

## **SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

March 19, 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:** Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst  
Chris Bechtel, LPRO Fellow  
Mike Reiley, Sr. Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** SB 401 – Public Hearing  
SB 396 – Public Hearing  
SB 980 – Public Hearing  
SB 324 – Work Session  
SB 979 – Work Session  
SB 981 – Work Session  
SB 982 – Work Session

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

00:00:45 **SB 401 - Public Hearing**  
00:00:46 Chair Frederick  
00:00:59 Chris Bechtel, LPRO Fellow  
00:01:42 Sen. Fred Girod, Senate District 9

00:04:41 **SB 396 - Public Hearing**  
00:04:42 Chair Frederick  
00:04:49 Sen. Fred Girod, Senate District 9  
00:07:30 Sen. Sollman  
00:09:53 Marc Overbeck, Director, Government Relations, Southern Oregon University

00:10:42 **SB 980 - Public Hearing**  
00:10:43 Chair Frederick  
00:11:16 Michael Dembrow, former state senator

00:17:10 Sen. Sollman  
00:20:56 Rep. Lisa Fragala, House District 8  
00:24:17 GraceAnne McJunkin, Zone 6 Director, Oregon School Employees Association; Accounts Payable Specialist, Bend/La Pine School District  
00:27:10 Lisa Parlette, Oregon School Employees Association; Nutrition Service Assistant, Beaverton School District  
00:30:40 Cynthia Branger Muñoz, Oregon Education Association

00:32:40 **SB 324 - Work Session**  
00:32:41 Chair Frederick  
00:32:55 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR WEBER MOVES TO ADOPT THE -1 AMENDMENTS  
00:33:13 Sen. Robinson  
00:33:28 VOTE: 4-1-0  
AYE: GELSER BLOUIN, SOLLMAN, WEBER, FREDERICK  
NAY: ROBINSON  
00:33:44 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR WEBER MOVES SB 324 DO PASS AS AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
00:34:06 Sen. Sollman  
00:35:51 Vice-Chair Weber  
00:36:24 VOTE: 4-1-0  
AYE: GELSER BLOUIN, SOLLMAN, WEBER, FREDERICK  
NAY: ROBINSON

00:36:53 **SB 979 - Work Session**  
00:36:54 Chair Frederick  
00:37:19 Ellen O'Brien, LPRO Analyst  
00:38:02 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR WEBER MOVES TO ADOPT THE -1 AMENDMENTS  
00:38:17 Sen. Sollman  
00:38:36 Sen. Gelser Blouin  
00:40:54 VOTE: 5-0-0  
AYE: GELSER BLOUIN, ROBINSON, SOLLMAN, WEBER, FREDERICK  
00:41:20 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR WEBER MOVES SB 979 DO PASS AS AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS BY PRIOR REFERENCE  
00:42:32 VOTE: 5-0-0  
AYE: GELSER BLOUIN, ROBINSON, SOLLMAN, WEBER, FREDERICK

00:43:10 **SB 981 - Work Session**  
00:43:11 Chair Frederick  
00:43:32 Chris Bechtel, LPRO Fellow  
00:43:57 Sen. Gelser Blouin  
00:45:26 Sen. Sollman

**00:49:57**     **SB 982 - Work Session**  
**00:49:58**     Chair Frederick  
**00:50:29**     Chris Bechtel, LPRO Fellow  
**00:51:08**     MOTION: VICE-CHAIR WEBER MOVES SB 982 DO PASS  
**00:51:49**     Sen. Sollman  
**00:52:02**     Sen. Gelser Blouin  
**00:53:44**     Sen. Robinson  
**00:55:04**     VOTE: 4-1-0  
                 AYE: GELSER BLOUIN, SOLLMAN, WEBER, FREDERICK  
                 NAY: ROBINSON  
                 CARRIER: SEN. GELSER BLOUIN  
**01:00:07**     Meeting Adjourned