

# **HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD AND HUMAN SERVICES**

February 21, 2024  
01:15 PM

Hearing Room C

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Lisa Reynolds, Chair  
Rep. Hoa Nguyen, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Anna Scharf, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Tom Andersen  
Rep. Tracy Cramer  
Rep. Lucetta Elmer  
Rep. Annessa Hartman  
Rep. James Hieb  
Rep. Travis Nelson  
Rep. Courtney Neron

**STAFF PRESENT:** Matthew Perreault, LPRO Analyst  
William Best, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** SB 1523 – Public Hearing  
Implementation of the Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act  
(ORICWA) – Informational Meeting  
Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Prevention  
Program – Informational Meeting

00:00:01 Meeting Called to Order  
00:00:02 Chair Reynolds

00:00:20 **SB 1523 - Public Hearing**  
00:00:21 Chair Reynolds  
00:01:06 Matthew Perreault, LPRO Analyst  
00:01:33 Sen Gelser Blouin, Senate District 8  
00:04:34 Vice-Chair Scharf  
00:05:12 Rep. Andersen  
00:05:34 Rep. Nelson  
00:06:29 Rep. Neron

00:06:48 **Implementation of the Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act (ORICWA) -  
Informational Meeting**  
00:06:49 Chair Reynolds

**00:07:16** Aprille Flint-Gerner, Director, Child Welfare Division, Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS)

**00:07:33** Adam Becenti, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs, ODHS

**00:16:38** Rep. Hartman

**00:34:07** Rep. Elmer

**00:38:26** Rep. Cramer

**00:39:34** Rep. Hieb

**00:40:47** Vice-Chair Scharf

**00:44:40** Rep. Nelson

**00:47:40** **Early Childhood Suspension and Expulsion Prevention Program - Informational Meeting**

**00:47:41** Chair Reynolds

**00:48:05** Sunny Spicer, Executive Director, Oregon Center for Creative Learning

**00:54:07** Rep. Andersen

**00:55:50** Rep. Hieb

**00:57:55** Jon Reeves, Professional Learning System Director, Department of Early Learning and Care

**00:58:12** Alicia Gardiner, Director, Child Care Licensing Division, Department of Early Learning and Care

**01:13:48** Rep. Elmer

**01:18:24** Meeting Adjourned