

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

April 3, 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 2686 – Public Hearing  
HB 2405 – Public Hearing  
HB 3552 – Public Hearing  
HB 2649 – Public Hearing  
HB 3669 – Public Hearing  
HB 3029 – Public Hearing  
HB 3731 – Work Session

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

00:01:38 **HB 2686 - Public Hearing**  
00:01:39 Chair Hudson  
00:01:53 Scott Lomas, Chief Strategy Officer, ReUp  
00:10:50 Rep. Finger McDonald  
00:18:35 Rep. Yunker  
00:21:32 Vice-Chair Fragala  
00:25:31 Vice-Chair Harbick  
00:27:32 Rep. Muñoz  
00:31:43 Kyle Thomas, Director, Legislative and Policy Affairs, Higher Education  
Coordinating Commission  
00:35:23 Rep. Wright

00:41:51 **HB 2405 - Public Hearing**  
00:41:52 Chair Hudson

00:42:14 Isaac Insko, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Bobby Levy, House District 58  
00:44:09 Kelly Ryan, President, Eastern Oregon University  
00:45:48 Scott McConnell, Dean, College of Business, Eastern Oregon University  
00:51:24 Vice-Chair Fragala  
00:53:15 Paul Anderes, retired teacher; Union County Commissioner, Union County Oregon

**00:54:02 HB 3552 - Public Hearing**

00:54:03 Chair Hudson  
00:54:43 Mark Redmond, Superintendent, Malheur Education Service District  
00:59:15 Joe Morelock, Superintendent, Willamette Education Service District  
01:05:23 Vice-Chair Fragala

**01:07:35 HB 2649 - Public Hearing**

01:07:36 Chair Hudson  
01:08:27 Jennifer Ranstrom-Smith, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Paul Evans, House District 20  
01:10:18 Marc Overbeck, Director, Government Relations, Southern Oregon University  
01:13:01 Zach Surmacz, Portland State University  
01:15:11 Rep. Yunker  
01:16:23 Vice-Chair Fragala

**01:18:23 HB 3669 - Public Hearing**

01:18:24 Chair Hudson  
01:18:45 Doug Riggs, Oregon Workforce Partnership  
01:21:56 Vice-Chair Fragala  
01:22:45 Rep. Yunker  
01:25:22 Rep. Finger McDonald  
01:26:11 Trent Gay, Workforce Manager, Urban League of Portland

**01:30:06 HB 3029 - Public Hearing**

01:30:07 Chair Hudson  
01:30:31 Kyle Thomas, Director, Legislative and Policy Affairs, Higher Education Coordinating Commission  
01:32:15 Rep. Yunker

**01:33:08 HB 3731 - Work Session**

01:33:09 Chair Hudson  
01:33:21 Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst  
01:34:04 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR FRAGALA MOVES TO ADOPT THE -5 AMENDMENTS  
01:34:16 VOTE: 7-0-0  
AYE: FINGER MCDONALD, MUÑOZ, WRIGHT, YUNKER, FRAGALA, HARBICK, HUDSON

**01:34:27** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR FRAGALA MOVES HB 3731 DO PASS AS  
AMENDED

**01:34:56** VOTE: 7-0-0  
AYE: FINGER MCDONALD, MUÑOZ, WRIGHT, YUNKER, FRAGALA,  
HARBICK, HUDSON  
CARRIER: REP. HARTMAN

**01:35:21** Meeting Adjourned