

SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

September 23, 2024
11:30 AM

Hearing Room A

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

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

HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Courtney Neron, Chair
Rep. Zach Hudson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Boomer Wright, Vice-Chair
Rep. Tracy Cramer
Rep. Emily McIntire
Rep. Hoa Nguyen
Rep. Andrea Valderrama

MEMBER(S) VISITING: Rep. Ricki Ruiz

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst
Taylor Bickel, LPRO Analyst
Kristi Arrington, Committee Assistant
William Best, Committee Assistant

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MEASURES/ISSUES: Update from Joint Task Force on Statewide Educator Salary Schedules – Informational Meeting
Update from Joint Task Force on Substitute Teachers – Informational Meeting
Update from Chronic Absenteeism Workgroup – Informational Meeting
Update on Summer Learning – Informational Meeting
Update on SB 819 (2023) Implementation – Informational Meeting
Update on Prison Education – Informational Meeting
Update on Student Aid and Oregon Promise – Informational Meeting
Oregon Student Association Student Survey – Informational Meeting

00:00:13 House Interim Committee on Education Meeting Called to Order

00:00:14 Chair Neron
00:00:23 ROLL CALL
00:00:50 Senate Interim Committee Meeting Called to Order
00:00:51 Chair Dembrow
00:01:05 ROLL CALL

00:03:28 **Update from Chronic Absenteeism Workgroup - Informational Meeting**
00:03:29 Chair Neron
00:04:34 Rep. H. Nguyen
00:04:45 Vice-Chair Weber

00:15:11 **Update from Joint Task Force on Substitute Teachers - Informational Meeting**
00:15:12 Chair Neron
00:15:22 Chair Dembrow

00:31:29 **Update on Summer Learning - Informational Meeting**
00:31:30 Chair Neron
00:32:19 Liz Ross, Director of Federal Systems, Oregon Department of Education
00:35:26 Raquel Gwynn, Education Specialist, Oregon Department of Education (questions only)
00:42:01 Darcy Soto, Director of Learning Acceleration, Portland Public Schools
00:47:59 Kraig Sproles, Superintendent, Bethel School District

00:56:12 **Update from Joint Task Force on Statewide Educator Salary Schedules - Informational Meeting**
00:56:13 Chair Neron
00:56:49 Chair Dembrow
01:11:38 House Committee on Education Meeting Recessed
01:11:39 Senate Interim Committee on Education Meeting Recessed
01:11:51 Senate Interim Committee on Education Meeting Reconvened

01:12:15 **Update on SB 819 (2023) Implementation - Informational Meeting**
01:12:16 Chair Dembrow
01:13:55 Tenneal Wetherell, Chief of Staff, Oregon Department of Education
01:21:10 Sen. Gelser Blouin
01:24:54 Christy Reese, Executive Director, FACT Oregon
01:26:40 Tom Stenson, Deputy Legal Director, Disability Rights Oregon

01:33:05 **Update on Prison Education - Informational Meeting**
01:33:06 Chair Dembrow
01:34:13 Larry Bennett, Assistant Director of Correctional Services, Oregon Department of Corrections
01:44:15 Nahlee Suvanvej, Director, Higher Education in Prison, Portland State University

01:50:57 Sen. Frederick

01:52:42 **Update on Student Aid and Oregon Promise - Informational Meeting**
01:52:43 Chair Dembrow
01:53:06 Kyra King, Operations and Policy Analyst, Office of Student Access and Completion
02:02:33 Erin Rau, Deputy Director, Office of Student Access and Completion

02:06:13 **Oregon Student Association Student Survey - Informational Meeting**
02:06:14 Chair Dembrow
02:06:36 Nick Keough, Legislative Director, Oregon Student Association
02:12:24 Angelo Arredondo, Legislative Chair, Oregon Student Association
02:14:36 Alex Aghdaei, President, Oregon Student Association
02:24:55 Meeting Adjourned