

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

March 18, 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 3129 – Public Hearing and Work Session
HB 2695 – Public Hearing

00:00:07 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:08 Chair Hudson

00:01:15 **HB 3129 - Public Hearing**

00:01:16 Chair Hudson

00:02:03 Rob Winningham, Professor of Psychology, Western Oregon University

00:05:56 Carlos Texidor Maldonado, Professor, Western Oregon University

00:07:15 Marc Overbeck, Government Relations Director, Southern Oregon
University

00:11:21 Rep. Wright

00:13:14 Vice-Chair Fragala

00:16:10 Rep. Finger McDonald

00:18:12 Vice-Chair Harbick

00:19:34 Andrew Garland-Forshee, Faculty Department Chair, Portland Community
College

00:23:42 **HB 3129 - Work Session**

00:23:43 Chair Hudson

00:24:06 Rep. Wright

00:24:10 Meeting Recessed

00:24:16 Meeting Reconvened

00:24:31 Vice-Chair Harbick
00:24:56 Rep. Finger McDonald
00:26:29 Vice-Chair Fragala
00:26:53 Meeting Recessed
00:26:57 Meeting Reconvened
00:27:09 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR FRAGALA MOVES TO ADOPT THE -2
AMENDMENTS
00:27:25 VOTE: 7-0-0
AYE: FINGER MCDONALD, MUÑOZ, WRIGHT, YUNKER, FRAGALA,
HARBICK, HUDSON
00:27:33 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR FRAGALA MOVES HB 3129 DO PASS AS
AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS
AND MEANS BY PRIOR REFERENCE
00:27:56 Rep. Yunker
00:28:45 VOTE: 4-3-0
AYE: FINGER MCDONALD, MUÑOZ, FRAGALA, HUDSON
NAY: WRIGHT, YUNKER, HARBICK

00:29:14 **HB 2695 - Public Hearing**
00:29:15 Chair Hudson
00:29:32 Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst
00:30:11 Vice-Chair Fragala, House District 8
00:33:41 Rep. Yunker
00:35:06 Rep. Wright
00:35:36 Vice-Chair Harbick
00:37:18 Rep. Finger McDonald
00:38:03 Rep. Muñoz
00:39:25 Lamar Wise, American Federation of State, County and Municipal
Employees (AFSCME)
00:39:49 Evan Bowman, AFSCME Local 328
00:41:54 Meeting Adjourned