

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

December 11, 2024
02:30 PM

Hearing Room D

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Ken Helm, Co-Chair
Rep. Mark Owens, Co-Chair
Rep. Court Boice
Rep. Mark Gamba
Rep. Bobby Levy
Rep. Pam Marsh
Rep. Susan McLain

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: Rep. Annessa Hartman, Vice-Chair
Rep. Anna Scharf

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

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Introduction of Committee Legislative Concepts – Work Session
Successes of Past Work and Investments – Informational Meeting
Update on Irrigation Modernization
Update on Wet Meadow and Wetland Restoration in the Harney Basin
Invasive Species – Informational Meeting
Quagga Mussels
Emerald Ash Borer
Oregon Water Resources Department: Update on 2021-24 Legislative Investments – Informational Meeting
Water Reuse in Oregon: Program Policy, Development & Implementation – Informational Meeting
Overview of Committee Members’ Legislative Concepts – Informational Meeting

00:00:03 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:04 Co-Chair Helm
00:03:12 Co-Chair Owens
00:07:42 Rep. McLain
00:08:53 Rep. B. Levy

00:10:03 Rep. Gamba
00:11:17 Rep. Marsh
00:13:55 Rep. Boice

00:16:16 **Introduction of Committee Legislative Concepts - Work Session**
00:16:17 Co-Chair Helm
00:17:15 MOTION: CO-CHAIR OWENS MOVES LC 610, LC 952, LC 1836, LC 2046, LC 2503, LC 2811, LC 3333, AND LC 3909 BE INTRODUCED AS COMMITTEE MEASURES
00:18:38 VOTE: 7-0-2
AYE: BOICE, GAMBA, B. LEVY, MARSH, MCLAIN, OWENS, HELM
EXCUSED: SCHARF, HARTMAN

00:19:00 **Successes of Past Work and Investments: Update on Irrigation Modernization - Informational Meeting**
00:19:01 Co-Chair Helm
00:19:40 Julie Davies O'Shea, Farmers Conservation Alliance
00:29:15 Co-Chair Owens

00:30:47 **Successes of Past Work and Investments: Update on Wet Meadow and Wetland Restoration in the Harney Basin - Informational Meeting**
00:30:48 Co-Chair Helm
00:30:59 Co-Chair Owens
00:31:17 Brenda Smith, Executive Director, High Desert Partnership
00:32:25 Melissa Petschauer, Ecological Programs Coordinator, High Desert Partnership
00:34:30 Chad Karges, Board Member, High Desert Partnership

00:38:46 **Invasive Species: Quagga Mussels - Informational Meeting**
00:38:47 Co-Chair Helm
00:39:57 Keith DeHart, Invasive Species and Wildlife Integrity Supervisor, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
00:50:22 Co-Chair Owens
00:51:53 Rep. B. Levy
00:52:35 Rep. McLain

00:53:21 **Invasive Species: Emerald Ash Borer - Informational Meeting**
00:53:22 Co-Chair Helm
00:53:31 Wyatt Williams, Invasive Species Specialist, Oregon Department of Forestry
01:02:55 Rep. McLain
01:04:01 Rep. B. Levy
01:04:46 Rep. Boice
01:07:40 Rep. Marsh
01:12:39 Rep. Gamba

01:13:54 **Oregon Water Resources Department: Update on 2021-24 Legislative Investments - Informational Meeting**

01:13:55 Co-Chair Helm

01:14:09 Ivan Gall, Director, Oregon Water Resources Department

01:31:47 Co-Chair Owens

01:36:54 Rep. Boice

01:43:59 Rep. McLain

01:48:32 **Water Reuse in Oregon: Program Policy, Development & Implementation - Informational Meeting**

01:48:33 Co-Chair Helm

01:48:55 Rian Hooff, Senior Policy and Legislative Analyst, Water Quality Programs, Department of Environmental Quality

01:52:07 Pat Heins, Water Reuse and Biosolids Programs Coordinator, Department of Environmental Quality

01:58:02 Susie Smith, Special Projects Manager, Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA); Stony Creek Consulting

02:06:15 Rep. Gamba

02:15:45 **Overview of Committee Members' Legislative Concepts - Informational Meeting**

02:15:46 Co-Chair Helm

02:16:12 Rep. McLain

02:16:24 Rep. Boice

02:16:49 Rep. B. Levy

02:18:59 Meeting Adjourned