

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

January 13, 2026
11:30 AM

Hearing Room G

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Chris Gorsek, Co-Chair
Sen. Dick Anderson
Sen. Mark Meek

Rep. Gregory Smith, Co-Chair
Rep. Farrah Chaichi
Rep. David Gomberg
Rep. Thuy Tran

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:

Rep. E. Werner Reschke

STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Siebert, Deputy Legislative Fiscal Officer
John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office
Chelsey Herrmann-Nordness, Legislative Fiscal Office
Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office
Vivian Stair, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS:

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00:00:01 [Meeting Called to Order](#)
00:00:02 Senator Gorsek, Presiding Co-Chair
00:00:41 Paul Siebert, Deputy Legislative Fiscal Officer

00:01:07 [1. Secretary of State - Oregon Centralized Voter Registration](#)
00:01:14 Michael Kaplan, Deputy Secretary of State
00:07:42 Rep. Gomberg
00:07:54 Michael Kaplan
00:08:23 Rep. Tran
00:08:37 Michael Kaplan
00:10:00 Sen. Anderson
00:10:05 Michael Kaplan
00:10:45 Sen. Anderson
00:10:57 Michael Kaplan
00:11:18 Paul Siebert

00:11:57 MOTION: Rep. Gomberg moves the Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation to the Full Committee

00:12:16 Rep. Tran

00:12:39 VOTE: 6-0-2
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Gorsek, Meek; Reps. Chaichi, Gomberg, Tran
Exc: Reps. Reschke, Smith
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Sen. Gomberg

00:13:12 **2. Secretary of State - Campaign Finance Implementation**

00:13:13 Co-Chair Gorsek

00:13:34 Paul Siebert, Deputy Legislative Fiscal Officer

00:14:06 Michael Kaplan, Deputy Secretary of State

00:18:53 Rep. Tran

00:19:07 Michael Kaplan

00:20:11 Rep. Tran

00:21:08 Michael Kaplan

00:22:16 Sen. Meek

00:24:00 Michael Kaplan

00:25:16 Rep. Gomberg

00:26:12 Michael Kaplan

00:27:42 Co-Chair Gorsek

00:28:07 Co-Chair Smith

00:28:30 Michael Kaplan

00:29:34 Co-Chair Smith

00:30:34 Sen. Anderson

00:31:33 Rep. Chaichi

00:32:15 Michael Kaplan

00:32:57 Rep. Tran

00:33:56 Rep. Gomberg

00:34:31 Paul Siebert

00:35:56 Co-Chair Gorsek

00:36:27 Paul Siebert

00:37:38 Rep. Gomberg

00:37:54 Paul Siebert

00:39:13 MOTION: Co-Chair Smith moves the Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation to the Full Committee

00:39:59 Rep. Gomberg

00:41:24 VOTE: 7-0-1
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Gorsek, Meek; Reps. Chaichi, Gomberg, Smith, Tran
Exc: Rep. Reschke
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Rep. Gomberg

00:41:56 **3. Secretary of State - Microfilm Digitization and Receptionist**
00:41:57 Co-Chair Gorsek
00:42:18 Paul Siebert, Deputy Legislative Fiscal Officer
00:42:45 Michael Kaplan, Deputy Secretary of State
00:44:02 Co-Chair Gorsek
00:45:09 Co-Chair Smith
00:45:56 Michael Kaplan
00:46:11 Rep. Tran
00:48:26 Michael Kaplan
00:50:58 Paul Siebert
00:51:30 MOTION: Co-Chair Smith moves the Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation to the Full Committee
00:51:47 VOTE: 5-2-1
Ayes: Sens. Gorsek, Meek; Reps. Chaichi, Gomberg, Smith
Nays: Sen. Anderson; Rep. Tran
Exc: Rep. Reschke
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Rep. Smith

00:52:25 **47. Board of Tax Practitioners - Litigation Cost Increases**
00:52:26 Senator Gorsek, Presiding Co-Chair
00:52:37 Chelsey Herrmann-Nordness, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:53:31 Laura Kardokus, Executive Director, Board of Tax Practitioners
00:55:04 Rep. Tran
00:55:39 Adison Rowe, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services
00:55:53 Chelsey Herrmann-Nordness
00:56:17 MOTION: Co-Chair Smith moves the Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation to the Full Committee
00:56:32 VOTE: 7-0-1
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Gorsek, Meek; Reps. Chaichi, Gomberg, Smith, Tran
Exc: Rep. Reschke
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Sen. Anderson
00:57:18 Rep. Gomberg

00:58:23 **53. Public Employees Retirement System/Department of Administrative Services - Modernization Program Status**
00:58:24 Co-Chair Gorsek
00:58:39 John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office
01:00:39 Kristi Ivers, Modernization Program Director, Public Employees Retirement System
01:00:48 Richard Horsford, Chief Financial Officer, Public Employees Retirement System
01:00:57 Kristi Ivers
01:04:44 Co-Chair Smith

01:05:07 Kristi Ivers
01:07:59 Co-Chair Smith
01:08:20 Kristi Ivers
01:08:54 Co-Chair Smith
01:09:03 Kristi Ivers
01:10:02 Co-Chair Smith
01:10:22 Rep. Tran
01:11:09 Kristi Ivers
01:12:54 Rep. Chaichi
01:13:15 Kristi Ivers
01:14:11 Co-Chair Gorsek
01:14:18 Kristi Ivers
01:14:36 Co-Chair Smith
01:15:16 Kristi Ivers
01:15:38 Co-Chair Smith
01:17:07 Kristi Ivers
01:18:21 Co-Chair Smith
01:18:30 Kristi Ivers
01:19:00 Co-Chair Smith
01:19:38 Kristi Ivers
01:23:46 Rep. Tran
01:24:32 Kristi Ivers
01:25:00 Rep. Chaichi
01:25:22 Kristi Ivers
01:26:08 Co-Chair Smith
01:28:19 Ben DeYoung, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services
01:28:30 John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office
01:29:07 MOTION: Co-Chair Smith moves the report to the Full Committee with the LFO recommendation to acknowledge receipt
01:29:21 VOTE: 7-0-1
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Gorsek, Meek; Reps. Chaichi, Gomberg, Smith, Tran
Exc: Rep. Reschke
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Rep. Gomberg

01:30:15 **51. Public Employees Retirement System - Modernization Program**
01:30:16 Co-Chair Gorsek
01:30:25 John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office
01:30:54 Richard Horsford, Chief Financial Officer, Public Employees Retirement System
01:34:44 Rep. Tran
01:34:53 Richard Horsford
01:35:20 Rep. Tran
01:35:31 Richard Horsford
01:35:59 Rep. Tran

01:36:30 Richard Horsford
01:37:43 Rep. Tran
01:43:27 Ben DeYoung, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services
01:43:40 John Borden
01:44:53 Rep. Tran
01:45:45 Co-Chair Smith
01:45:53 Richard Horsford
01:47:31 Co-Chair Smith
01:47:52 MOTION: Co-Chair Smith moves the Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation to the Full Committee
01:48:12 VOTE: 7-0-1
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Gorsek, Meek; Reps. Chaichi, Gomberg, , Smith, Tran
Exc: Rep. Reschke
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Rep. Smith

01:49:08 **52. Public Employees Retirement System/Department of Administrative Services - Implementation of Pension Benefit Changes**
01:49:09 Co-Chair Gorsek
01:49:31 Kevin Olineck, Director, Public Employees Retirement System
01:59:17 Co-Chair Smith
01:59:34 Kevin Olineck
02:01:03 Co-Chair Smith
02:02:21 Kevin Olineck
02:02:48 Ben DeYoung, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services
02:03:00 John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office presents LFO recommendation
02:03:08 MOTION: Co-Chair Smith moves the report to the Full Committee with the LFO recommendation to acknowledge receipt
02:03:28 VOTE: 7-0-1
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Gorsek, Meek; Reps. Chaichi, Gomberg, , Smith, Tran
Exc: Rep. Reschke
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Sen. Anderson

02:04:12 **55. Department of Administrative Services - Compensation Plan Changes**
02:04:13 Co-Chair Gorsek
02:04:44 Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office
02:05:23 Erin Haney, Chief Human Resource Office Labor Relations Manager, Department of Administrative Services
02:07:28 Tamara Brickman, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services
02:07:39 Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office
02:07:48 MOTION: Co-Chair Smith moves the report to the Full Committee with the LFO recommendation to acknowledge receipt

02:08:00 VOTE: 7-0-1
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Gorsek, Meek; Reps. Chaichi, Gomberg, Smith, Tran
Exc: Rep. Reschke
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Sen. Anderson

02:08:37 **58. Department of Administrative Services - Operations and Strategic Initiatives**

02:08:38 Co-Chair Gorsek
02:08:49 Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office
02:09:49 Betsy Imholt, Director, Department of Administrative Services
02:11:56 Co-Chair Gorsek
02:12:00 Betsy Imholt
02:12:21 Rep. Tran
02:12:43 Betsy Imholt
02:12:51 Co-Chair Smith
02:12:58 Rep. Tran
02:13:05 Betsy Imholt
02:13:09 Co-Chair Smith
02:13:25 Betsy Imholt
02:14:49 Co-Chair Smith
02:15:03 Betsy Imholt
02:15:28 Sen. Meek
02:16:11 Tamara Brickman, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services
02:16:25 Kim To
02:17:12 MOTION: Co-Chair Smith moves the Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation to the Full Committee
02:17:43 VOTE: 7-0-1
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Gorsek, Meek; Reps. Chaichi, Gomberg, Smith, Tran
Exc: Rep. Reschke
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Rep. Gomberg

02:18:23 **59. Department of Administrative Services - Position Reclassifications**

02:18:24 Co-Chair Gorsek
02:18:33 Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office
02:19:21 Betsy Imholt, Director, Department of Administrative Services
02:20:06 Co-Chair Gorsek
02:20:16 Co-Chair Smith
02:20:29 Betsy Imholt
02:21:18 Tamara Brickman, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services
02:21:30 Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office
02:21:53 MOTION: Co-Chair Smith moves the Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation to the Full Committee

02:22:07 VOTE: 7-0-1
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Gorsek, Meek; Reps. Chaichi, Gomberg, Smith, Tran
Exc: Rep. Reschke
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Sen. Anderson

02:22:47 Co-Chair Gorsek

02:23:30 Meeting Adjourned