

GI benefits to pacifists

SALEM (Special) — The House Education Committee Wednesday night adopted a bill which would provide veteran educational benefits to conscientious objectors but tabled two student-drafted bills which would have required the State Board of Higher Education to establish affirmative action guidelines in admitting, hiring and promoting women and minorities.

The committee sent to the House floor with a "do pass" recommendation HB 2540 which provides that persons granted the status of conscientious objector by the Selective Service System

who have "satisfactorily performed alternate civilian service" will be eligible for the same educational benefits as other veterans.

But HJR 54 which would have required the State Board of Higher Education to "establish guidelines regarding admissions of women and minorities to professional and graduate programs" and HJR 55 which would have required the board to "establish guidelines regarding hiring, promoting and granting of tenure to women and minorities" were tabled by the committee. Committee chair Rep. Larry Perry (D-Eugene) said Thursday

that the measures were tabled because the committee had not received any statistics to indicate the need for such requirements.

Perry said that he wrote letters to the University Medical, Dental, and Law schools requesting admission and hiring statistics, but received no response. He said that he also wrote letters to the students in the Inter-Institutional Union of Students (IUS) who had requested that the bills be drafted urging them to make sure statistics were provided.

State Highway Commission sending out questionnaires to determine bike usage

The Oregon State Highway Division is sending out a questionnaire this week to determine the intensity of bicycle usage in the Eugene-Springfield area.

This questionnaire is a revised follow-up on a controversial questionnaire sent out last January. The January questionnaire was criticised for its distribution and for the form of its questions. Ernest Drapela, then president-elect of the Oregon Park and Recreation Society, expressed fears that the results of the winter questionnaire could be used by anti-bike legislators to attack the use of tax-monies for bikeways.

The new survey was revised by a subcommittee of the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee. William Cranford, highway division project engineer for the survey, said at the time that the questionnaire would be repeated in May so that riding habits during both high-usage and low-usage periods could be compared. He also defended the timing and form of the winter questionnaire.

The current questionnaire is designed to gather more information about bicycling activity in the area. Those who do not own bicycles now are being asked if they would ride a bike if safe and convenient bikeways were built.

From replies received the Highway Division and the Eugene Bicycle Committee hope to determine the amount of interest in bikeway development now, since spring and summer is a more favorable time for bicycling.

House hears apartment owners' complaints on rent-reform bill

SALEM (Special) — A Portland lawyer told the House local government and Urban Affairs Committee Wednesday that passage of SB-159, the overhaul of landlord-tenant laws, would bring about a shortage of housing and even less cooperation between landlords and tenants than presently exists.

George Birnie, representing the Oregon Apartment Owners Association, at the final hearing on the bill, said that committee testimony has brought out that the major landlord tenant problems develop "over low income housing and the people who compete for that housing."

He added, "There are other problem areas but the burden of the problem is in the sphere of low income."

Birnie told the committee that the primary problem is not present landlord tenant laws, but present economic conditions. He suggested that "government" look instead towards solving the economic problem by granting rent or housing subsidies to low income persons.

"The basic underlying error in SB-159 is that it calls upon the landlord to solve the low income problem," the Portland attorney said.

He said that if the bill passes the legislature and is strictly enforced "apartment houses in downtown Portland will have to be torn down" because landlords of antiquated housing could not adhere to the conditions of providing "habitable dwellings" outlined in the bill.

Birnie said that if the landlords had to adhere to the law "it would bring about financial disaster."

Therefore, Birnie said, "passage of the bill will mean even less housing than we have today." He noted that less housing would hurt low income families.

Birnie suggested that the committee junk SB-159 and consider another bill.

"My group does feel that there should be legislation in the landlord-tenant area," he said. "We realize that there is a need to outlaw retaliatory eviction (eviction for exercising legal tenant rights) and the lockout, which is really a form of trespassing."

"We also favor legislation to make landlords accountable for deposits," he added.

Another landlord representative, Steve Mozinski, representing the Portland Randall Corporation, told the committee that if SB-159 becomes law, Randall will begin charging two months rent in advance in its forty-six apartment complexes.

"We need the psychological threat of the lockout — the landlord lien (confiscating a tenant's property for non-payment of rent)," the young representative said.

Committee chairer, Representative Al Denmore (D-Medford) said that the committee will take action on the bill during a work session next Wednesday.



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EMU	481,682.05	397,187.35
ASUO Executive	45,961.14	54,930.00
Action Now	0	3,019.00
Asian-American SU	3,858.34	0
Black Graduate SC	(incl. GSC)	500.00
Black Student Union	9,034.24	5,896.15
Canterbury Center	0	209.00
CCDC	0	15,500.00
Chinese Student Assoc.	1,100.00	0
Community Video Acc. Center	350.00	0
Cosmopolitan Student Assoc.	(incl. IEC)	650.00
Cultural Forum	31,250.00	31,030.00
DMIC	0	7,299.00
Drug Info. Center	3,712.82	5,513.27
ESCAPE	9,182.37	9,847.00
Eugene Youth Hostel	847.00	704.00
Foreign Student Org.	3,201.63	3,947.80
Forensics	6,737.50	8,700.00
Gay People's Alliance	934.24	0
Graduate Student Council	5,741.34	5,380.00
Growers Market	0	0
Handicapped Student Supp. Serv.	0	0
Housing Office	4,452.12	4,385.35
Illah School	0	3,500.00
IUS	985.00	2,695.00
IEC	9,384.27	10,360.45
KWAX	0	1,800.00
Legal Services	19,000.00	19,000.00
Legislative Coordinators	2,953.16	3,090.00
MEChA	5,462.75	6,559.95
Migrant Labor Project	0	9,280.00
Music	1,850.00	1,850.00
National Student Lobby	1,914.80	0
Native American SU	3,835.68	5,592.95
Oregon Daily Emerald	30,000.00	26,400.00
Oregon Prisoner's Coalition	2,631.63	0
OSPIRG	41,000.00	41,000.00
Recreational Folk Dance	641.84	395.00
Repertory Dancers	4,200.00	2,530.00
SEARCH	8,164.37	7,144.40
SAB	2,886.38	1,717.00
Student Bar Assn.	7,997.12	845.00
Student Educational Programs	13,000.00	12,500.00
Student Employee Defense Coun.	0	0
Survival Center	4,692.35	4,861.35
Tax Table	600.00	850.00
University Feminists	2,679.14	2,365.85
University Theatre	0	0
Willamette Student Housing	0	410.00
Women's Transitional Living	0	(incl. OPC)
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