

HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND VETERANS

September 29, 2025
11:30 AM

Hearing Room D

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Thuy Tran, Chair
Rep. Rick Lewis, Vice-Chair
Rep. Mari Watanabe, Vice-Chair
Rep. Court Boice
Rep. Paul Evans
Rep. Dacia Grayber
Rep. Alek Skarlatos

STAFF PRESENT: Beverly Anderson, LPRO Analyst
Isabel Hernandez, Sr. Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Adoption of Committee Rules – Organizational Meeting
Cascadia Earthquake Islanding Briefing – Informational Meeting
Veterans’ Services Fund – Behavioral Health – Informational Meeting
Tsunami Warning Briefing – Informational Meeting
Federal Directives and Emergency Management – Informational Meeting

00:00:05 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:06 Chair Tran

00:00:16 **Adoption of Committee Rules - Organizational Meeting**
00:00:17 Chair Tran
00:00:24 Beverly Anderson, LPRO Analyst
00:00:41 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR LEWIS MOVES ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES
00:00:59 VOTE: 6-0-1
AYE: EVANS, GRAYBER, SKARLATOS, LEWIS, WATANABE, TRAN
EXCUSED: BOICE

00:01:23 **Cascadia Earthquake Islanding Briefing - Informational Meeting**
00:01:24 Chair Tran
00:01:47 Kris Strickler, Director, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)
00:02:00 Tova Peltz, Statewide Capital Program Engineer, ODOT
00:18:38 Rep. Grayber

00:21:25 Vice-Chair Watanabe
00:23:14 Rep. Evans
00:26:57 Kristen Hull, Planning and Project Delivery Group Director, Portland
Bureau of Transportation, City of Portland
00:27:18 Rachit Nerwal, Chief Resilience Officer, Portland Bureau of Emergency
Management, City of Portland
00:36:16 Jonathan Fink, Professor of Geology, Portland State University

00:46:41 **Veterans' Services Fund- Behavioral Health - Informational Meeting**
00:46:42 Chair Tran
00:47:02 Christa Jones, Psy.D., Deputy Director, Service Delivery, Behavioral
Health Division, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)
00:47:12 Susan Davis, Veteran and Military Behavioral Health Liaison, OHA
00:51:26 Rep. Evans
00:52:30 Vice-Chair Lewis

01:19:49 **Tsunami Warning Briefing - Informational Meeting**
01:19:50 Chair Tran
01:20:17 Rep. David Gomberg, House District 10
01:23:03 Rep. Paul Evans, House District 20

01:35:16 **Federal Directives and Emergency Management - Informational**
Meeting
01:35:17 Chair Tran
01:35:58 Bryan Lee, Emergency Manager, Sheriff's Office, Benton County Sheriff's
Office; Chair, Emergency Command Council, Oregon State Sheriff's
Association; Vice-Chair, Local Government Emergency Management
Advisory Council
01:55:33 Scott Winkels, League of Oregon Cities
01:58:30 Rep. Boice
02:00:32 Rep. Grayber
02:01:45 Meeting Adjourned