

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

February 4, 2025
08:00 AM

Hearing Room C

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Zach Hudson, Chair
Rep. Lisa Fragala, Vice-Chair
Rep. Darin Harbick, Vice-Chair
Rep. Sarah Finger McDonald
Rep. Lesly Muñoz
Rep. Boomer Wright
Rep. Dwayne Yunker

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst
William Best, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Oregon Promise and Oregon Opportunity Grants –
Informational Meeting
HB 2550 – Public Hearing
HB 2551 – Public Hearing
HB 2586 – Public Hearing

00:00:06 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:07 Chair Hudson

00:00:57 **Oregon Promise and Oregon Opportunity Grants - Informational Meeting**

00:00:58 Chair Hudson
00:01:14 Ben Cannon, Executive Director, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

00:09:04 Vice-Chair Fragala

00:10:03 Vice-Chair Harbick

00:12:20 Rep. Muñoz

00:23:15 Rep. Finger McDonald

00:25:58 **HB 2550 - Public Hearing**

00:25:59 Chair Hudson

00:26:07 Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst

00:31:06 Rep. Finger McDonald

00:31:53 Vice-Chair Fragala

00:32:16 Rep. Wright
00:33:00 John Wykoff, Deputy Director, Oregon Community College Association
00:37:05 Rep. Yunker
00:39:31 Kyle Thomas, Director of Legislative and Policy Affairs, Higher Education
Coordinating Commission
00:45:35 Rep. Muñoz
00:48:14 Vice-Chair Harbick

00:49:25 **HB 2551 - Public Hearing**
00:49:26 Chair Hudson
00:49:31 Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst
00:52:41 Vice-Chair Fragala
00:53:35 Marc Overbeck, Director, Government Relations, Southern Oregon
University
00:57:36 Rep. Yunker

00:59:03 **HB 2586 - Public Hearing**
00:59:04 Chair Hudson
00:59:13 Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst
01:01:12 John Herrera, Director, Immigration Legal Services, Catholic Charities
01:04:39 Benson Nsanzabandi, Gresham
01:08:53 Rep. Wright
01:10:13 Vice-Chair Fragala
01:11:27 Rep. Yunker
01:13:05 Britt Conroy, Director, Public Policy, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
(EMO)
01:16:29 Meeting Adjourned