

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

December 10, 2024
11:30 AM

Hearing Room E

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

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: Rep. Rick Lewis, Vice-Chair
Rep. James Hieb

MEMBER(S) VISITING: Rep. Mark Owens

STAFF PRESENT: Beverly Schoonover, LPRO Analyst
Sean Murphy, Sr. Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Wildfire Season Report – Informational Meeting
Non-Governmental Organizations in Disaster Recovery –
Informational Meeting
Winter Weather Preparation – Informational Meeting
Introduction of Committee Legislative Concepts – Work
Session
Critical Energy Infrastructure Update – Informational Meeting

00:00:28 Meeting Called to Order

00:00:29 Chair Tran

00:00:39 [Wildfire Season Report - Informational Meeting](#)

00:00:40 Chair Tran

00:01:15 Doug Grafe, Wildfire & Military Advisor, Office of the Governor

00:03:11 Kyle Williams, Deputy Director of Fire Operations, Oregon Department of Forestry

00:12:46 Mariana Ruiz-Temple, Oregon State Fire Marshal

00:20:08 Rep. Conrad

00:20:36 Vice-Chair Grayber

00:22:07 Todd McKinley, Sheriff, Grant County

00:28:38 Rep. Owens

- 00:30:11 Brenda Smith, Executive Director, High Desert Partnership
- 00:40:10 **Non-Governmental Organizations in Disaster Recovery - Informational Meeting**
- 00:40:11 Chair Tran
- 00:40:46 Rep. Charlie Conrad, House District 12
- 00:47:26 Mercedes Elizalde, Chair, Modernizing Grant Funding & Contracting Task Force
- 00:54:47 Devin Thompson, Executive Director, McKenzie Valley Long Term Recovery Group
- 00:59:20 Vice-Chair Grayber
- 01:06:47 Derek Burkhardt, Vale Rangeland Fire Protection Association (RFPA); Ironside RFPA
- 01:17:35 Rep. Owens
- 01:20:23 Rep. Evans
- 01:22:29 Geoff Hinds, President, Oregon Fairs Association; Director, Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center
- 01:26:19 Rep. Conrad
- 01:27:29 **Winter Weather Preparation - Informational Meeting**
- 01:27:30 Chair Tran
- 01:28:02 Patence Winningham, Deputy Director, Oregon Department of Emergency Management
- 01:28:11 Edwin Flick, Director, Office of Resilience and Emergency Management, Oregon Department of Human Services
- 01:28:22 André Ourso, Administrator, Center for Health Protection, Public Health Division, Oregon Health Authority
- 01:42:40 Rep. Evans
- 01:49:00 Kevin Putnam, Senior Director, Engineering and Design, Portland General Electric
- 01:54:41 Kerry Hoeschen, Emergency Management Director, 211 Info
- 01:57:15 **Introduction of Committee Legislative Concepts - Work Session**
- 01:57:16 Chair Tran
- 01:57:30 Beverly (Schoonover) Anderson, LPRO Analyst
- 01:59:47 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR GRAYBER MOVES LC 2469, LC 2822, LC 3227, AND LC 3585 BE INTRODUCED AS COMMITTEE MEASURES
- 02:00:47 VOTE: 4-0-2
AYE: CONRAD, EVANS, GRAYBER, TRAN
EXCUSED: HIEB, LEWIS
- 02:01:23 **Critical Energy Infrastructure Update - Informational Meeting**
- 02:01:24 Chair Tran
- 02:01:48 Abby Boudouris, Senior Legislative Analyst, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- 02:04:54 Svetlana Lazarev, Seismic Stability Program Analyst, DEQ

02:11:29 Vice-Chair Grayber
02:12:40 Rep. Evans
02:14:33 Max Woods, Assistant Director, Nuclear Safety and Emergency
Preparedness, Oregon Department of Energy
02:23:41 Vice-Chair Grayber
02:24:58 Meeting Adjourned