

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

April 20, 2023  
03:00 PM

Hearing Room F

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. John Lively, Chair  
Rep. Emily McIntire, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Ricki Ruiz, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Ben Bowman  
Rep. Lucetta Elmer  
Rep. Zach Hudson  
Rep. Kevin Mannix  
Rep. Nathan Sosa  
Rep. Boomer Wright

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst  
Frona Liljequist, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** SB 482 – Public Hearing  
Strong Start Grant – Informational Meeting

00:03:29 Meeting Called to Order

00:03:30 Chair Lively

00:03:47 **SB 482 - Public Hearing**

00:03:48 Chair Lively

00:03:53 Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst

00:04:19 Rep. Jeff Helfrich, House District 52

00:07:25 Rep. Elmer

00:07:30 Vice-Chair McIntire

00:07:35 Rep. Mannix

00:08:09 Rep. Hudson

00:08:27 **Strong Start Grant - Informational Meeting**

00:08:28 Chair Lively

00:08:56 Megan Habermann, Director, New Student and Family Programs, Western Oregon University (WOU)

00:16:08 Joe Soto, Student Success Advocate, Portland State University (PSU)

00:20:17 Sonja Taylor, Senior Inquiry Director, PSU

00:26:33 Rep. Mannix

00:33:15 Kayla Snell, student, University of Oregon (UO)

00:36:48 Amari Hendrix, student, WOU

00:41:10 Rep. Sosa

**00:41:22** Asha Jha, student, PSU  
**00:45:08** Tharusha Seago, student, UO  
**00:47:26** Bonnie Drennan, student, Southern Oregon University (SOU)  
**00:55:02** Vice-Chair McIntire  
**00:57:26** Meeting Adjourned