02 PM Chair Gelser
1:25:08 PM {Exhibit} 4 - 5: Allen
1:26:26 PM Don Ouimet, Director, Oregon School for the Blind
1:36:11 PM Allen
1:36:58 PM Chair Gelser
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1:39:16 PM Rep. Thatcher
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1:40:37 PM Vice-Chair Dembrow
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2:30:14 PM Bill Shepard, Citizen
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2:45:20 PM {Exhibit} 10: Carol McCarl, Founder, Blindskills Inc.
2:53:05 PM Chair Gelser
2:53:16 PM {Exhibit} 11: Neil Kliewer, Former President & Director, Oregon School of the Blind (OSB)
3:00:40 PM Chair Gelser
3:00:44 PM Kliewer
3:00:49 PM Chair Gelser
3:01:48 PM Carol McCarl
3:02:31 PM Chair Gelser
3:02:50 PM Meeting Recessed
5:19:19 PM Meeting Reconvened
5:19:27 PM Chair Gelser
5:19:29 PM HB 2113-Public Hearing
5:26:46 PM Rep. Brian Clem, House District 21
5:29:19 PM Kevin Mannix, Citizen
5:35:08 PM Chair Gelser
5:35:44 PM Mannix
5:37:15 PM Rep. Clem
5:38:05 PM Chair Gelser
5:38:10 PM Rep. Clem
5:38:12 PM Chair Gelser
5:38:15 PM Rep. Clem
5:41:54 PM Chair Gelser
5:43:17 PM Tina Hansen
5:46:06 PM {Exhibit} 12: Kae Seth, Board Member, OSB
5:53:23 PM Rep. Maurer
5:53:38 PM Seth
5:55:02 PM Chair Gelser
5:56:25 PM {Exhibit} 13: Jeanine Johnson, Teacher of Visually Impaired
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6:41:28 PM Elizabeth Ruso Rooney, Chair, OSB Board
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7:09:12 PM McEvoy
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7:10:04 PM {Exhibit} 17: Christine Bartell, Teacher, Oregon School for the Deaf
(OSD), State Teachers Education Association (STEA)
7:14:55 PM {Exhibit} 18: Melissa Silbernagel, Teaching Aide, OSB
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7:58:14 PM The following written testimony is submitted for the record without
pubic testimony.
7:58:14 PM {Exhibit} 24: John Van Dreal, School Psychologist, Salem-Keizer
School District
7:58:14 PM {Exhibit} 25: Davey Hulse, CEO, Braille Plus, Inc.
7:58:18 PM Meeting Adjourned

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- 1:25:08 PM** {Exhibit} 4: Oregon School for the Blind, PowerPoint, Morgan Allen, 9 pp
- 1:25:08 PM** {Exhibit} 5: Oregon School for the Blind, Oregon Department of Education Summary Report, Morgan Allen, 40 pp
- 1:57:43 PM** {Exhibit} 6: Oregon School for the Blind, written testimony, Morgan Allen, 6 pp
- 2:08:58 PM** {Exhibit} 7: Oregon School for the Blind, Condition Assessment for the Oregon School for the Blind and Oregon School for the Deaf, Morgan Allen, 22 pp
- 2:20:40 PM** {Exhibit} 8: HB 2113, written testimony, George Scheler, 10 pp
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