

**HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON
EARLY CHILDHOOD AND HUMAN SERVICES**

January 14, 2026
08:30 AM

Hearing Room D

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Anna Scharf, Vice-Chair
Rep. Jules Walters, Vice-Chair
Rep. Emily McIntire
Rep. Ricki Ruiz
Rep. Dwayne Yunker

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: Rep. Annessa Hartman, Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Taylor Bickel, LPRO Analyst
Timothy Merrill, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Child Welfare Process Overview – Informational Meeting
Update on the Family Justice Workgroup and LC 266 –
Informational Meeting
Update on the Early Childhood Workgroup and LC 211 –
Informational Meeting
Overview of LC 236: Human Services Omnibus –
Informational Meeting
Introduction of Committee Legislative Concepts – Work
Session
Introduction of Oregon Department of Human Services
Director – Informational Meeting
Overview of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)
– Informational Meeting

00:00:08 Meeting Called to Order

00:00:09 Vice-Chair Walters

00:01:10 **Child Welfare Process Overview - Informational Meeting**

00:01:11 Vice-Chair Walters

00:01:41 Molly Miller, Deputy Director for Child Welfare, Oregon Department of
Human Services

00:02:05 Sarah Walker, Assistant Manager, Child Safety Program, Oregon
Department of Human Services

00:07:52 Rep. Yunker

00:09:06 Rep. McIntire

00:09:40 Vice-Chair Scharf

- 00:14:10 Rep. Wise
- 00:41:28 **Update on the Family Justice Workgroup and LC 266 - Informational Meeting**
- 00:41:29 Vice-Chair Walters
- 00:41:50 Daniel Moltke, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Annessa Hartman
- 00:52:08 Vice-Chair Scharf
- 00:57:44 Rep. Yunker
- 01:00:49 Rep. McIntire
- 01:02:18 Molly Miller, Deputy Director, Child Welfare, Oregon Department of Human Services
- 01:21:08 **Update on the Early Childhood Workgroup and LC 211 - Informational Meeting**
- 01:21:09 Vice-Chair Scharf
- 01:21:20 Vice-Chair Walters
- 01:26:05 Rep. Wise
- 01:28:32 Sarah Arbuckle, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Lamar Wise
- 01:31:29 Rep. Yunker
- 01:33:20 Rep. Ruiz
- 01:40:52 **Overview of LC 236: Human Services Omnibus - Informational Meeting**
- 01:40:53 Vice-Chair Walters
- 01:41:19 Lacey Andresen, Deputy Director, Child Welfare, ODHS
- 01:44:13 Emily Hawkins Quinten, Consultant, Indian Child Welfare, Oregon Department of Human Services
- 01:48:00 George Lopez, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs, ODHS
- 01:49:47 Vice-Chair Scharf
- 01:51:02 **Introduction of Committee Legislative Concepts - Work Session**
- 01:51:03 Vice-Chair Walters
- 01:51:15 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR SCHARF MOVES LC 211, LC 236, AND LC 266 BE INTRODUCED AS COMMITTEE MEASURES
- 01:51:54 Vice-Chair Scharf
- 01:53:11 VOTE: 6-0-1
AYE: MCINTIRE, RUIZ, WISE, YUNKER, SCHARF, WALTERS
EXCUSED: HARTMAN
- 01:53:47 **Introduction of Oregon Department of Human Services Director - Informational Meeting**
- 01:53:48 Vice-Chair Walters
- 01:53:59 Liesl Wendt, Director, Oregon Department of Human Services
- 01:57:26 Rep. Yunker
- 01:59:20 Meeting Recessed
- 01:59:26 Meeting Reconvened

01:59:37 **Overview of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) -
Informational Meeting**

01:59:38 Vice-Chair Walters

02:00:04 Molly Miller, Deputy Director, Child Welfare, Oregon Department of Human
Services

02:00:36 Mary Geelan, Manager, Family First Program Manager, Oregon
Department of Human Services

02:18:58 Rep. McIntire

02:21:39 Vice-Chair Scharf

02:23:04 Meeting Adjourned