

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

January 14, 2026  
11:30 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](#)

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** Introduction of Committee Legislative Concepts – Work Session  
Office of Emergency Management Updates – Informational Meeting  
Oregon National Guard Update and Lawful Orders – Informational Meeting  
Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission: Seismic Upgrades – Informational Meeting  
Newport Coast Guard Helicopter – Informational Meeting  
United Service Organizations Overview – Informational Meeting  
Pacific Coast Intermodal Port Project Update – Informational Meeting  
Oregon-Ireland Sister State Update – Informational Meeting

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

00:00:43 **Introduction of Committee Legislative Concepts - Work Session**

00:00:44 Chair Manning Jr.

00:01:17 Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst

00:03:16 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THATCHER MOVES LC 274, LC 275, LC 277 BE INTRODUCED AS COMMITTEE MEASURES

00:04:02 VOTE: 5-0-0

AYE: MEEK, NERON MISSLIN, BROCK SMITH, THATCHER, MANNING JR

00:05:33 **Office of Emergency Management Updates - Informational Meeting**

00:05:34 Chair Manning Jr.  
00:05:53 Erin McMahon, Director, Office of Emergency Management  
00:22:51 Sen. Neron Misslin

00:26:27 **Oregon National Guard Update and Lawful Orders - Informational Meeting**

00:26:28 Chair Manning Jr.  
00:26:50 Alan Gronewold, Brigadier General, Adjutant General, Oregon National Guard  
00:34:53 Russell W. Gibson, Director, Government and Legislative Affairs, Oregon Military Department

00:36:33 **Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission: Seismic Upgrades - Informational Meeting**

00:36:34 Chair Manning Jr.  
00:36:53 Anne Castleton, Vice Chair, Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC)  
00:36:58 Allison Pynch, Chair, OSSPAC  
00:47:21 Sen. Neron Misslin  
00:50:53 Sen. Brock Smith

00:52:37 **Newport Coast Guard Helicopter - Informational Meeting**

00:52:38 Chair Manning Jr.  
00:53:03 Meeting Recessed  
00:53:07 Meeting Reconvened  
00:53:41 Jeff Merkley, United States Senator  
00:59:35 Sen. Brock Smith

01:03:16 **United Service Organizations Overview - Informational Meeting**

01:03:17 Chair Manning Jr.  
01:03:30 Donald Leingang, United Service Organizations (USO)  
01:09:19 Jeff Keller, Staff Member, USO  
01:23:35 Vice-Chair Thatcher

01:24:45 **Pacific Coast Intermodal Port Project Update - Informational Meeting**

01:24:46 Chair Manning Jr.  
01:25:19 Arnie Roblan, Port of Coos Bay Commissioner  
01:31:24 Keith Leavitt, Chief Commercial Officer, Pacific Coast Intermodal Port Project  
01:43:03 Melissa Cribbins, Executive Director, Pacific Coast Intermodal Port Project  
01:48:11 Sen. Brock Smith

01:57:23 **Oregon-Ireland Sister State Update - Informational Meeting**

01:57:24 Chair Manning Jr.  
01:57:28 Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst  
02:01:02 Meeting Adjourned