

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 25, 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  
Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst  
William Best, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** Implementation of Civics Education Requirement –  
Informational Meeting  
Stand for Children’s Analysis of Instructional Time and  
Chronic Absenteeism – Informational Meeting  
SB 1596 A – Work Session  
SB 1538 A – Work Session  
SB 1537 A – Work Session

00:00:05 Meeting Called to Order

00:00:06 Chair Hudson

00:01:02 Implementation of Civics Education Requirement - Informational Meeting

00:01:03 Chair Hudson

00:02:58 Stand For Children's Analysis of Instructional Time and Chronic Absenteeism - Informational Meeting

00:02:59 Chair Hudson

00:03:28 Sarah Pope, Executive Director, Stand for Children

00:21:46 Rep. April Dobson, House District 39

00:25:12 Rep. Fragala

00:25:50 Rep. Rieke Smith

00:28:37 Rep. Wright

00:31:27 Vice-Chair McIntire

00:37:26 Rep. Finger McDonald

**00:47:23**      **SB 1596 A - Work Session**  
**00:47:24**      Chair Hudson  
**00:47:29**      Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst  
**00:48:01**      MOTION: VICE-CHAIR DOBSON MOVES SB 1596 A DO PASS  
**00:48:14**      VOTE: 8-0-0  
AYE: FRAGALA, HARBICK, FINGER MCDONALD, RIEKE SMITH,  
WRIGHT, DOBSON, MCINTIRE, HUDSON  
CARRIER: REP. FRAGALA

**00:48:50**      **SB 1538 A - Work Session**  
**00:48:51**      Chair Hudson  
**00:49:00**      Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst  
**00:50:00**      MOTION: VICE-CHAIR DOBSON MOVES SB 1538 A DO PASS  
**00:50:10**      Vice-Chair McIntire  
**00:50:35**      VOTE: 5-3-0  
AYE: FRAGALA, FINGER MCDONALD, RIEKE SMITH, DOBSON,  
HUDSON  
NAY: HARBICK, WRIGHT, MCINTIRE  
CARRIER: REP. RIEKE SMITH

**00:51:09**      **SB 1537 A - Work Session**  
**00:51:10**      Chair Hudson  
**00:51:15**      Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst  
**00:51:49**      Rep. Fragala  
**00:53:19**      Rep. Wright  
**00:53:37**      Vice-Chair McIntire  
**00:55:11**      MOTION: VICE-CHAIR MCINTIRE MOVES TO ADOPT THE -A2  
AMENDMENTS  
**00:57:05**      VOTE: 5-3-0  
AYE: FRAGALA, HARBICK, WRIGHT, DOBSON, MCINTIRE  
NAY: FINGER MCDONALD, RIEKE SMITH, HUDSON

**00:57:35**      Meeting Recessed  
**00:57:41**      Meeting Reconvened  
**00:58:52**      MOTION: VICE-CHAIR MCINTIRE MOVES THAT THE RULES BE  
SUSPENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING ACTION ON SB 1537 A  
PRIOR TO HAVING THE FISCAL AND REVENUE IMPACT  
STATEMENTS  
**00:59:28**      VOTE: 7-1-0  
AYE: FRAGALA, FINGER MCDONALD, RIEKE SMITH, WRIGHT,  
DOBSON, MCINTIRE, HUDSON  
NAY: HARBICK

**01:00:10**      MOTION: VICE-CHAIR DOBSON MOVES SB 1537 A DO PASS AS  
AMENDED  
**01:00:28**      VOTE: 7-1-0  
AYE: FRAGALA, FINGER MCDONALD, RIEKE SMITH, WRIGHT,  
DOBSON, MCINTIRE, HUDSON

NAY: HARBICK  
CARRIER: REP. HUDSON

**01:01:24**     **Implementation of Civics Education Requirement - Informational Meeting**

**01:01:25**     Chair Hudson

**01:01:46**     Alexa Pearson, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment, Oregon Department of Education

**01:02:07**     Amit Kobrowski, Social Science Specialist, Oregon Department of Education

**01:02:12**     Vanessa Martinez, Director, Standards and Instructional Support, Oregon Department of Education

**01:10:30**     Rep. Wright

**01:11:32**     Rep. Finger McDonald

**01:12:23**     Vice-Chair McIntire

**01:16:35**     Lois MacMillon, Teacher, AP Government, Grants Pass High School

**01:25:03**     Meeting Adjourned