

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

February 6, 2024  
03:00 PM

Hearing Room C

**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  
Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst  
Maia Powloski, LPRO Analyst  
Nakai Colmenares-Hawe, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** Adoption of Committee Rules – Organizational Meeting  
HB 4119 – Public Hearing  
HB 4154 – Public Hearing  
HB 4125 – Public Hearing

00:00:37 Meeting Called to Order

00:00:38 Chair Lively

00:01:22 [Adoption of Committee Rules - Organizational Meeting](#)

00:01:23 Chair Lively

00:01:37 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR RUIZ MOVES ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES

00:01:56 VOTE: 7-0-2

AYE: BOWMAN, HUDSON, MANNIX, SOSA, WRIGHT, RUIZ, LIVELY  
EXCUSED: ELMER, MCINTIRE

00:02:55 [HB 4119 - Public Hearing](#)

00:02:56 Chair Lively

00:03:02 Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst

00:03:54 Max Forer, former student athlete, University of Oregon; partner, Miller Nash LLP

00:08:51 Rep. Mannix

00:10:57 Rep. Hudson  
00:14:00 Rep. Wright  
00:15:01 Cami Wilson, student athlete, acrobatics and tumbling team, University of Oregon  
00:20:54 Scott Leykam, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, University of Portland; parent of student athlete

00:24:02 **HB 4154 - Public Hearing**  
00:24:03 Chair Lively  
00:24:55 Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst  
00:25:55 Rep. Kim Wallan, House District 6  
00:27:38 Rep. Nathan Sosa, House District 30  
00:31:03 Rep. Hai Pham, House District 36  
00:34:28 Rep. Mannix  
00:35:44 Joseph Bull, dean, Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science, Portland State University; member, Delaware Tribe of Indians  
00:44:08 Ashley Diane Mason, PhD, alumni, Oregon State University  
00:46:58 Claudia Rizo Mendoza, Project Manager of Youth Apprenticeship, Hillsboro School District  
00:50:10 Janaki Di Santo, graduate, microelectronics program, Portland Community College; employee, Analog Devices  
00:52:41 Katherine Kaylegian-Starkey, alumni, Knight Campus Graduate Internship Program, University of Oregon  
00:54:44 Vice-Chair McIntire  
01:00:29 Vice-Chair Ruiz  
01:00:48 Rachael Wiggins Emory, Oregon Business Council

01:02:15 **HB 4125 - Public Hearing**  
01:02:16 Chair Lively  
01:02:20 Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst  
01:02:55 Rep. Farrah Chaichi, House District 35  
01:08:29 Rep. Ben Bowman, House District 25  
01:10:48 Rep. Mark Gamba, House District 41  
01:14:01 Ariana Jacob, president, American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Oregon; adjunct faculty, school of Art and Design, Portland State University  
01:20:24 Victor Reyes, Executive Director, Oregon State Conference of the American Association of University Professors  
01:25:08 Alex Aghdaei, student, political science, University of Oregon; chair, Executive Committee, Oregon Student Association  
01:29:29 David Ramos, Policy and Political Strategist, Service Employees International Union Local 503  
01:32:02 Rajeev Ravisankar, former president, Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation AFT Local 354, University of Oregon  
01:35:38 Ben Cannon, Executive Director, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission

**01:39:09** Erica Thomas, Adjunct Faculty, University Studies Department, alumni, Portland State University (PSU); co-chair, chair, Political Action for Portland State University Faculty Association (PSUFA) Union

**01:45:28** Meeting Adjourned