

HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SMALL BUSINESS, AND TRADE

November 19, 2025
11:30 AM

Hearing Room C

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Daniel Nguyen, Chair
Rep. Shannon Isadore, Vice-Chair
Rep. Alek Skarlatos, Vice-Chair
Rep. Ed Diehl
Rep. April Dobson
Rep. John Lively
Rep. Virgle Osborne
Rep. Sue Rieke Smith
Rep. Mari Watanabe
Rep. Dwayne Yunker

STAFF PRESENT: Kris Kolta, LPRO Analyst
Diana Sanchez Ramirez, Committee Assistant

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

ISSUES: **Oregon's Economic Challenges – Informational Meeting**
Setting the Table: Oregon's Economic Reality and Trends
Workforce Insights
Action Plan
The Way Forward

00:00:08 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:09 Chair Nguyen

00:01:58 **Oregon's Economic Challenges - Informational Meeting**
00:01:59 Chair Nguyen

00:02:11 **Oregon's Economic Challenges: Setting the Table: Oregon's
Economic Reality and Trends – Informational Meeting**

00:02:12 Chair Nguyen

00:03:45 Carl Riccadonna, Chief Economist, Department of Administrative Services

00:28:12 Vice-Chair Skarlatos

00:28:28 Rep. Osborne

00:30:33 **Oregon's Economic Challenges: Workforce Insights – Informational
Meeting**

00:30:34 Chair Nguyen

00:30:51 Greg Smith, Senior Test Engineer, Garmin

00:38:30 Rep. Rieke Smith
00:41:15 Rep. Osborne
00:43:42 Mary Jones, Director of Brewing Operations, Pelican Brewing
00:47:32 Nate Trimmer, Corporate Manager, Gamberetti's
00:50:23 Willy So, Regional Director of Operations, A-1 Hospitality
00:52:55 Vice-Chair Skarlatos
00:54:46 Robert Camarillo, Executive Secretary, Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council
00:56:59 Anna Martin, Journeyman Ironworker, Local 29; Coordinator, U-PACT
01:01:12 Shawn Lenczowski, Business Manager, Bricklayers (BAC Local 1)
01:05:10 Jeff White, United Food & Commercial Workers Int'l Union, Local 555
01:09:19 Darren Marshall, CEO, Steven Smith, Teamaker
01:13:41 Alex Sokol Blosser, President, Sokol Blosser Winery

01:18:38 **Oregon's Economic Challenges: Action Plan – Informational Meeting**
01:18:39 Chair Nguyen
01:19:22 Elizabeth Mazzara Myers, Executive Director, Westside Economic Alliance
01:22:37 Monique Claiborne, President; CEO, Greater Portland Inc.
01:28:57 Kaz Zaidi, Northwest Native Chamber
01:29:15 James Alan Parker, CEO, Northwest Native Chamber
01:32:32 Kimberly Branam, Chief Trade & Economic Development Officer, Port of Portland
01:39:31 Duke Shepard, Senior Policy Director, Oregon Business & Industry
01:45:38 Alando Simpson, CEO, City of Roses (COR) Disposal & Recycling
01:46:58 Horace Jenkins, Hauling Supervisor, COR Disposal & Recycling
01:48:28 Darlene Khalafi, Business Innovation Specialist, Local Ocean Seafoods
01:52:36 Stephen Laffoon, Penderia Technologies
01:57:15 Rich Carter, Co-founder;CEO, Valliscor

01:59:47 **Oregon's Economic Challenges: The Way Forward – Informational Meeting**
01:59:48 Chair Nguyen
01:59:56 John Tapogna, Senior Policy Advisor, ECOnorthwest
02:21:23 Rep. Watanabe
02:27:37 Meeting Adjourned