

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 23, 2026
08:00 AM

Hearing Room 50

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Zach Hudson, Chair
Rep. April Dobson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Emily McIntire, Vice-Chair
Rep. Lisa Fragala
Rep. Darin Harbick
Rep. Sarah Finger McDonald
Rep. Sue Rieke Smith
Rep. Boomer Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst
William Best, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: SB 1596 A – Public Hearing
SB 1537 A – Public Hearing
SB 1538 A – Public Hearing

00:00:03 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:04 Chair Hudson

00:00:55 **SB 1596 A - Public Hearing**
00:00:56 Chair Hudson
00:01:07 Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst
00:01:24 Sen. Suzane Weber, Senate District 16 Senator
00:05:27 Liz Marlia Stein, Oregon Public Education Network
00:07:54 Soobin Oh, Co-Director, Teaching Preschool Partners
00:13:53 Rep. Wright
00:18:19 Sen. Lew Frederick, Senate District 22
00:20:25 Rep. Fragala
00:21:42 Vice-Chair McIntire
00:24:38 Zoe Larmer, Director, Government Relations, Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

00:26:03 **SB 1537 A - Public Hearing**
00:26:04 Chair Hudson
00:26:15 Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst
00:26:41 Sen. Lew Frederick, Senate District 22
00:32:29 John Wykoff, Deputy Director, Oregon Community College Association

00:33:56 Vice-Chair McIntire

00:35:39 **SB 1538 A - Public Hearing**

00:35:40 Chair Hudson

00:35:56 Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst

00:36:35 Sen. Lew Frederick, Senate District 22

00:40:37 Jessica Ventura, Director, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement,
Oregon Department of Human Service (ODHS)

00:44:56 Morgan Allen, Coalition of Oregon School Administrators (COSA)

00:45:56 Vice-Chair McIntire

00:46:30 Rep. Finger McDonald

00:48:58 Vice-Chair Dobson

00:50:19 Rep. Harbick

00:53:43 Myra Flores, Chief of Staff, Sen. Anthony Broadman, Senate District 27

00:56:21 Greg Pereira, President, Central Oregon Community College

01:00:29 Meeting Adjourned