

## **SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

September 28, 2023  
02:30 PM

Hearing Room B

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Michael Dembrow, Chair  
Sen. Suzanne Weber, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Dick Anderson  
Sen. Lew Frederick  
Sen. Sara Gelser Blouin

**MEMBER(S) VISITING:** Rep. Courtney Neron

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst  
Maia Powloski, LPRO Analyst  
Kristi Arrington, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** Adoption of Committee Rules - Organizational Meeting  
Student Loans: Return to Repayment - Informational Meeting  
Introduction of New University Presidents - Informational Meeting  
Direct Admissions - Informational Meeting  
SB 819 Implementation - Informational Meeting

**00:00:27** Meeting Called to Order  
**00:00:28** Chair Dembrow

**00:03:40** [Adoption of Committee Rules - Organizational Meeting](#)  
**00:03:41** Chair Dembrow

**00:05:04** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR WEBER MOVES ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES

**00:05:38** VOTE: 4-0-1  
AYE: ANDERSON, FREDERICK, WEBER, DEMBROW  
EXCUSED: GELSER BLOUIN

**00:09:52** [Student Loans: Return to Repayment - Informational Meeting](#)  
**00:09:53** Chair Dembrow

**00:12:51** [Introduction of New University Presidents - Informational Meeting](#)  
**00:12:52** Chair Dembrow  
**00:13:10** Ann Cudd, President, Portland State University

**00:19:10**      **Student Loans: Return to Repayment - Informational Meeting**

**00:19:11**      Chair Dembrow

**00:19:13**      Alex Cheng, Deputy Administrator, Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

**00:23:01**      Lane Thompson, Student Loan Ombudsperson, Division of Financial Regulation, DCBS

**00:27:58**      Austin Reid, Senior Legislative Director, Federal Education Policy, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)

**00:50:07**      **Introduction of New University Presidents - Informational Meeting**

**00:50:08**      Chair Dembrow

**00:50:14**      Karl Scholz, President, University of Oregon

**00:55:29**      Sen. Frederick

**00:58:12**      **Direct Admissions - Informational Meeting**

**00:58:13**      Chair Dembrow

**01:00:56**      Meredith Fergus, Director of Research, Co-Manager, Direct Admissions, Minnesota Office of Higher Education

**01:13:39**      Veronica Dujon, Director, Academic Policy and Authorization, Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

**01:26:00**      Josephine Ness, Director of Admissions, Oregon Institute of Technology

**01:35:02**      Sen. Frederick

**01:38:24**      **SB 819 Implementation - Informational Meeting**

**01:38:25**      Chair Dembrow

**01:40:17**      Christy Reese, Executive Director, FACTOregon

**01:46:38**      Sen. Gelser Blouin

**01:52:33**      Tenneal Wetherell, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Enhancing Student Opportunities, Oregon Department of Education

**02:20:18**      Rep. Courtney Neron, House District 26

**02:24:47**      **Introduction of New University Presidents - Informational Meeting**

**02:24:48**      Chair Dembrow

**02:25:25**      Kelly Ryan, President, Eastern Oregon University

**02:31:26**      Meeting Adjourned