

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE, NATURAL
RESOURCES, AND WATER**

May 16, 2023
03:00 PM

Hearing Room D

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Ken Helm, Chair
Rep. Annessa Hartman, Vice-Chair
Rep. Mark Owens, Vice-Chair
Rep. Court Boice
Rep. Mark Gamba
Rep. Bobby Levy
Rep. Pam Marsh
Rep. Susan McLain
Rep. Anna Scharf

STAFF PRESENT: Anna Glueder, LPRO Analyst
Sean Murphy, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: SB 789 – Public Hearing
Irrigation Modernization – Informational Meeting
HB 3585 – Informational Meeting

00:00:15 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:16 Chair Helm

00:01:24 **SB 789 - Public Hearing**
00:01:25 Chair Helm
00:02:17 Ray Seidler, resident, Ashland; former Senior Research Scientist, United States Environmental Protection Agency
00:05:40 Marie Bower, fifth-generation farmer, Linn and Lane Counties
00:08:48 Rhianna Simes, Seed Farmer and Owner, Verdant Phoenix Farm; board member, Southern Oregon Seed Growers Association
00:11:46 Rep. Scharf
00:13:13 Matthew Parker, fourth-generation grass seed, wheat, canola, turnip, clover seed grower, Lebanon and Scio
00:16:58 Kenny Smith, President, Willamette Valley Specialty Seed Association; Agronomist, Universal Seed Company
00:21:55 Vice-Chair Owens
00:23:36 Karen Sowers, Executive Director, Pacific Northwest Canola Association
00:28:25 Rep. Gamba
00:29:43 Rep. Boice

00:31:09 Amy Wong, Oregon Organic Coalition
00:36:06 Rep. McLain
00:38:28 Troy Hadley, fifth-generation farmer, Silverton Hills
00:42:39 Hank Keogh, organic specialty seed farmer, Corvallis; board member,
Friends of Family Farmers
00:45:47 Jason Scharf, farmer, Polk County
00:49:49 Osana Waterstone, specialty seed farmer, Southern Willamette Valley
00:54:06 Amy van Saun, Senior Attorney, Center for Food Safety

00:56:38 **Irrigation Modernization - Informational Meeting**
00:56:39 Chair Helm
00:57:54 Julie Davies O'Shea, Executive Director, Farmer's Conservation Alliance
01:03:11 Gary Diridoni, Assistant State Conservationist, Watershed Resources and
Planning, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of
Agriculture
01:06:59 Cindy Thieman, Executive Director, Hood River Watershed Group
01:10:34 Rep. Marsh

01:11:58 **HB 3585 - Informational Meeting**
01:11:59 Chair Helm
01:12:42 Rep. Cyrus Javadi, House District 32
01:16:13 Cal Mukumoto, State Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)
01:19:01 Mike Wilson, Division Chief, State Forests, ODF
01:25:37 Rep. B. Levy
01:25:51 Vice-Chair Owens
01:26:43 Courtney Bangs, Commissioner, Clatsop County
01:32:15 Kevin Leahy, Executive Director, Clatsop Economic Development
Resources (CEDR); Associate Vice President, Center for Business
Community Workforce Development, Clatsop Community College
01:35:36 Lindsay Davis, resident, North Oregon Coast
01:39:29 Joe Liebezeit, Interim Statewide Conservation Director, Portland Audubon
01:43:00 Meeting Adjourned