

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON
EARLY CHILDHOOD AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

February 5, 2026
08:00 AM

Hearing Room E

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Lisa Reynolds, Chair
Sen. Dick Anderson, Vice-Chair
Sen. Sara Gelser Blouin
Sen. Diane Linthicum
Sen. Deb Patterson

STAFF PRESENT: Katie Hart, LPRO Analyst
Maurie Harbick, LPRO Fellow
Nathan Messmer, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: SB 1547 – Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 1546 – Public Hearing
SB 1573 – Public Hearing

00:00:04 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:05 Chair Reynolds

00:00:28 **SB 1547 - Public Hearing**
00:00:29 Chair Reynolds
00:00:35 Katie Hart, LPRO Analyst
00:02:13 Kate McLaughlin, Executive Director, Ballmer Institute for Children's Behavioral Health

00:12:30 Sen. Patterson
00:15:05 Sen. Gelser Blouin
00:19:56 Vice-Chair Anderson
00:27:57 Robin Henderson, Chief Executive, Behavioral Health Providence; System of Care Advisory Council; Oregon Psychological Association
00:30:47 Nick Gallo, CEO, Morrison Child & Family Services

00:34:29 **SB 1547 - Work Session**
00:34:30 Chair Reynolds
00:34:40 Vice-Chair Anderson
00:34:50 Katie Hart, LPRO Analyst
00:35:07 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON MOVES TO ADOPT THE -1 AMENDMENTS
00:35:25 Sen. Patterson

00:35:43 Sen. Gelser Blouin
00:36:48 VOTE: 5-0-0
AYE: GELSER BLOUIN, LINTHICUM, PATTERSON, ANDERSON,
REYNOLDS
00:37:06 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON MOVES SB 1547 DO PASS AS
AMENDED
00:37:19 VOTE: 5-0-0
AYE: GELSER BLOUIN, LINTHICUM, PATTERSON, ANDERSON,
REYNOLDS
CARRIER: SEN. REYNOLDS

00:37:40 **SB 1546 - Public Hearing**

00:37:41 Chair Reynolds
00:38:08 Katie Hart, LPRO Analyst
00:41:08 Doreen Dodgen-Magee, licensed psychologist
00:45:06 Aaron Ping, father, Washington
00:49:24 Megan Orton, Founder, Mindful Media
00:51:23 Jody Scheer, Co-Founder, OR Unplugged
00:53:48 Yatee Budhiraja, Volunteer, Lines for Life
00:57:01 Sasha Scamarone, former educator
00:59:36 Kathy Masarie, Co-Founder, OR Unplugged
01:01:53 Aaron Helenihi, student engagement specialist
01:04:53 Rose Feliciano, TechNet

01:07:01 **SB 1573 - Public Hearing**

01:07:02 Chair Reynolds
01:07:21 Katie Hart, LPRO Analyst
01:07:40 Sen. Christine Drazan, Senate District 26
01:12:41 Rep. Darcey Edwards, House District 31
01:17:12 Laura Curry, educator, artist, Portland
01:19:27 Karen Chirre, veteran and business owner, Portland
01:24:09 Henry Kaiser, Co-Chair, Health and Public Safety Committee
01:27:57 Sarah Lochner, Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials
01:32:31 Hunter Spencer, addiction medicine doctor and researcher
01:34:40 Sen. Gelser Blouin
01:39:03 Cindy Robert, Jackson County
01:40:02 Sarah Basin, nurse
01:42:47 Jessica Pratt, Legislative Affairs Manager, Association of Oregon Counties
01:45:18 Meeting Adjourned