

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SMALL
BUSINESS, AND TRADE**

January 29, 2025
08:00 AM

Hearing Room E

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Daniel Nguyen, Chair
Rep. Ed Diehl, Vice-Chair
Rep. Shannon Isadore, Vice-Chair
Rep. April Dobson
Rep. John Lively
Rep. Virgle Osborne
Rep. Alek Skarlatos
Rep. Mari Watanabe
Rep. Dwayne Yunker

STAFF PRESENT: Mary Mackie, LPRO Analyst
Isabel Hernandez, Sr. Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: HB 2348 – Public Hearing
HB 2350 – Public Hearing
Perspectives from the Business Community – Informational Meeting

00:00:07 Meeting Called to Order

00:00:08 Chair D. Nguyen

00:00:29 **HB 2348 - Public Hearing**

00:00:30 Chair D. Nguyen

00:00:35 Mary Mackie, LPRO Analyst

00:01:11 Chris Cummings, Deputy Director, Business Oregon

00:04:41 Vice-Chair Diehl

00:04:56 Rep. Dobson

00:06:16 **HB 2350 - Public Hearing**

00:06:17 Chair D. Nguyen

00:06:26 Mary Mackie, LPRO Analyst

00:07:22 Michael Held, Regional Services Manager, Business Oregon

00:13:34 Rep. Osborne

00:15:37 Vice-Chair Isadore

00:16:53 Rep. Watanabe

00:18:21 Vice-Chair Diehl

00:20:46 Ben Deumling, Owner, Zena Forest Products
00:25:44 Rep. Dobson
00:27:40 Timonthy S. Cowan, resident, Salem
00:36:43 Rep. Yunker

00:39:10 **Perspectives from the Business Community - Informational Meeting**
00:39:11 Chair D. Nguyen
00:40:06 Paloma Sparks, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Oregon Business and Industries
00:40:10 Duke Shepard, Senior Policy Director, Oregon Business and Industries
00:51:19 Rep. Osborne
00:53:28 Vice-Chair Diehl
00:56:42 Rep. Skarlatos
00:58:46 Marcia Walker, Director, Food Innovation Center, Oregon State University
01:04:57 Terry Hopkins, President and CEO, Chamber of Commerce, Grants Pass and Josephine County
01:12:33 Vanessa Sturgeon, President and CEO, TMT Development; Board Member, Portland Chamber of Commerce; representative, Oregon Business Council
01:21:34 Chris Warren, CEO, WDX Specialties
01:25:49 Justin Gerlitz, Owner, Gerlitz Engineering
01:33:16 Meeting Adjourned