

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

March 9, 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. Caddy McKeown  
Rep. Mike Nearman  
Rep. Jeff Reardon  
Rep. Jennifer Williamson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Victoria Cox, Committee Administrator  
Brian Theis, Legislative Policy Intern  
Zach Larmer, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** HB 2973 – Public Hearing  
HB 2645 A – Public Hearing  
HB 2681 – Public hearing  
HB 2682 – Public Hearing

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00:00:09 Chair Read  
00:00:08 Meeting Called to Order  
  
00:00:27 **[HB 2973 - Public Hearing](#)**  
00:00:28 Chair Read  
00:00:33 Brian Theis, Legislative Policy Intern  
00:01:09 EXHIBIT 1: Rep. Gene Whisnant, House District 53  
00:06:00 Rep. Reardon  
00:07:32 Rep. McKeown  
00:09:39 Rep. Johnson  
00:10:56 Vice-Chair Gallegos  
00:13:03 Mario Parker-Milligan, Legislative Director, Oregon Student Association  
00:14:10 Dana Richardson, Higher Education Coordinating Commission  
00:15:41 EXHIBIT 2: Witness Registration

**00:15:42** The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:  
EXHIBIT 3: Jock Mills, Director of Government Relations, Oregon State University

**00:15:50** **HB 2645 A - Public Hearing**  
**00:15:51** Chair Read  
**00:15:58** Brian Thies, Legislative Policy Intern  
**00:16:35** Rep. Brad Witt, House District 31  
**00:19:27** Rep. Reardon  
**00:21:00** Vice-Chair Gallegos  
**00:21:45** Jock Mills, Director of Government Relations, Oregon State University  
**00:24:45** John Wykoff, Oregon Community College Association  
**00:26:08** EXHIBIT 4-5: Steve Gordon, United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
VetSuccess on Campus Counselor, Portland Community College  
**00:27:28** Sarah Elasser, Advisor, Portland Community College  
**00:30:02** Vice-Chair Whisnant  
**00:35:30** Rep. Hayden  
**00:37:20** Rep. McKeown  
**00:37:44** Kim Douthit, Verteran Resource Specialist, Portland Community College  
**00:40:43** EXHIBIT 6: Witness Registration

**00:40:44** **HB 2681 and HB 2682 - Public Hearing**  
**00:40:45** Chair Read  
**00:40:50** Victoria Cox, Committee Administrator  
**00:42:00** EXHIBIT 7-8: Rep. Betty Komp, House Disrict 22  
**00:47:35** EXHIBIT 9: Hilda Rosselli, College and Career Readiness Director,  
Oregon Education Investment Board  
**00:57:25** John Wykoff, Oregon Community College Association  
**01:00:16** Vice-Chair Gallegos  
**01:01:40** Rep. Johnson  
**01:06:45** Rep. McKeown  
**01:08:12** Rep. Reardon  
**01:12:12** Vice-Chair Whisnant  
**01:13:27** EXHIBIT 10: Ben Cannon, Executive Director, Higher Education  
Coordinating Commission  
**01:22:55** EXHIBIT 11: Witness Registration  
**01:22:56** The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:  
EXHIBIT 12: Jock Mills, Director of Government Relations, Oregon State  
University  
**01:23:01** Meeting Adjourned