

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

November 18, 2025
02:30 PM

Hearing Room G

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Jeff Golden, Co-Chair
Sen. Chris Gorsek
Sen. Mike McLane

Rep. David Gomberg, Co-Chair
Rep. Jami Cate
Rep. Daniel Nguyen
Rep. Alek Skarlatos
Rep. Mari Watanabe

STAFF PRESENT:

John Terpening, Deputy Legislative Fiscal Officer
Emily Coates, Legislative Fiscal Office
Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office
Ben Ruef, Legislative Fiscal Office
Sean Murphy, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS:

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

00:00:04 [Meeting Called to Order](#)
00:00:05 Representative Gomberg, Presiding Co-Chair
00:01:19 Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office

00:02:44 [Orientation](#)
00:02:56 Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:07:38 Co-Chair Gomberg
00:08:42 Michelle Deister
00:08:51 Co-Chair Gomberg

00:08:59 [12. Department of Aviation - Columbia River Air Services Corridor](#)
00:09:33 Ben Ruef, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:10:09 Co-Chair Gomberg
00:10:13 Kenji Sugahara, Director, Department of Aviation
00:10:42 Co-Chair Golden
00:10:58 Ben Ruef
00:11:15 MOTION: Co-Chair Golden moves the federal grant application to the Full Committee with the LFO recommendation to approve the request

00:11:38 Rep. Cate
00:11:45 Kenji Sugahara
00:12:05 VOTE: 8-0-0
Ayes: Sens. Golden, Gorsek, McLane; Reps. Cate, Gomberg, Nguyen, Skarlatos, Watanabe
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Rep. Gomberg

00:12:23 **13. Department of Consumer and Business Services - WCB Compensation Structure**
00:12:31 Emily Coates, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:12:56 Joy Dougherty, Chair, Workers' Compensation Board
00:13:44 Co-Chair Gomberg
00:14:14 Joy Dougherty
00:18:03 Rep. Nguyen
00:18:31 Joy Dougherty
00:19:37 Rep. Nguyen
00:19:53 Joy Dougherty
00:20:20 Co-Chair Gomberg
00:20:25 Rep. Cate
00:20:36 Co-Chair Gomberg
00:20:50 Courtney Rogers, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services
00:21:09 Emily Coates
00:21:17 MOTION: Co-Chair Golden moves the report to the Full Committee with the LFO recommendation to acknowledge receipt
00:21:26 VOTE: 8-0-0
Ayes: Sens. Golden, Gorsek, McLane; Reps. Cate, Gomberg, Nguyen, Skarlatos, Watanabe
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Sen. McLane
00:21:35 Sen. McLane

00:21:54 **15. Department of Consumer and Business Services - Occupational Safety and Health Training**
00:22:06 Emily Coates, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:23:04 Sean O'Day, Acting Director, Department of Consumer and Business Services
00:25:51 Stephen Lund, Deputy Administrator, Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division
00:27:45 Courtney Rogers, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services
00:28:02 Emily Coates
00:28:29 MOTION: Co-Chair Golden moves the federal grant application to the Full Committee with the LFO recommendation to approve the request
00:28:43 VOTE: 8-0-0
Ayes: Sens. Golden, Gorsek, McLane; Reps. Cate, Gomberg, Nguyen, Skarlatos,

Watanabe

MOTION CARRIES

Carrier: Rep. Gomberg

00:29:10 Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office

00:29:32 Reduction Options - Oregon Business Development Department

00:30:19 Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office

00:32:49 Co-Chair Gomberg

00:36:41 Rep. Nguyen

00:37:08 Co-Chair Gomberg

00:37:37 Michelle Deister

00:38:11 Co-Chair Gomberg

00:38:24 Michelle Deister

00:38:27 Co-Chair Golden

00:39:09 Co-Chair Gomberg

00:40:07 Sophorn Cheang, Director, Oregon Business Development Department

00:53:23 Chris Cummings, Deputy Director, Oregon Business Development Department

00:58:34 Co-Chair Gomberg

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01:00:27 Co-Chair Gomberg

01:00:55 Sophorn Cheang

01:02:42 Co-Chair Gomberg

01:03:42 Rep. Watanabe

01:04:22 Chris Cummings

01:04:48 Rep. Watanabe

01:05:23 Sophorn Cheang

01:06:59 Rep. Skarlatos

01:07:50 Rep. Cate

01:08:26 Chris Cummings

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01:14:14 Sophorn Cheang

01:15:32 Rep. Nguyen

01:16:24 Sen. McLane

01:17:24 Sophorn Cheang

01:17:34 Reduction Options - Housing and Community Services Department

01:18:00 Andrea Bell, Executive Director, Housing and Community Services Department

01:23:48 Caleb Yant, Deputy Director, Housing and Community Services Department

01:27:06 Andrea Bell

01:29:08 Caleb Yant
01:33:07 Co-Chair Gomberg
01:33:30 Caleb Yant
01:34:14 Rep. Skarlatos
01:34:45 Andrea Bell
01:36:12 Caleb Yant
01:36:45 Sen. McLane
01:36:52 Andrea Bell
01:37:55 Sen. McLane
01:38:00 Andrea Bell
01:38:06 Sen. McLane
01:38:22 Andrea Bell
01:39:04 Rep. Cate
01:40:00 Andrea Bell
01:42:00 Rep. Nguyen
01:43:00 Andrea Bell
01:44:25 Co-Chair Golden
01:45:38 Caleb Yant
01:46:32 Rep. Watanabe
01:47:03 Andrea Bell
01:48:12 Caleb Yant
01:48:16 Co-Chair Gomberg

01:49:26 Reduction Options - Department of Veterans' Affairs
01:49:54 Nakia Council Daniels, Director, Department of Veterans' Affairs
01:59:25 Co-Chair Gomberg
01:59:55 Rep. Cate
02:00:17 Nakia Council Daniels
02:02:23 Co-Chair Gomberg
02:02:56 Nakia Council Daniels

02:04:42 Reduction Options - Bureau of Labor and Industries
02:05:00 Christina Stephenson, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor and Industries
02:11:50 Rep. Watanabe
02:12:19 Christina Stephenson
02:13:21 Co-Chair Golden
02:13:42 Christina Stephenson
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02:30:25 Co-Chair Gomberg
02:30:34 Co-Chair Golden

02:31:09 **Meeting Adjourned**