

SENATE VETERANS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FEDERAL AND WORLD AFFAIRS

September 23, 2024
02:30 PM

Hearing Room E

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. James Manning Jr., Chair
Sen. Kim Thatcher, Vice-Chair
Sen. Chris Gorsek
Sen. Dennis Linthicum
Sen. Aaron Woods

STAFF PRESENT: Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst
Omar Saradi Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Ireland Trade Commission – Informational Meeting
2024 Fire Season Update – Informational Meeting
Report on Urban Search and Rescue (House Bill 2484 (2023))
– Informational Meeting
Emergency Response Communications – Informational Meeting
Veterans Legacy Program – Informational Meeting
Predatory VA Claims – Informational Meeting
Oregon Veterans Demographics – Informational Meeting
Vietnam Memorial Project – Informational Meeting
Oregon Air National Guard Update – Informational Meeting

00:00:24 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:25 Chair Manning Jr.

00:01:06 [Ireland Trade Commission - Informational Meeting](#)
00:01:07 Chair Manning Jr.
00:01:49 Senator Mark Daly, Ireland
00:08:04 Brian Doherty, Irish Network Portland

00:15:35 [2024 Fire Season Update - Informational Meeting](#)
00:15:36 Chair Manning Jr.
00:16:10 Kyle Williams, Deputy Director of Fire Operations, Oregon Department of Forestry
00:22:57 Chief Mariana Ruiz-Temple, State Fire Marshall
00:26:57 Sen. Linthicum

00:30:41 Traci Naile, Response Section Manager, Oregon Department of
Emergency Management
00:36:40 Sen. Gorsek

00:37:22 **Report on Urban Search and Rescue (House Bill 2484 (2023)) -**
Informational Meeting
00:37:23 Chair Manning Jr.
00:37:40 Chief Mariana Ruiz-Temple, State Fire Marshall

00:47:53 **Emergency Response Communications - Informational Meeting**
00:47:54 Chair Manning Jr.
00:48:05 Erin McMahon, Director, Oregon Department of Emergency Management
00:49:16 William Chapman, Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, Oregon
Department of Emergency Management
01:01:24 Sen. Gorsek
01:04:18 Vice-Chair Thatcher
01:08:36 Sen. Woods

01:14:34 **Veterans Legacy Program - Informational Meeting**
01:14:35 Chair Manning Jr.
01:14:56 Dr. John Lebow, President of the Board of Directors, Veterans Legacy
Oregon
01:26:24 Sen. Woods

01:30:43 **Predatory VA Claims - Informational Meeting**
01:30:44 Chair Manning Jr.
01:31:08 Anthony Barber, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Oregon Chaplain and National
Legislative

01:39:02 **Oregon Veterans Demographics - Informational Meeting**
01:39:03 Chair Manning Jr.
01:39:28 Dr. Nakeia Daniels, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
01:58:00 Sen. Woods

02:02:12 **Vietnam Memorial Project - Informational Meeting**
02:02:13 Chair Manning Jr.
02:02:38 Steve Bates, President, Vietnam War Memorial Fund

02:08:19 **Oregon Air National Guard Update - Informational Meeting**
02:08:20 Chair Manning Jr.
02:08:32 Russell Gibson, Government and Legislative Affairs Director
02:09:01 Colonel Chris Lantagne, Director of Staff, Oregon Air National Guard
02:14:46 Colonel Daniel McAllister, 142nd Operations Group Deputy Commander
02:20:02 Sen. Woods
02:22:50 Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Parrish, 173rd Fighter Wing, Unit Conversion
Officer

02:27:37 Vice-Chair Thatcher
02:34:00 Meeting Adjourned