

**HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
SMALL BUSINESS, AND TRADE**

September 24, 2024
02:30 PM

Hearing Room A

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Daniel Nguyen, Chair
Rep. Janelle Bynum, Vice-Chair
Rep. Ed Diehl, Vice-Chair
Rep. Rep. Lucetta Elmer
Rep. Cyrus Javadi
Rep. John Lively
Rep. Virgle Osbourne
Rep. Hai Pham
Rep. Ricki Ruiz
Rep. Jules Walters

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: Rep. Dwayne Yunker

STAFF PRESENT: Andrew Hendrie, LPRO Analyst
Matt Wurst, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Perspectives from Targeted Industry Sectors, Part One -
Informational Meeting
Perspectives on the Clean Tech Task Force -
Informational Meeting
Childcare and Economic Growth - Informational Meeting
Oregon Economic Development Districts - Informational
Meeting
Public Comment - Informational Meeting

00:00:45 Meeting Called to Order

00:00:46 Chair D. Nguyen

00:01:55 [Perspectives from Targeted Industry Sectors, Part One -
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00:01:56 Chair D. Nguyen

00:02:57 Dave Dillon, President, Food Northwest

00:10:46 Evann Walters, CEO, Fresh n' Local Foods

00:15:53 Chris Edwards, President, Oregon Forest Industries Council (OFIC)

00:24:03 Kyle Freres, Vice President of Operations, Freres Engineered Wood

00:30:21 Rebecca Robinson, Associate Vice President for Economic Development
and Industry Relations, Oregon State University

00:37:47 Vice-Chair Diehl
00:40:09 Rep. Javadi
00:43:37 Rep. Elmer
00:45:18 Rep. Osborne

00:49:52 **Perspectives on the Clean Tech Task Force - Informational Meeting**
00:49:53 Chair D. Nguyen
00:50:29 Karin Power, Natural Resources and Climate Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor
00:54:08 Rakesh Aneja, Vice President, Daimler Truck North America
01:01:07 Andrew Desmond, Economic Development Director, Oregon Business Council
01:12:14 Nora Apter, Director of Programs, Oregon Environmental Council
01:20:19 Ranfis Giannettino Villatoro, Senior State Policy Manager, Blue Green Alliance
01:29:31 Rep. Elmer
01:33:16 Rep. Javadi
01:36:09 Vice-Chair Diehl

01:39:30 **Childcare and Economic Growth - Informational Meeting**
01:39:31 Chair D. Nguyen
01:40:13 Rep. Jules Walters, House District 37
01:46:27 Christiana K. McFarland, PhD, Center for Innovation Strategy and Policy, SRI International
01:51:51 Chris Bennett, CEO, Wonderschool
01:56:33 Regan Gray, Child Care Policy Advisor, Family Forward
02:00:23 Rep. Javadi
02:06:32 Joanne Mina, Bend
02:06:56 Monique Claiborne, President and CEO, Greater Portland Inc,
02:13:53 McRea Carmichael, Community and Economic Development Director, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments
02:21:05 Vice-Chair Diehl

02:22:02 **Public Comment - Informational Meeting**
02:22:03 Chair D. Nguyen
02:22:18 Joanne Mina, resident, Bend

02:24:59 **Childcare and Economic Growth - Informational Meeting**
02:25:00 Chair Nguyen
02:25:13 Vice-Chair Diehl
02:26:08 Chris Bennett, CEO, Wonderschool
02:27:25 Regan Gray, Child Care Policy Advisor, Family Forward
02:30:18 Rep. Elmer
02:32:22 Rep. Ruiz
02:33:57 Meeting Adjourned