

SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

September 23, 2024
08:30 AM

Hearing Room E

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Sara Gelser Blouin, Chair
Sen. James Manning Jr.
Sen. Floyd Prozanski
Sen. Suzanne Weber

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: Sen. Art Robinson, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Iva Sokolovska, LPRO Analyst
Mike Reiley, Sr. Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Welcome and Overview - Informational Meeting
Updates on Prior Year Legislation - Informational Meeting
Report From the Task Force on Modernizing Grant Funding
and Contracting (SB 606, 2023) - Informational Meeting
Implementation of the Brain Injury Navigator Program (SB
420, 2023) - Informational Meeting
Oregon Public Facing Direct Care Worker Registry (SB 1556,
2022) - Informational Meeting
Online Portal for Electronic Submission of Mandatory Child
Abuse Reports (SB 231, 2023) - Informational Meeting
Duffel Bags Update (SB 548, 2023) - Informational Meeting
Dynamic Life and LC Beach House Update: Overview of
ODHS Internal Audit of Unregulated Providers of Services
to Children in Child Welfare - Informational Meeting
Towards Safety, Dignity and Stability: Perspectives on
Settlement of Wyatt v. Kotek Class Action Lawsuit

00:00:01 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:02 Chair Gelser Blouin

00:00:24 [Welcome and Overview - Informational Meeting](#)
00:00:25 Chair Gelser Blouin
00:04:51 Sen. Prozanski

00:04:59 [Updates on Prior Year Legislation - Informational Meeting](#)
00:05:00 Chair Gelser Blouin

- 00:05:06** **Report From the Task Force on Modernizing Grant Funding and Contracting (SB 606, 2023) - Informational Meeting**
- 00:05:07** Chair Gelser Blouin
- 00:05:27** Mercedes Elizalde, Director of Advocacy, Latino Network; Board member, Nonprofit Association of Oregon; Chair, Task Force on Modernizing Grant Funding and Contracting
- 00:19:23** Jim White, Executive Director, Nonprofit Association of Oregon
- 00:20:52** Sen. Manning Jr.
- 00:22:14** Sen. Weber
- 00:22:50** **Implementation of the Brain Injury Navigator Program (SB 420, 2023) - Informational Meeting**
- 00:22:51** Chair Gelser Blouin
- 00:23:39** Jane-ellen Weidanz, APD Deputy Director of Policy, Oregon Department of Human Services
- 00:28:06** Kathryn Nichols, mother of son with brain injury
- 00:31:26** **Oregon Public Facing Direct Care Worker Registry (SB 1556, 2022) - Informational Meeting**
- 00:31:27** Chair Gelser Blouin
- 00:31:57** Jane-ellen Weidanz, APD Deputy Director of Policy, Oregon Department of Human Services
- 00:38:23** Courtney Graham, Political Director, SEIU Local 503
- 00:40:42** Libby Batlan, Senior Vice President of Government Relations, Oregon Health Care Association
- 00:43:06** **Online Portal for Electronic Submission of Mandatory Child Abuse Reports (SB 231, 2023) - Informational Meeting**
- 00:43:07** Chair Gelser Blouin
- 00:43:35** Aprille Flint-Gerner, Director, Oregon Child Welfare, Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS)
- 00:43:51** Michael Lemke, Business and Operations Manager, Oregon Child Abuse Hotline (ORCAH), ODHS
- 00:50:19** **Duffel Bags Update (SB 548, 2023) - Informational Meeting**
- 00:50:20** Chair Gelser Blouin
- 00:50:39** Aprille Flint-Gerner, Director, Oregon Child Welfare, Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS)
- 00:55:13** Sen. Manning Jr.
- 01:01:17** Seema Steffany, Founder, Project Never Again
- 01:07:19** **Dynamic Life and LC Beach House Update: Overview of ODHS Internal Audit of Unregulated Providers of Services to Children in Child Welfare - Informational Meeting**
- 01:07:20** Chair Gelser Blouin

01:08:06 Aprille Flint-Gerner, Director, Oregon Child Welfare, Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS)
01:15:58 Sen. Manning Jr.
01:30:16 **Towards Safety, Dignity and Stability: Perspectives on Settlement of Wyatt v. Kotek Class Action Lawsuit - Informational Meeting**
01:30:17 Chair Gelser Blouin
01:32:32 Lacey Andresen, Deputy Director, Child Welfare Division, Oregon Department of Human Services
01:32:39 Emily Cooper, Legal Director, Disability Rights Oregon
01:58:44 Whitney Rodgers, Program Director, Oregon Foster Youth Connection
02:04:51 Meeting Adjourned