

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 14, 2021  
03:15 PM

Hearing Room Remote B

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

**MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:** Sen. Chuck Thomsen, Vice-Chair

**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 617 – Public Hearing

*This meeting was held virtually with remote participation only*

**00:00:19** Meeting Called to Order  
**00:00:20** Chair Dembrow  
**00:00:54** ROLL CALL

**00:02:37** [SB 617 - Public Hearing](#)  
**00:02:38** Chair Dembrow  
**00:03:00** Sen. Lew Frederick, Senate District 22  
**00:13:08** Alexa Pearson, Director, Standards and Instructional Support, Oregon Department of Education (ODE)  
**00:15:00** Amit Kobrowski, Social Science Specialist, ODE  
**00:20:08** Tina Roberts, English Language Arts Specialist, ODE  
**00:38:14** Mark Jackson, Executive Director, REAP Inc.  
**00:45:57** S. Renee Mitchell, I Am M.O.R.E. (Making Ourselves Resilient Everyday)  
**00:48:55** Kevin Bacon, retired teacher and school principal; President, Oregon Alliance of Black School Educators  
**00:59:36** Shei'Meka As-Salaam, resident, Portland  
**01:08:56** Sean Waters, 14-year-old, Portland  
**01:18:32** Andre Royal Sr, parent and author, Eugene

**01:26:22** Susan Elliott, representative, Education Committee, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); member, Beaverton Black Parent Union; teacher

**01:32:56** Sen. Robinson

**01:37:41** Meeting Adjourned