

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, INNOVATION, AND  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

February 25, 2015  
08:00 AM

Hearing Room D

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Tobias Read, Chair  
Rep. Joe Gallegos, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Gene Whisnant, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Cedric Hayden  
Rep. Mark Johnson  
Rep. Mike Nearman  
Rep. Jeff Reardon  
Rep. Jennifer Williamson

**MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:** Rep. Caddy McKeown

**STAFF PRESENT:** Victoria Cox, Committee Administrator  
Zach Larmer, Committee Assistant

**EXHIBITS:** Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** Introduction of Committee Measures – Work Session  
HB 2623 – Public Hearing  
HB 2624 – Public Hearing  
Informational Meeting  
Portland Community College Future Connect Program

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**00:00:11** Meeting Called to Order  
**00:00:12** Chair Read

**00:00:20** [Introduction of Committee Measures - Work Session](#)

**00:00:21** EXHIBIT 1-3: Chair Read

**00:00:25** MOTION: REP. GALLEGOS MOVES LC 1883, LC 2079 AND LC 2569 BE  
INTRODUCED AS COMMITTEE MEASURES

**00:01:15** VOTE: 8-0-1

AYES: HAYDEN, JOHNSON, NEARMAN, REARDON, WILLIAMSON,  
GALLEGOS, WHISNANT, READ  
EXCUSED: McKEOWN

**00:01:24** [HB 2623 and HB 2624 - Public Hearing](#)

00:01:25 Chair Read  
00:01:37 Victoria Cox, Committee Administrator  
00:02:28 Rep. Jeff Reardon, House District 48  
00:08:50 EXHIBIT 4: Rep. Mark Johnson, House District 52  
00:20:15 Rep. Nearman  
00:25:09 Vice-Chair Gallegos  
00:28:37 Joel Fischer, Oregon Business Association  
00:30:53 Kimberly Howard, Portland General Electric  
00:34:29 Eric Meslow, Timbercon  
00:37:35 Rep. Hayden  
00:41:27 Terrell Smith, Sherwood High School  
00:49:19 Mark Clifford, Architecture Construction and Engineering Academy  
00:54:45 The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:  
EXHIBIT 5: Don Domes, Retired Career and Technical Education teacher

00:55:04 **Portland Community College Future Connect Program -  
Informational Meeting**

00:55:05 Chair Read  
00:55:48 Vice-Chair Gallegos  
00:58:30 EXHIBIT 6-8: Jeremy Brown, President, Portland Community College  
01:00:35 Randy Ealy, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Beaverton  
01:02:48 Lacey Beady, City Counsellor, City of Beaverton  
01:04:02 Steve Callaway, City Council Chair, City of Hillsboro  
01:07:46 Pamela Blumenthal, Director, LINKS Program, Portland Community  
College  
01:08:24 EXHIBIT 9-12: Joshua Laurie, Program Manager, Future Connect  
Program, Portland Community College  
01:14:45 Vice-Chair Whisnant  
01:20:36 Tobias Sherwood, Future Connect Coach, Portland Community College  
01:24:20 Gabina "Gaby" Gonzalez Gomez, 2012 Jefferson High School Graduate,  
Future Connect Student  
01:30:10 Rep. Hayden  
01:33:31 Meeting Adjourned