

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT**

March 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: HB 2669 – Work Session
HB 2405 – Public Hearing
HB 2719 – Public Hearing
HB 3634 – Public Hearing
HB 3700 – Public Hearing
HB 3571 – Public Hearing

00:00:05 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:06 Chair Hudson

00:01:20 **HB 2669 - Work Session**
00:01:21 Chair Hudson

00:01:25 Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst

00:02:25 Kevin Sullivan, Public Affairs Consultant, Oregon Education Association

00:03:55 Vice-Chair Fragala

00:04:42 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR FRAGALA MOVES TO ADOPT THE -1
AMENDMENTS

00:05:00 Rep. Wright

00:05:21 MOTION:

00:05:07 VOTE: 7-0-0

AYE: FINGER MCDONALD, MUÑOZ, WRIGHT, YUNKER, FRAGALA,
HARBICK, HUDSON

00:06:40 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR FRAGALA MOVES HB 2669 DO PASS AS
AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS
AND MEANS BY PRIOR REFERENCE

00:06:52 Rep. Yunker
00:07:49 VOTE: 4-3-0
AYE: FINGER MCDONALD, MUÑOZ, FRAGALA, HUDSON
NAY: WRIGHT, YUNKER, HARBICK

00:08:11 **HB 2405 - Public Hearing**
00:08:12 Chair Hudson
00:08:19 Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst
00:08:43 Rep. Bobby Levy, House District 58
00:11:25 Vice-Chair Fragala
00:12:46 Rep. McDonald
00:13:51 Rep. Yunker
00:14:41 Rep. Wright
00:15:58 Scott McConnell, Dean, College of Business, Eastern Oregon University
00:20:25 Shaul Cohen, Director, Prison Education Program, University of Oregon;
Chair, Oregon Coalition for Higher Education in Prison (OCHEP),
University of Oregon

00:23:55 Betsy Simpkins, community member and advocate; former service
provider, Salem area prisons; former program coordinator, Chemeketa
Community College

00:29:49 Rachel Guirsch, community member and advocate, Project Rebound
PNW

00:32:13 Lisa Guirsch, Director, Project Rebound PNW; re-entry specialist; formerly
incarcerated person

00:34:39 Kenny Hamilton, member, Project Rebound PNW; former president, Uhuru
Sasa Cultural Club, Oregon State Penitentiary

00:36:50 Erica Sharp, Community Member, Advocate, Project Rebound

00:38:54 Lori Sattenspiel, Joys of Living Assistance Dogs

00:42:28 **HB 2719 - Public Hearing**
00:42:29 Vice-Chair Fragala
00:42:49 Rep. Paul Evans, House District 20
00:56:42 Rep. Wright
00:59:01 Rep. Yunker
01:01:55 Chair Hudson

01:02:21 **HB 3634 - Public Hearing**
01:02:22 Chair Hudson
01:03:04 Rep. Ken Helm, House District 27
01:05:37 Michael Martin, League of Oregon Cities
01:08:17 Rep. Wright
01:09:42 Chris Wilson, Water Treatment Manager, City of Hillsboro
01:12:27 Jim Baird, General Manager, Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority
01:15:04 Tracy Rainey, Government Relations Manager, Clean Water Services
01:17:27 Kyle Thomas, Director, Legislative and Policy Affairs, Higher Education
Coordinating Commission

01:19:32 Vice-Chair Fragala

01:20:44 **HB 3700 - Public Hearing**
01:20:45 Chair Hudson
01:20:52 Rep. Ken Helm, House District 27
01:23:02 Michael Martin, League of Oregon Cities
01:23:46 Peter Troedsson, City Manager, City of Albany

01:26:21 **HB 3571 - Public Hearing**
01:26:22 Chair Hudson
01:26:36 Rep. Mark Owens, House District 60
01:27:45 Todd Jarvis, Research Faculty, Institute for Water and Watersheds,
Oregon State University
01:30:04 Meeting Adjourned