

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

March 20, 2019  
08:00 AM

Hearing Room B

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Alan Olsen, Chair  
Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Brian Boquist  
Sen. Peter Courtney

**STAFF PRESENT:** C. Ross, LPRO Analyst  
Isabel Hernandez, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** SB 938 – Public Hearing  
SB 678 – Public Hearing  
SCR 20 – Public Hearing and Work Session  
SCR 23 – Work Session  
SCR 24 – Work Session  
SB 688 – Work Session  
SB 689 – Work Session  
Introduction of Committee Measures – Work Session

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**00:00:09** Meeting Called to Order  
**00:00:09** Chair Olsen

**00:00:31** [SB 938 - Public Hearing](#)  
**00:00:31** Chair Olsen  
**00:00:42** C. Ross, LPRO Analyst  
**00:01:00** Sen. Dallas Heard, Senate District 1  
**00:02:38** Dave Whitmer, previous Interim Medical Center Director, Roseburg  
Veterans Affairs Health Care System; Chief Operating Officer, Veterans  
Affairs Sunshine Health Care Network

**00:04:42** EXHIBITS 1-3: Laurie Skillman, Senior Policy Advisor, Oregon  
Department of Veterans' Affairs

**00:07:21** Sen. Courtney  
**00:11:24** Sen. Boquist  
**00:12:56** Vice-Chair Monnes Anderson  
**00:17:06** EXHIBIT 4: witness registration

**00:17:10** [SB 678 - Public Hearing](#)  
**00:17:10** Chair Olsen

00:17:17 C. Ross, LPRO Analyst  
00:17:44 Sen. Boquist  
00:18:48 EXHIBIT 5: Jim Knight, Executive Director, Port of Astoria  
00:26:19 Tim Von Seggen, retired, Portland Fire and Rescue, Marine Response;  
Captain, Fire Boat David Campbell  
00:33:20 Scott Heesacker, former Chief, Portland Fire and Rescue  
00:34:46 Vice-Chair Monnes Anderson  
00:44:00 EXHIBIT 6: Don Floyd, Chairman, Salvage Chief Foundation, Astoria  
00:52:12 EXHIBIT 7: Dennis Lucia, Washington State Tribes  
00:57:14 EXHIBIT 8: Tom Potiowsky, former Director, Northwest Economic  
Research Center (NERC), Portland State University  
01:02:37 EXHIBITS 9-11: Floyd E. Holcom, former Special Forces Soldier; resident,  
Astoria  
01:09:41 Lorraine Churchill, resident, Oregon; Cowlitz County Department of  
Emergency Management  
01:18:34 EXHIBIT 12: witness registration  
01:18:35 The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:  
EXHIBIT 13: James R. Wirkkula, physician, The Salvage Chief; Astoria  
native  
EXHIBIT 14: Ron Smith, medical advisor, The Salvage Chief Foundation;  
senior PA, Oregon National Guard serving as a Lieutenant Colonel,  
Medical Command in Salem

01:18:41 **SCR 20 - Public Hearing**  
01:18:41 Chair Olsen  
01:18:46 C. Ross, LPRO Analyst  
01:19:04 Vice-Chair Monnes Anderson  
01:19:18 Sen. Alan Olsen, Senate District 20  
01:21:46 Jose Hernandez Jr., retired Navy Veteran, USS McGinty (1959-1965)  
01:27:04 EXHIBIT 15: witness registration  
01:27:05 The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:  
EXHIBIT 16: R. Stephen Carr, President, Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 392

01:27:08 **SCR 20 - Work Session**  
01:27:08 Chair Olsen  
01:27:11 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR MONNES ANDERSON MOVES SCR 20 BE  
ADOPTED  
01:27:24 VOTE: 4-0-0  
AYES: BOQUIST, COURTNEY, MONNES ANDERSON, OLSEN  
CARRIER: SEN. OLSEN WILL LEAD DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR

01:27:36 **SCR 23 - Work Session**  
01:27:36 Chair Olsen  
01:27:39 C. Ross, LPRO Analyst

**01:27:50** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR MONNES ANDERSON MOVES SCR 23 BE ADOPTED

**01:28:04** VOTE: 4-0-0  
AYES: BOQUIST, COURTNEY, MONNES ANDERSON, OLSEN  
CARRIER: SEN. JOHNSON WILL LEAD DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR

**01:28:13** **SCR 24 - Work Session**

**01:28:13** Chair Olsen

**01:28:16** C. Ross, LPRO Analyst

**01:28:26** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR MONNES ANDERSON MOVES SCR 24 BE ADOPTED

**01:28:40** VOTE: 4-0-0  
AYES: BOQUIST, COURTNEY, MONNES ANDERSON, OLSEN  
CARRIER: SEN. JOHNSON WILL LEAD DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR

**01:28:49** **SB 688 - Work Session**

**01:28:49** Chair Olsen

**01:28:59** C. Ross, LPRO Analyst

**01:29:30** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR MONNES ANDERSON MOVES SB 688 DO PASS AND SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT BE RESCINDED

**01:29:55** VOTE: 4-0-0  
AYES: BOQUIST, COURTNEY, MONNES ANDERSON, OLSEN  
CARRIER: SEN. OLSEN WILL LEAD DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR

**01:30:06** **SB 689 - Work Session**

**01:30:06** Chair Olsen

**01:30:10** C. Ross, LPRO Analyst

**01:30:40** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR MONNES ANDERSON MOVES SB 689 DO PASS AND SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION BE RESCINDED

**01:31:00** VOTE: 4-0-0  
AYES: BOQUIST, COURTNEY, MONNES ANDERSON, OLSEN  
CARRIER: SEN. OLSEN WILL LEAD DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR

**01:31:15** **Introduction of Committee Measures - Work Session**

**01:31:15** Chair Olsen

**01:31:22** EXHIBITS 17-18: C. Ross, LPRO Analyst

**01:32:02** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR MONNES ANDERSON MOVES LC 4271 AND LC 4297 BE INTRODUCED AS COMMITTEE MEASURES

**01:32:39** VOTE: 4-0-0  
AYES: BOQUIST, COURTNEY, MONNES ANDERSON, OLSEN

**01:32:50** Meeting Adjourned