

**HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,
GENERAL GOVERNMENT, AND VETERANS**

September 23, 2024
11:30 AM

Hearing Room E

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Thuy Tran, Chair
Rep. Dacia Grayber, Vice-Chair
Rep. Rick Lewis, Vice-Chair
Rep. Charlie Conrad
Rep. Paul Evans
Rep. James Hieb

STAFF PRESENT: Beverly Schoonover, LPRO Analyst
Madi Wiebe, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Veteran Suicide Prevention – Informational Meeting
Wildfire Season Report – Informational Meeting
Emergency Management - Community Resiliency –
Informational Meeting
Emergency Management - Fuel and Energy Updates –
Informational Meeting

00:00:04 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:05 Chair Tran

00:00:55 [**Veteran Suicide Prevention - Informational Meeting**](#)

00:00:56 Chair Tran

00:01:25 Nakeia Daniels, Dr., Director, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs

00:07:11 Darren Golden, active-duty veteran, Air Force

00:17:58 Steve Schneider, Alliance for a Safe Oregon

00:26:08 Vice-Chair Grayber

00:27:44 Rep. Conrad

00:31:10 Rep. Hieb

00:34:57 Doug Gomez, PhD, Oregon Brain Injury Advocate Coordinator, Center on
Brain Injury Research and Training

00:40:43 Amy Almond-Schmid, Executive Director, Returning Veterans Project

00:45:11 [**Wildfire Season Report - Informational Meeting**](#)

00:45:12 Chair Tran

00:45:49 Kyle Williams, Deputy Director, Fire Operations, Oregon Department of
Forestry

00:53:34 Mariana Ruiz-Temple, State Fire Marshal
00:58:30 Rep. Conrad
01:01:40 Vice-Chair Grayber
01:02:53 Rep. Evans

01:05:47 **Emergency Management - Community Resiliency - Informational Meeting**
01:05:48 Chair Tran
01:06:38 Quinn Butler, State Voluntary Agency Liaison, Oregon Department of Emergency Management
01:11:49 Rep. Evans
01:13:34 Chris Voss, Director, Emergency Management, Multnomah County
01:20:35 Jeremy Van Keuren, Community Resilience Manager, Portland Bureau of Emergency Management
01:26:05 Nick Vora, Emergency Manager, Union County
01:33:54 Edwin Flick, Director, Office of Resilience and Emergency Management, Oregon Department of Human Services
01:40:35 Rep. Conrad
01:42:08 Vice-Chair Grayber
01:42:32 Spencer Karel, Oregon Department of Human Services

01:43:47 **Emergency Management - Fuel and Energy Updates - Informational Meeting**
01:43:48 Chair Tran
01:44:18 Jonna Papaefthimiou, State Resilience Officer; Policy Advisor, Disaster Response, Office of the Governor
01:50:54 Maxwell Woods, Assistant Director, Nuclear Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Oregon Department of Energy
01:57:21 Rep. Evans
01:58:57 Rep. Hieb
02:05:01 Rep. Conrad
02:07:07 Logan Gilles, Legislative Coordinator, Department of Environmental Quality
02:11:44 Sophia Steele, Senior Manager, Northwest Region, Western States Petroleum Association
02:16:41 Vice-Chair Grayber
02:19:06 Nikki Mandell, member, Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub Task Force
02:27:06 Meeting Adjourned