

SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

November 18, 2025
11:30 AM

Hearing Room B

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Janeen Sollman, Chair
Sen. David Brock Smith, Vice-Chair
Sen. Jeff Golden
Sen. Khanh Pham
Sen. Noah Robinson

STAFF PRESENT: Beth Reiley, LPRO Analyst
Morgan DuVal, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Growth of the Blue Economy - Informational Meeting
Impact of Utility Financial Health on Oregon's Economy -
Informational Meeting
Oregon Energy Strategy - Informational Meeting

00:00:04 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:05 Chair Sollman

00:00:36 **Growth of the Blue Economy - Informational Meeting**
00:00:37 Chair Sollman
00:02:16 Mike Conathan, Managing Director, Upwell Collaborative
00:18:09 Marcus Hinz, Executive Director, Oregon Coast Visitors Association
00:28:19 Sen. Golden
00:29:41 Vice-Chair Brock Smith
00:32:01 Sen. Pham
00:38:16 Sen. Robinson

00:41:59 **Impact of Utility Financial Health on Oregon's Economy -
Informational Meeting**
00:42:00 Chair Sollman
00:44:14 Laura Tabor, Legislative Affairs Director, Oregon Public Utility Commission
00:55:08 Vice-Chair Brock Smith
00:56:07 Sen. Golden
01:01:10 Cliff Rechtchaffen, Former Commissioner, California Public Utility
Commission
01:10:00 Julian Dumoulin-Smith, Managing Director, US Power, Utilities, Midstream
& Clean Energy Research at Jefferies
01:23:17 Tony Schacher, General Manager, Salem Electric

01:25:43 Phil Irwin, CEO, Federated Rural Electric Insurance Exchange
01:29:41 Sen. Robinson
01:32:26 Sen. Pham

01:33:06 **Oregon Energy Strategy - Informational Meeting**

01:33:07 Chair Sollman
01:33:41 Janine Benner, Director, Oregon Department of Energy
01:38:34 Jessica Reichers, Technology and Policy Section Manager, Oregon
Department of Energy
01:48:45 Sen. Golden
01:51:58 Vice-Chair Brock Smith
02:20:50 Sen. Robinson
02:22:07 Meeting Adjourned