

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' SERVICES AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS

February 21, 2013
1:00 P.M.

Hearing Room E

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Greg Matthews, Chair
 Rep. Shemia Fagan, Vice Chair
 Rep. Julie Parrish, Vice Chair
 Rep. Deborah Boone
 Rep. Sal Esquivel
 Rep. John Huffman
 Rep. Brad Witt

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Edwards, Committee Administrator
 Mike Reiley, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD: **HB 2086 – Public Hearing**
 HB 2160 – Public Hearing
 HB 2417 – Work Session
 HB 2421 – Work Session

Recording Log

1:05:10 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chair Matthews

1:05:40 PM **HB 2086 - Public Hearing**

1:05:41 PM Elizabeth Edwards, Committee Administrator

1:06:48 PM Chair Matthews

1:07:37 PM Cameron Smith, Military and Veterans' Affairs Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Kitzhaber

1:11:52 PM Paul Evans, Monmouth resident

1:14:02 PM Rep. Esquivel

1:14:42 PM Evans

1:17:15 PM Smith

1:17:36 PM Vice-Chair Fagan

1:19:04 PM Evans

1:21:17 PM Rep. Esquivel

1:21:51 PM Smith

1:22:50 PM Rep. Boone

1:24:46 PM Rep. Huffman

1:26:21 PM Chair Matthews

1:27:49 PM {Exhibit} 1: Jody Wiser, Tax Fairness Oregon

1:29:33 PM {Exhibit} 2: Larry Niswender, Director, Oregon Lottery

1:33:36 PM Chair Matthews
1:33:53 PM Vice-Chair Fagan
1:34:05 PM Niswender
1:34:51 PM Vice-Chair Fagan
1:34:56 PM Niswender
1:35:55 PM Vice-Chair Fagan
1:36:08 PM Niswender
1:37:03 PM Vice-Chair Fagan
1:38:06 PM Niswender
1:39:17 PM Chair Matthews
1:40:54 PM Niswender
1:41:17 PM Rep. Huffman
1:42:17 PM Rep. Esquivel
1:43:28 PM Chair Matthews

1:44:51 PM **HB 2160 - Public Hearing**
1:44:54 PM Elizabeth Edwards, Committee Administrator
1:45:33 PM {Exhibit} 3: Tom Mann, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
1:54:09 PM Paul Evans, Monmouth resident
2:00:41 PM Rep. Witt
2:02:15 PM Joe Holliday, Vice-Chancellor for Student Success, Oregon University System
2:04:26 PM John Wykoff, Legislative Director, Oregon Community College Association
2:06:10 PM John Turner, President, Blue Mountain Community College
2:07:11 PM Rep. Boone
2:07:27 PM Holliday
2:07:36 PM Rep. Boone
2:08:00 PM Holliday
2:08:04 PM Chair Matthews
2:10:17 PM {Exhibit} 4: Veronica Garcia, Dean of Student Affairs, Portland Community College (PCC)
2:11:17 PM Jeff DeMott, Coordinator of Financial Aid, Veterans' Services Office, PCC
2:14:27 PM Daniel Wilson, Veteran Resource Coordinator, PCC
2:18:13 PM Chair Matthews
2:21:20 PM Stephanie Cornes, Veterans Resource Center, PCC
2:22:30 PM Chair Matthews
2:22:41 PM Rep. Esquivel
2:22:53 PM Cornes
2:23:25 PM Vice-Chair Parrish
2:24:54 PM Eric Belt, County Veterans Service Officer, Washington County
2:30:54 PM Marvin Row, Oregon Citizens Lobby
2:33:52 PM {Exhibit} 5: Robert Thornhill, Beaverton resident

2:38:50 PM **HB 2417 - Work Session**
2:38:56 PM Elizabeth Edwards, Committee Administrator
2:39:23 PM MOTION: VICE-CHAIR FAGAN MOVES HB 2417 DO PASS AS

AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING,
THEN TO WAYS & MEANS BY PRIOR REFERENCE

2:39:50 PM Rep. Esquivel
2:40:37 PM Chair Matthews
2:40:47 PM Rep. Boone
2:41:33 PM VOTE: 7-0-0
2:41:35 PM AYES: BOONE, ESQUIVEL, HUFFMAN, WITT, FAGAN, PARRISH,
MATTHEWS

2:41:38 PM **HB 2421 - Work Session**

2:41:49 PM {Exhibit} 6: Elizabeth Edwards, Committee Administrator
2:42:22 PM MOTION: VICE-CHAIR PARRISH MOVES HB 2421 DO PASS AS
AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO WAYS & MEANS
2:42:41 PM VOTE: 7-0-0
2:42:42 PM AYES: BOONE, ESQUIVEL, HUFFMAN, WITT, FAGAN, PARRISH,
MATTHEWS

2:42:47 PM **HB 2160 - Public Hearing**

2:43:10 PM Chair Matthews
2:43:20 PM Robert Thornhill, Beaverton resident
2:43:47 PM Ed Johnston, Oregon resident
2:45:12 PM Chair Matthews
2:45:15 PM Johnston
2:46:19 PM Meeting Adjourned by Chair Matthews

Exhibit Summary

1:27:49 PM {Exhibit} 1: HB 2086, written testimony, Jody Wiser, 1 p
1:29:33 PM {Exhibit} 2: HB 2086, written testimony, Larry Niswender, 5 pp
1:45:33 PM {Exhibit} 3: HB 2160, written testimony, Tom Mann, 2 pp
2:10:17 PM {Exhibit} 4: HB 2160, written testimony, Veronica Garcia, 1 p
2:33:52 PM {Exhibit} 5: HB 2160, written testimony, Robert Thornhill, 8 pp
2:41:49 PM {Exhibit} 6: HB 2421, -1 amendments, staff, 1 p