

HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND VETERANS

January 14, 2026
11:30 AM

Hearing Room B

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
Jacob Kashlak, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Emergency Management and Disaster Response Planning – Informational Meeting
Disaster Ready Budgets – Informational Meeting
Overview of Fuel Storage Diversification – Informational Meeting
Landscape Resiliency for Wildfires – Informational Meeting
Recreational Drone Identification and Detection – Informational Meeting
Veterans Crisis Card Legislative Concept – Informational Meeting
Introduction of Committee’s Legislative Concepts – Work Session
Oregon’s Seismic Status – Informational Meeting

00:00:02 Meeting Called to Order

00:00:03 Chair Tran

00:00:15 **[Emergency Management and Disaster Response Planning - Informational Meeting](#)**

00:00:16 Chair Tran

00:01:15 Cyndi Lake, Emergency Manager, Oregon Health and Sciences University

00:09:56 Rep. Grayber

00:11:41 Chris Chuculate, Associate Director, Distribution and Warehousing,
Oregon Food Bank

00:19:24 Ed Glad, Lions Club - District O

00:21:19 Jim Origliosso, Lions Club - District 36 R

00:28:59 Rep. Evans
00:30:10 Terry Johnson, CEO, Boys and Girls Club of Portland Metropolitan
00:30:32 Minh Q. Luu, Corporate Partnerships Strategist, Boys and Girls Club of Portland Metropolitan
00:39:56 Rep. Boice
00:40:24 Nicole Hudnut, National Lead, T-Mobile Emergency Response Team

00:50:36 **Disaster Ready Budgets - Informational Meeting**
00:50:37 Chair Tran
00:50:56 Caitlyn Wan Smith, Managing Fiscal Risks Officer, Pew Charitable Trust
01:03:21 Rep. Evans

01:04:43 **Overview of Fuel Storage Diversification - Informational Meeting**
01:04:44 Chair Tran
01:05:03 Max Woods, Assistant Director, Nuclear Safety and Energy Security, Oregon Department of Energy

01:19:35 **Landscape Resiliency for Wildfires - Informational Meeting**
01:19:36 Chair Tran
01:20:11 Kyle Williams, Deputy Director, Fire Operations, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)
01:23:28 Mariana Ruiz-Temple, State Fire Marshal, Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)
01:26:28 Josh Barnard, Forest Resources Division Chief, ODF
01:38:15 Rep. Evans
01:42:43 Claire McGrew, Chief Deputy State Fire Marshal, OSFM
01:46:00 Rep. Grayber

01:47:48 **Recreational Drone Identification and Detection - Informational Meeting**
01:47:49 Chair Tran
01:48:17 Kenji Sugahara, Director, Oregon Department of Aviation
01:48:29 Bobby Sakaki, CEO, UAS Nexus
01:59:08 Rep. Evans
01:59:50 Rep. Skarlatos
02:02:12 Rep. Boice

02:09:09 **Veterans Crisis Card Legislative Concept - Informational Meeting**
02:09:10 Chair Tran
02:09:27 Rep. Rick Lewis, House District 18
02:13:35 Rep. Court Boice, House District 1

02:19:03 **Introduction of Committee's Legislative Concepts - Work Session**
02:19:04 Chair Tran
02:19:56 Beverly Anderson, LPRO Analyst
02:20:47 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR WATANABE MOVES LC 126, LC 129, AND LC 184 BE INTRODUCED AS COMMITTEE MEASURES

02:22:21 VOTE: 6-0-1
AYE: BOICE, GRAYBER, SKARLATOS, LEWIS, WATANABE, TRAN
EXCUSED: EVANS

02:22:59 **Oregon's Seismic Status - Informational Meeting**

02:23:00 Chair Tran

02:23:15 Anne Castleton, Vice Chair, Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory
Committee (OSSPAC)

02:23:25 Allison Pynch, Chair, OSSPAC

02:25:16 Rep. Grayber

02:32:42 Meeting Adjourned