

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
WORKFORCE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

February 4, 2016  
01:00 PM

Hearing Room C

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Michael Dembrow, Chair  
Sen. Kim Thatcher, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Diane Rosenbaum  
Sen. Tim Knopp  
Sen. Sara Gelser

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jan Nordlund, Committee Administrator  
Ashley Clark, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** SB 1532 – Work Session  
SB 1544 – Public Hearing & Work Session  
SB 1508 – Public Hearing & Work Session  
SB 1534 – Public Hearing & Work Session  
SB 1587 – Public Hearing

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**00:00:07** Meeting Called to Order  
**00:00:08** Chair Dembrow

**00:01:21** **SB 1532 - Work Session**  
**00:01:22** EXHIBIT 1-2: Chair Dembrow  
**00:11:28** Sen. Knopp  
**00:18:42** Vice-Chair Thatcher  
**00:19:40** Sen. Rosenbaum  
**00:20:53** Jan Nordlund, Committee Administrator  
**00:23:18** The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:  
EXHIBIT 3: Blane Keller, Mill Superintendent, Keller Lumber Company  
EXHIBIT 4: Elliot Levin, Research Director and Legislative Advocate,  
Professional and Technical Employees Local 17  
EXHIBIT 5: Jeffrey A. Thomas, J and J Thomas, Inc.  
EXHIBIT 6: Keilee Myers, resident, Oregon  
EXHIBIT 7: Kit Kamo, Executive Director, Snake River Economic  
Development Alliance (SREDA)  
EXHIBIT 8: Marie Bowers Stagg, farmer, Bashaw Land and Seed, Inc.

EXHIBIT 9-10: Ronald Verini, Mayor, City of Ontario  
EXHIBIT 11: Rick Howard, CPA, owner, Accounting NorthWest PA  
EXHIBIT 12: Robin Froerer, Froerer Farms Inc.  
EXHIBIT 13: Sharon Bannon, business owner, Oregon  
EXHIBIT 14: Shay Myers, Froerer Farms Inc.  
EXHIBIT 15: Trevor, farmer, Frahm Farms  
EXHIBIT 16: Vicki Heinz, business owner, Ontario

**00:23:19**      **SB 1544 - Public Hearing**

**00:23:20**      Chair Dembrow  
**00:23:21**      Vice-Chair Thatcher  
**00:23:47**      Sen. Gelser  
**00:26:14**      Jan Nordlund, Committee Administrator  
**00:26:48**      Meeting went into Recess  
**00:26:55**      Meeting Reconvened  
**00:32:47**      EXHIBIT 17: Kate Newhall, Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors'  
National Association (SMACNA); Sheet Metal Air Rail Transportation  
(SMART) Local 16  
**00:35:21**      Ryan Tribbett, Iron Workers Local 29  
**00:36:15**      John Mohlis, Oregon Building Trades Council  
**00:36:59**      Sen. Knopp  
**00:39:16**      EXHIBIT 18: Witness Registration

**00:39:17**      **SB 1544 - Work Session**

**00:39:18**      Chair Dembrow  
**00:39:20**      Vice-Chair Thatcher  
**00:39:26**      MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THATCHER MOVES SB 1544 DO PASS  
**00:39:38**      VOTE: 5-0-0  
AYES: GELSER, KNOPP, ROSENBAUM, THATCHER, DEMBROW  
CARRIER: SEN. DEMBROW WILL LEAD DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR

**00:40:00**      **SB 1508 - Public Hearing**

**00:40:01**      Chair Dembrow  
**00:40:24**      Jan Nordlund, Committee Administrator  
**00:41:23**      EXHIBIT 19-20: Theresa Van Winkle, Senior Policy Adviser, Department  
of Consumer and Business Services; Committee Administrator, Workers'  
Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee  
**00:43:23**      John Mohlis, member, Workers' Compensation Management-Labor  
Advisory Committee  
**00:44:37**      Vice-Chair Thatcher  
**00:46:04**      Betsy Earls, Associated Oregon Industries  
**00:47:27**      EXHIBIT 21: Witness Registration

**00:47:44**      **SB 1508 - Work Session**

**00:47:45**      Chair Dembrow  
**00:47:46**      Vice-Chair Thatcher

00:47:51 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THATCHER MOVES SB 1508 DO PASS  
00:48:01 Sen. Rosenbaum  
00:49:06 VOTE: 5-0-0  
AYES: GELSER, KNOPP, ROSENBAUM, THATCHER, DEMBROW  
CARRIER: SEN. ROSENBAUM WILL LEAD DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR

00:49:26 **SB 1534 - Public Hearing**  
00:49:29 Chair Dembrow  
00:49:45 Jan Nordlund, Committee Administrator  
00:51:47 EXHIBIT 22: Tricia Smith, Oregon School Employees Association  
00:55:09 David Gerstenfeld, Assistant Director, Unemployment Insurance, Employment Department  
00:57:33 Vice-Chair Thatcher  
01:00:10 EXHIBIT 23: Witness Registration

01:00:11 **SB 1534 - Work Session**  
01:00:12 Chair Dembrow  
01:00:14 Vice-Chair Thatcher  
01:00:19 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THATCHER MOVES SB 1534 DO PASS  
01:00:36 VOTE: 5-0-0  
AYES: GELSER, KNOPP, ROSENBAUM, THATCHER, DEMBROW  
CARRIER: SEN. THATCHER WILL LEAD DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR

01:00:52 **SB 1587 - Public Hearing**  
01:00:53 EXHIBIT 24: Chair Dembrow  
01:10:06 Jan Nordlund, Committee Administrator  
01:10:27 Paloma Sparks, Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI)  
01:11:27 Gerhard Taeubel, Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI)  
01:13:29 EXHIBIT 25: Michael Dale, Executive Director, Northwest Workers' Justice Project; Oregon Coalition Against Wage Theft and Fair Shot  
01:18:59 Vice-Chair Thatcher  
01:21:26 Betsy Earls, Associated Oregon Industries  
01:23:43 Anthony Smith, Oregon State Director, National Federation of Independent Business  
01:27:10 John Rakowitz, Associated General Contractors (ACG)  
01:30:54 John Mohlis, Oregon Building Trades Council  
01:32:38 Bonnie Colbourne, resident, Salem  
01:33:48 John Calhoun, Oregon Center for Christian Voices; resident, Portland  
01:35:25 EXHIBIT 26: Witness Registration  
01:36:22 The following testimony is submitted without public testimony:  
EXHIBIT 27: Cara Shufelt, Executive Director, Rural Organizing Project  
EXHIBIT 28: Chris Hewitt, Oregon Nurses Association  
EXHIBIT 29: Christina Stephenson, attorney, Stephenson Law, LLC  
EXHIBIT 30: David Rives, President, American Federation of Teacher-

Oregon (AFT-Oregon)  
EXHIBIT 31: Jared Mason-Gere, Public Affairs Consultant, Oregon  
Education Association  
EXHIBIT 32: Jeff Stone, Executive Director, Oregon Association of  
Nurseries  
EXHIBIT 33: Jon M. Egan, attorney, Lake Oswego  
EXHIBIT 34: Kate Newhall, Family Forward  
EXHIBIT 35: Kayse Jama, Center for Intercultural Organizing  
EXHIBIT 36: Khalil Edwards, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians  
and Gays (PFLAG) Portland Black Chapter  
EXHIBIT 37: Londyn Elliot, Urban League of Portland  
EXHIBIT 38: Mary Nolan, Executive Director, Planned Parenthood  
Advocates of Oregon  
EXHIBIT 39: Nancy Haque, Basic Rights Oregon  
EXHIBIT 40: Nikki Fisher, Executive Director, The Bus Project  
EXHIBIT 41: Tom Chamberlain, President, Oregon AFL-CIO  
Meeting Adjourned

**01:36:23**