

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND WATER

January 11, 2024
02:30 PM

Hearing Room D

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Ken Helm, Chair
Rep. Annessa Hartman, Vice-Chair
Rep. Mark Owens, Vice-Chair
Rep. Court Boice
Rep. Mark Gamba
Rep. Bobby Levy
Rep. Pam Marsh
Rep. Susan McLain
Rep. Anna Scharf

STAFF PRESENT: Anna Glueder, LPRO Analyst
Sean Murphy, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Introduction to Committee Legislative Concepts – Work Session
FEMA BiOP – Informational Meeting
Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) – Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Funding – Informational Meeting
Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (LUBGWMA) – Informational Meeting
Preview of Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Package – Informational Meeting
Overview of 2024 Member Legislative Concepts – Informational Meeting

00:00:02 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:03 Chair Helm

00:00:33 [Introduction of Committee Legislative Concepts - Work Session](#)

00:00:34 Chair Helm

00:00:58 Anna Glueder, LPRO Analyst

00:02:58 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR HARTMAN MOVES LC 45 BE INTRODUCED AS A COMMITTEE MEASURE

- 00:03:15** VOTE: 9-0-0
AYE: BOICE, GAMBA, B. LEVY, MARSH, MCLAIN, SCHARF,
HARTMAN, OWENS, HELM
- 00:03:52** Vice-Chair Owens
- 00:04:57** Rep. McLain
- 00:05:44** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR HARTMAN MOVES LC 56 BE INTRODUCED AS
A COMMITTEE MEASURE
- 00:06:00** VOTE: 9-0-0
AYE: BOICE, GAMBA, B. LEVY, MARSH, MCLAIN, SCHARF,
HARTMAN, OWENS, HELM
- 00:06:32** Rep. B. Levy
- 00:08:19** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR HARTMAN MOVES LC 69 BE INTRODUCED AS
A COMMITTEE MEASURE
- 00:08:35** VOTE: 9-0-0
AYE: BOICE, GAMBA, B. LEVY, MARSH, MCLAIN, SCHARF,
HARTMAN, OWENS, HELM
- 00:08:47** **FEMA BiOP - Informational Meeting**
- 00:08:48** Chair Helm
- 00:09:36** Jesse Ratcliffe, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources
Section, Oregon Department of Justice
- 00:14:27** Molly Lawrence, Attorney, VanNess Feldman, Seattle; Counsel,
Oregonians for Floodplain Protection
- 00:24:24** Sarah Absher, Community Development Director, Floodplain
Administrator, Tillamook County
- 00:31:07** Ariel Nelson, League of Oregon Cities
- 00:34:09** Frank Stratton, Executive Director, Special Districts Association of Oregon
- 00:36:34** Vice-Chair Owens
- 00:41:16** Mary Stites, Staff Attorney, Northwest Environmental Defense Center;
Center for Biological Diversity; The Conservation Angler; Willamette River
Keeper
- 00:48:23** Jeremy Rogers, General Counsel, Director of Legal Affairs & Public
Policy, Oregon Realtors
- 00:48:44** Chad Allen, dairy farmer, Victor Dairy, Tillamook County
- 01:00:44** **Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) - Well Abandonment,
Repair and Replacement Funding - Informational Meeting**
- 01:00:45** Chair Helm
- 01:01:16** Kim Fritz-Ogren, Planning, Collaboration and Investments Section
Manager, OWRD
- 01:03:09** Lisa Kingsley, Interim Well Fund Coordinator, OWRD
- 01:09:58** Rep. B. Levy
- 01:11:01** Vice-Chair Owens
- 01:12:05** **Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (LUBGWMA) -
Informational Meeting**

01:12:06 Chair Helm
01:12:29 Geoff Huntington, Senior Natural Resources Advisor, Office of the Governor
01:16:49 Gabriela Goldfarb, Section Manager, Environmental Public Health, Oregon Health Authority; LUBGWMA Public Health Project Manager, Office of the Governor
01:22:38 Kevin Lindsey, Interim Operations Chief, Office of Resilience and Emergency Management, Oregon Department of Human Services
01:25:44 Shannon Davis, Deputy Director, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
01:29:36 Isaak Stapleton, Director of Natural Resources Program Area, Oregon Department of Agriculture
01:34:26 Chris Kowitz, North Central Region Manager, Oregon Water Resources Department
01:39:12 Rep. B. Levy
01:42:47 Rep. McLain
01:53:00 Vice-Chair Hartman

01:58:28 **Preview of Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Package - Informational Meeting**
01:58:29 Chair Helm
01:59:09 Rep. David Gomberg, House District 10
02:02:34 Rep. Emily McIntire, House District 56
02:10:31 Vice-Chair Owens
02:11:34 Rep. Scharf

02:12:45 **Overview of 2024 Member Legislative Concepts - Informational Meeting**
02:12:46 Chair Helm
02:12:55 Rep. B. Levy
02:15:30 Meeting Adjourned