

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 10, 2025
08:00 AM

Hearing Room B

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Lew Frederick, Chair
Sen. Suzanne Weber, Vice-Chair
Sen. Sara Gelser Blouin
Sen. Noah Robinson
Sen. Janeen Sollman

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst
Chris Bechtel, LPRO Fellow
Mike Reiley, Sr. Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: SB 315 – Public Hearing
SB 456 – Public Hearing
SB 784 – Public Hearing
SB 785 – Public Hearing
SB 786 – Public Hearing

00:00:01 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:02 Chair Frederick

00:00:39 **SB 315 - Public Hearing**
00:00:40 Chair Frederick
00:01:01 Chris Bechtel, LPRO Fellow
00:03:15 Stacy Michaelson, Director of Government Relations and
Communications, Oregon School Boards Association
00:05:55 Sen. Sollman
00:07:03 Sen. Robinson
00:09:29 Vice-Chair Weber

00:14:37 **SB 456 - Public Hearing**
00:14:38 Chair Frederick
00:14:46 Chris Bechtel, LPRO Fellow
00:15:36 Sen. Suzanne Weber, Senate District 16
00:20:22 Sen. Robinson
00:21:18 Sen. Sollman
00:22:34 Stacy Michaelson, Director of Government Relations and
Communications, Oregon School Boards Association

00:24:20 **SB 784 - Public Hearing**

00:24:21 Chair Frederick

00:24:33 Chris Bechtel, LPRO Fellow

00:25:27 Rep. Bobby Levy, House District 58

00:27:47 Jake Pelroy, Chief of Staff, Office of Sen. Todd Nash, Senate District 29

00:29:38 Sen. Sollman

00:31:25 Amanda Sullivan-Astor, Forest Policy Manager, Associated Oregon
Loggers

00:32:48 Kyle Thomas, Director of Legislative and Policy Affairs, Higher Education
Coordinating Commission (HECC)

00:34:42 **SB 785 - Public Hearing**

00:34:43 Chair Frederick

00:34:59 Chris Bechtel, LPRO Fellow

00:35:51 Rep. Bobby Levy, House District 58

00:38:04 Jake Pelroy, Chief of Staff, Office of Sen. Todd Nash, Senate District 29

00:39:13 Sen. Robinson

00:40:31 Sen. Sollman

00:41:06 Amanda Sullivan-Astor, Forest Policy Manager, Associated Oregon
Loggers

00:43:01 Chair Frederick

00:43:08 Jonathan Velez, Department Head, Agricultural Education and Agricultural
Sciences, Oregon State University

00:47:34 Kyle Thomas, Director of Legislative and Policy Affairs, Higher Education
Coordinating Commission (HECC)

00:54:30 **SB 786 - Public Hearing**

00:54:55 Rep. Bobby Levy, House District 58

00:57:03 Jake Pelroy, Chief of Staff, Office of Sen. Todd Nash, Senate District 29

00:58:38 Casey Shillam, Executive Vice-President and Provost, Southern Oregon
University; Chair, Statewide Provost Council

01:03:23 Nathan Soltz, former high school speech and debate competitor

01:06:13 Amanda Sullivan-Astor, Forest Policy Manager, Associated Oregon
Loggers

01:08:47 Lisa Gezelter, LPRO Analyst

01:12:19 Chris Bechtel, LPRO Fellow

01:12:49 Meeting Adjourned