

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 17, 2021  
03:15 PM

Hearing Room Remote B

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Michael Dembrow, Chair  
Sen. Chuck Thomsen, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Sara Gelser  
Sen. Chris Gorsek  
Sen. Art Robinson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Matt Perreault, LPRO Analyst  
Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst  
Maia Daniel, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** SB 736 – Work Session  
SB 743 – Work Session  
SB 732 – Public Hearing  
SB 242 – Public Hearing  
SB 223 – Public Hearing  
SB 478 – Public Hearing  
SB 486 – Public Hearing  
SB 487 – Public Hearing

*This meeting was held virtually with remote participation only*

00:00:23 Meeting Called to Order  
00:00:24 Chair Dembrow  
00:01:03 ROLL CALL

00:02:33 SB 736 - Work Session  
00:02:34 Chair Dembrow  
00:03:13 Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst  
00:03:45 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THOMSEN MOVES TO ADOPT THE -2  
AMENDMENTS  
00:04:14 VOTE: 3-2-0  
AYE: GELSER, GORSEK, DEMBROW  
NAY: ROBINSON, THOMSEN  
00:04:37 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THOMSEN MOVES SB 736 DO PASS AS  
AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS

**00:05:12** VOTE: 3-2-0  
AYE: GELSER, GORSEK, DEMBROW  
NAY: ROBINSON, THOMSEN

**00:05:37** **SB 743 - Work Session**  
**00:05:38** Chair Dembrow  
**00:06:00** Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst  
**00:06:53** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THOMSEN MOVES SB 743 DO PASS AND BE REFERRED TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE BY PRIOR REFERENCE

**00:07:19** VOTE: 3-2-0  
AYE: GELSER, GORSEK, DEMBROW  
NAY: ROBINSON, THOMSEN

**00:07:47** **SB 732 - Public Hearing**  
**00:07:48** Chair Dembrow  
**00:07:59** Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst  
**00:10:14** Sen. Rob Wagner, Senate District 19  
**00:14:52** Neelam Gupta, school board member, Lake Oswego School District  
**00:18:30** Richard Donovan, Oregon School Boards Association  
**00:20:46** Morgan Allen, Deputy Executive Director, Policy and Advocacy, Coalition of Oregon School Administrators (COSA)  
**00:22:37** Jared Mason-Gere, Oregon Education Association

**00:24:23** **SB 242 - Public Hearing**  
**00:24:24** Chair Dembrow  
**00:24:38** Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst  
**00:26:56** Trent Danowski, Deputy Director, Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC)  
**00:28:41** Jared Mason-Gere, Oregon Education Association

**00:32:16** **SB 223 - Public Hearing**  
**00:32:17** Chair Dembrow  
**00:32:27** Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst  
**00:41:49** Mark Siegel, Executive Director, Oregon Federation of Independent Schools  
**00:47:03** Tanya Chappelle, parent, Tigard  
**00:51:00** Eric Fruits, Cascade Policy Institute  
**00:53:34** Roger Martin, resident, Lake Oswego  
**00:55:34** Kimberly Walters, President, Oregonians for Liberty in Education  
**00:58:25** Kevin Keating, parent; teacher, Medford  
**01:01:21** Jenny Dresler, Oregon Christian Education Coalition  
**01:05:08** Sarah Rahkola, parent; primary care physician; Chair, Veritas School, Newberg  
**01:10:17** Nicholas Phillips, General Counsel, St. Mary's School

**01:13:09** John Kurdelak, Executive Director, Trinity Academy of Portland; board member, Oregon Federation of Independent Schools

**01:17:32** Glenda Scherer, Unheard Parents; parent; teacher

**01:20:29** Lisa Shepard, resident, Lake Oswego

**01:25:36** Sen. Robinson

**01:28:42** **SB 478, SB 486, and SB 487 - Public Hearing**

**01:28:43** Chair Dembrow

**01:28:53** Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst

**01:30:11** Sen. Kathleen Taylor, Senate District 21

**01:33:18** Margaret DeLacy, President, Oregon Association for Talented and Gifted

**01:41:30** Sen. Gorsek

**01:49:22** Meeting Adjourned