

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 17, 2025  
03:00 PM

Hearing Room B

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Courtney Neron, Chair  
Rep. April Dobson, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Emily McIntire, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Zach Hudson  
Rep. Ricki Ruiz  
Rep. Boomer Wright

**MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:** Rep. Hoa Nguyen  
Rep. Darin Harbick

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst  
Chris Bechtel, LPRO Fellow  
Shane Gaffikin, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** HB 2682 – Public Hearing  
HB 2953 – Public Hearing  
HB 2448 – Public Hearing

**00:00:04** Meeting Called to Order  
**00:00:05** Chair Neron

**00:01:47** [HB 2682 - Public Hearing](#)  
**00:01:48** Chair Neron  
**00:02:15** Chris Bechtel, LPRO Fellow  
**00:02:53** Vice-Chair Dobson  
**00:02:56** Dana Hepper, Director, Policy and Advocacy, Children's Institute  
**00:05:10** Tonya Coker, Executive Director, Early Learning, Willamette Education Service District

**00:08:25** [HB 2953 - Public Hearing](#)  
**00:08:26** Vice-Chair Dobson  
**00:09:16** Lisa Ledson, Co-Founder, Director, Advocates for Disability Supports  
**00:11:40** Morgan Allen, Deputy Executive Director, Coalition of Oregon School Administrators  
**00:13:43** Ben Gurewitz, Public Policy Advocate, Disability Rights Oregon

**00:16:04** Louis De Sitter, Government Affairs Consultant, Oregon Education Association  
**00:18:07** Chair Neron  
**00:18:52** Rep. Hudson  
**00:20:18** Renee Becerra, Member, Special Education Advisory Council, Portland Public Schools  
**00:22:28** Saratessa Palos, graduate student, University of Oregon  
**00:24:39** Connor Booth, Office of Rep. Jami Cate, House District 11  
**00:27:08** Moira Finnegan, Speech Language Pathologist, Portland Public Schools  
**00:29:59** Emma Beiser, resident, Albany  
**00:32:52** Kimberlee Armstrong, Superintendent, Portland Public Schools  
**00:35:39** Scott Conary, resident, Portland  
**00:37:42** Ryan Carpenter, Superintendent, Estacada School District  
**00:41:32** Kathy Ludwig, Superintendent, West Linn-Wilsonville School District  
**00:44:15** Dawn Watson, Vice-President, Oregon School Boards Association  
**00:46:23** Venus Reeve, Learning Specialist, Springfield Public Schools District  
**00:48:54** Charlotte Sandstrom, Member, Oregon School Employees Association  
**00:51:11** Marianne Martinez, resident, Salem  
**00:53:10** Danielle Morano, Member, Oregon School Employees Association  
**00:55:45** Julien Thomas, Member, Oregon School Employees Association  
**00:59:59** Robin Roemer, Vice-President, Oregon Parent Teacher Association (PTA)  
**01:02:02** Cassie Hobbs, resident, Portland  
**01:04:35** Rep. April Dobson, House District 39

**01:09:05** **HB 2448 - Public Hearing**  
**01:09:06** Chair Neron  
**01:09:25** Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst  
**01:10:05** Christy Reese, Executive Director, FACT Oregon  
**01:11:58** Lisa Ledson, Co-Founder, Director, Advocates for Disability Supports  
**01:14:25** Adrienne Anderson, Government Relations Counsel, Oregon School Boards Association  
**01:17:33** Morgan Allen, Deputy Executive Director, Coalition of Oregon School Administrators  
**01:20:30** Calli Ross, resident, Sherwood  
**01:22:40** Jessica Wade, Occupational Therapist, Legacy Health  
**01:24:56** Sami Al-Abdrabuh, Doctor of Philosophy, Immediate Past President, Oregon School Boards Association  
**01:28:23** Meeting Adjourned