

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES

February 17, 2026
08:00 AM

Hearing Room 50

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Ben Bowman, Chair
Rep. Lucetta Elmer, Vice-Chair
Rep. Hai Pham, Vice-Chair
Rep. Dacia Grayber
Rep. Jason Kropf
Rep. Alek Skarlatos
Rep. Kim Wallan

STAFF PRESENT: Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst
Beverly Anderson, LPRO Analyst
Desi Root, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: HB 4091 – Public Hearing and Work Session
HB 4021 – Work Session
HB 4018 – Work Session
HB 4159 – Public Hearing
HB 4161 – Public Hearing
HB 4177 – Public Hearing
HB 4135 – Public Hearing

00:00:02 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:03 Chair Bowman

00:00:42 HB 4091 - Public Hearing
00:00:43 Chair Bowman
00:00:50 Beverly Anderson, LPRO Analyst
00:01:27 Rep. Shannon Isadore, House District 33
00:04:52 Rep. Dacia Grayber, House District 28
00:06:48 Rep. Paul Evans, House District 20
00:13:00 Rep. Wallan

00:13:28 HB 4021 - Work Session
00:13:29 Chair Bowman
00:13:34 Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst
00:14:29 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR PHAM MOVES TO ADOPT THE -2
AMENDMENTS

00:14:42 VOTE: 7-0-0
AYE: GRAYBER, KROPF, SKARLATOS, WALLAN, ELMER, PHAM,
BOWMAN

00:15:03 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR PHAM MOVES HB 4021 DO PASS AS AMENDED
00:15:13 VOTE: 7-0-0
AYE: GRAYBER, KROPF, SKARLATOS, WALLAN, ELMER, PHAM,
BOWMAN

00:15:41 **HB 4018 - Work Session**
00:15:42 Chair Bowman
00:15:46 Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst
00:16:27 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR PHAM MOVES TO ADOPT THE -8
AMENDMENTS
00:16:42 Rep. Grayber
00:17:00 Wenzel Cummings, Deputy Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative
Council
00:18:03 Rep. Skarlatos
00:19:53 VOTE: 6-1-0
AYE: GRAYBER, KROPF, WALLAN, ELMER, PHAM, BOWMAN
NAY: SKARLATOS
00:20:16 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR PHAM MOVES HB 4018 DO PASS AS AMENDED
AND BE REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND
MEANS
00:22:50 VOTE: 6-1-0
AYE: GRAYBER, KROPF, WALLAN, ELMER, PHAM, BOWMAN
NAY: SKARLATOS

00:23:13 **HB 4091 - Public Hearing**
00:23:14 Chair Bowman
00:23:23 Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst
00:23:27 Beverly Anderson, LPRO Analyst
00:24:00 Sen. Mike McLane, Senate District 30
00:34:29 Rep. Grayber

00:35:47 **HB 4159, HB 4161, and HB 4177 - Public Hearing**
00:35:48 Chair Bowman
00:36:11 Rep. Nathan Sosa, House District 30
00:44:55 Rep. Wallan
00:46:16 Melanie Kebler, Mayor, Bend
00:48:36 Tim Rosener, Mayor, Sherwood; Member, Metropolitan Mayors'
Consortium
00:52:02 Adrienne Anderson, Oregon School Boards Association
00:53:20 Scott Winkels, League of Oregon Cities
00:56:20 Susan Myers, Executive Director, Oregon Government and Ethics
Commission

01:04:10 **HB 4159 - Public Hearing**

01:04:11 Chair Bowman
01:04:13 Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst

01:04:37 **HB 4161 - Public Hearing**
01:04:38 Chair Bowman
01:04:54 Mark Landauer, Special Districts Association of Oregon
01:06:19 John Wykoff, Deputy Director, Oregon Community College Association

01:07:07 **HB 4177 - Public Hearing**
01:07:08 Chair Bowman
01:07:33 Justin Low, Legislative Affairs Manager, Association of Oregon Counties
01:08:04 Kyung Park, Metro
01:09:36 Therese Bottomly, former editor, The Oregonian; Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association
01:11:52 Nora Broker, Attorney, Oregon Public Broadcasting
01:14:09 Nick Budnick, Board Member, Oregon Society of Professional Journalists
01:16:54 Jeb Bladine, Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association

01:19:39 **HB 4091 - Work Session**
01:19:40 Chair Bowman
01:19:45 Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst
01:20:05 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR PHAM MOVES HB 4091 DO PASS
01:20:18 Rep. Skarlatos
01:21:05 VOTE: 4-3-0
AYE: GRAYBER, KROPF, PHAM, BOWMAN
NAY: SKARLATOS, WALLAN, ELMER
CARRIER: REP. ISADORE

01:21:28 **HB 4135 - Public Hearing**
01:21:29 Chair Bowman
01:21:32 Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst
01:22:06 Rep. Annessa Hartman, House District 40
01:26:55 Tommy Nguyen, resident, Gonzales, California
01:29:29 Rep. Emerson Levy, House District 53
01:30:38 Rep. Anna Scharf, House District 23
01:32:08 Rep. Grayber
01:33:15 Rep. Lamar Wise, House District 48
01:34:23 Rep. Matt Bunch, House District 51
01:35:08 Stella Dantas, immediate past President, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
01:37:05 Sarah Lochner, Executive Director, Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials (CLHO)
01:38:14 Nancy Boyle, Co-Chair, Empowering Girls and Women Committee, Rotary District 5100
01:40:58 Meeting Adjourned