

SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FEDERAL AND WORLD AFFAIRS

November 18, 2025
08:30 AM

Hearing Room C

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. James Manning Jr., Chair
Sen. Kim Thatcher, Vice-Chair
Sen. Mark Meek
Sen. Courtney Neron Misslin
Sen. David Brock Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst
Diana Sanchez Ramirez, Committee Assistant

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

ISSUES: Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Agency Overview –
Informational Meeting
Geriatric Care in the Oregon Department of Corrections –
Informational Meeting
Tax Treatment of Military Pension Income – Informational
Meeting
Oregon National Guard Update – Informational Meeting
Current Status of Law Enforcement in the Vicinity of the ICE
Facility in Portland – Informational Meeting
2025 Fire Season Recap – Informational Meeting
Establishing EMS as the Third Branch of Public Safety: A
Universal Healthcare Approach – Informational Meeting
Lane Transit District and Emergency Management Response
– Informational Meeting
Cherkasy, Ukraine Sister State Update – Informational
Meeting

00:00:03 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:04 Chair Manning Jr.

00:01:37 [Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Agency Overview -
Informational Meeting](#)

00:01:38 Chair Manning Jr.

00:01:43 Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst

00:02:04 Nakeia Daniels, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs

00:10:04 Vice-Chair Thatcher

00:12:13 Sen. Meek

00:19:04 Sen. Brock Smith

00:22:49 **Geriatric Care in the Oregon Department of Corrections -
Informational Meeting**
00:22:50 Chair Manning Jr.
00:23:11 Harvey Mathews, Legislative Director, Oregon Department of Corrections
00:25:05 Kevin Bovenkamp, Assistant Director, Health Services, Oregon
Department of Corrections

00:39:41 **Tax Treatment of Military Pension Income - Informational Meeting**
00:39:42 Chair Manning Jr.
00:40:01 Kyle Easton, Senior Economist, Office of Legislative Revenue

00:56:49 **Oregon National Guard Update - Informational Meeting**
00:56:50 Chair Manning Jr.
00:56:58 Russell W. Gibson, Director, Government and Legislative Affairs, Oregon
Military Department
01:05:49 Sen. Neron Misslin

01:14:09 **Current Status of Law Enforcement in the Vicinity of the ICE Facility
in Portland - Informational Meeting**
01:14:10 Chair Manning Jr.
01:14:44 Craig Dobson, Assistant Chief of Operations, Portland Police Bureau
01:24:20 Sen. Meek
01:25:55 Sen. Brock Smith
01:27:54 Sen. Neron Misslin

01:29:14 **2025 Fire Season Recap - Informational Meeting**
01:29:15 Chair Manning Jr.
01:29:35 Chief Ruiz-Temple, Oregon State Fire Marshal
01:32:45 Kyle Williams, Deputy Director, Fire Operations, Oregon Department of
Forestry
01:50:58 Sen. Brock Smith

01:56:58 **Establishing EMS as the Third Branch of Public Safety: A Universal
Healthcare Approach - Informational Meeting**
01:56:59 Chair Manning Jr.
01:57:12 T. Brett Deedon, President of International Association Firefighters, Local
851 Lane Professional Firefighters

02:08:18 **Lane Transit District and Emergency Management Response -
Informational Meeting**
02:08:19 Chair Manning Jr.
02:08:43 Mike Hursh, Chief Operations Officer, Lane Transit District
02:11:44 Pete Knox, Board Member, Lane Transit District

02:16:27 **Cherkasy, Ukraine Sister State Update - Informational Meeting**

02:16:28 Chair Manning Jr.
02:16:45 Yulia Brockdorf, Ukrainian-American humanitarian efforts, Oregon
business owner and mental health provider
02:25:43 Sen. Neron Misslin
02:26:34 Vice-Chair Thatcher
02:26:54 Meeting Adjourned