

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 24, 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:

Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office
Lizzie Lohrer, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS:

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

00:00:29 [Meeting Called to Order](#)

00:00:30 Senator Sollman/Representative Ruiz, Presiding Co-Chair

00:01:05 Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office

00:01:20 Co-Chair Ruiz

00:01:38 [SB 5525 Higher Education Coordinating Commission - Workforce](#)

00:01:56 Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office

00:02:03 Kim Parker-Llerenas, Executive Director, Willamette Workforce Partnership

00:05:03 Sara Stephens, Director, Southwestern Oregon Workforce Investment Board

00:05:57 Ms. Parker-Llerenas

00:06:14 Heather Ficht, Director, East Cascades Works

00:07:45 Heather DeSart, Executive Director, Northwest Oregon Works

00:09:29 Ms. Ficht

00:11:09 Georgia Conrad, Executive Director, Oregon Workforce Partnership

00:17:48 Ms. Parker-Llerenas

00:19:06 Co-Chair Ruiz

00:19:24 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:19:33 Rep. McLain
00:19:42 Ms. Conrad
00:19:57 Ms. Parker-Llerenas
00:20:02 Rep. McLain
00:20:31 Ms. Parker-Llerenas
00:20:35 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:22:42 Ms. Parker-Llerenas
00:23:26 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:23:57 Rep. Wright
00:24:12 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:26:50 Belinda Brown, Tribal Partnerships Director, Lomakatsi Restoration Project
00:30:21 Lani Jackson, Member, Oregon Conservation Corps, Lomakatsi Restoration Project

00:32:29 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:33:04 Catalina Solarsano, Lomakatsi Restoration Project
00:34:49 Seneca Hescok, Tribal Crew Member, Lomakatsi Restoration Project
00:36:46 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:37:32 Grace Robin, Heart of Oregon Corps
00:39:11 Jozie Donaghey, Community Assessment Specialist, Northwest Youth Corps
00:42:17 Sen. Frederick
00:42:25 Rep. McLain
00:42:30 Sen. Frederick
00:42:35 Rep. McLain
00:42:52 Ms. Donaghey
00:43:05 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:43:56 Ken Borchert, Professional Forester & Wildland Firefighter, Heart of Oregon Corps
00:46:15 Brian Mulhollen, Fire Marshall, Applegate Fire District
00:50:11 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:50:30 Phil Chang, County Commissioner, Deschutes County
00:52:48 Laura Handy, Executive Director, Heart of Oregon Corps
00:56:50 Sarah Settimo, on behalf of Sen. Golden, Senate District 3
00:58:57 Jeff Parker, President & CEO, Northwest Youth Corps
01:01:44 Marko Bey, Executive Director & Founder, Lomakatsi Restoration Project
01:04:43 Justin Thibedeau, Program Director, Connected Lane County
01:08:48 William Clements, Jr., Oregon Climate Corps
01:10:07 Co-Chair Ruiz
01:10:52 George Swartzlender, Tribal Initiatives Project Manager, Lomakatsi Restoration Project

01:12:42 Co-Chair Ruiz
01:12:55 Sen. Frederick
01:13:08 Rep. McLain
01:13:37 Co-Chair Ruiz
01:13:53 Sen. Frederick

01:14:20 Gabe First Raised, Tribal Workforce Development Manager, Lomakatsi Restoration Project

01:15:59 Sen. Frederick

01:17:20 Belinda Brown, Lomakatsi

01:18:06 Sen. Frederick

01:18:30 Co-Chair Ruiz

01:20:15 Ms. To

01:20:25 Co-Chair Ruiz

01:21:10 Meeting Adjourned