

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 6, 2025
01:00 PM

Hearing Room H-174

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Janeen Sollman, Co-Chair
Sen. Lew Frederick
Sen. Suzanne Weber

Rep. Ricki Ruiz, Co-Chair
Rep. Susan McLain
Rep. Boomer Wright
Rep. Dwayne Yunker

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:

Rep. Hoa Nguyen

STAFF PRESENT:

Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
Lizzie Lohrer, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS:

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

00:00:27 [Meeting Called to Order](#)

00:00:28 Senator Sollman, Presiding Co-Chair

00:00:49 [SB 5514 - Department of Early Learning and Care](#)

00:01:10 Alyssa Chatterjee, Director, Department of Early Learning and Care

00:01:17 Cooper Brown, Deputy Director of Operations, Department of Early Learning and Care

00:15:45 Ms. Chatterjee

00:19:47 Mr. Brown

00:20:49 Rep. McLain

00:21:19 Co-Chair Sollman

00:21:21 Rep. McLain

00:21:32 Ms. Chatterjee

00:21:44 Co-Chair Sollman

00:23:47 Abbey Lutskovsky, Early Learning Coordinator, Northwest Early Learning Hub

00:25:58 Arielle Hacker, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, Prevent Child Abuse Oregon

00:28:32 Anna Pickel, Happy Go Lucky Childcare

00:30:44 Chelsea King, Oregon Health and Education Collaborative
00:32:52 Erin Sewell, Director, Child, Youth, Family and Prevention Services, LifeWorks NW
00:34:54 Co-Chair Sollman
00:35:09 Charleen Strauch, Executive Director, Lane County Head Start, President, Oregon Head Start Association
00:37:12 Co-Chair Sollman
00:38:05 Darcee Kilsdonk, Executive Director, Clackamas County Children's Commission
00:40:43 Co-Chair Sollman
00:41:25 Julie Young, Retired Social Worker
00:43:46 Co-Chair Sollman
00:44:18 Jeremy Skinner, Co-Chair, Legislative Committee, Oregon Library Association
00:47:10 Co-Chair Sollman
00:47:51 Kaliko Castille. Political Director, APANO Communities United Fund, Co-Chair, Childcare for Oregon Coalition
00:49:30 Kathy Martell, Retired Elementary Teacher and Title I Reading Specialist
00:52:23 Co-Chair Sollman
00:52:45 Lisa O'Connor, Chief Executive Officer, Family Nurturing Center
00:54:52 Co-Chair Sollman
00:55:27 Lisa Harnisch, Executive Director, Marion and Polk Early Learning Hub, Co-Chair, Oregon Early Learning Hub Association
00:58:57 Co-Chair Sollman
00:59:02 Lucy Briseno, Parent Advisory Committee
01:01:38 Lisa Naito, Former District Attorney, Metro Counselor, Legislator, and County Commissioner
01:05:09 Co-Chair Sollman
01:05:30 Marchel Marcos, Political Director, Family Forward
01:08:20 Marsha La Verne, Executive Director, Family Development Center
01:11:00 Marley Chavarria, Policy & Advocacy Intern, Our Children Oregon
01:13:12 Rene Brandon, Director, Southern Oregon Early Learning Hub
01:15:32 Robert Kleng, Director, Eastern Oregon University Head Start
01:18:14 Shauna Tominey, State Coordinator, Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative, Oregon State University
01:20:40 Michael McNally, Founding Director, Willamette Valley Wine Foundation, Advisory Director, Children's Institute
01:23:23 Susan Robinett, Executive Director, Head Start, Malheur County
01:25:30 Co-Chair Sollman
01:25:59 Suellen Whitlock, Senior Director of Head Start and ECE Services, Umatilla Morrow Head Start
01:29:09 Shannon Blood, Associate Director of Policy & Partnerships, Reach Out and Read
01:30:56 Co-Chair Sollman
01:31:27 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office

01:31:36 Meeting Adjourned