

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,  
FEDERAL AND WORLD AFFAIRS**

March 11, 2025  
01:00 PM

Hearing Room B

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. James Manning Jr., Chair  
Sen. Kim Thatcher, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Mark Meek  
Sen. David Brock Smith  
Sen. Aaron Woods

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst  
Omar Saradi, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** SCR 23 – Work Session  
HCR – Public Hearing  
SB 823 – Work Session  
SB 826 – Work Session  
SB 159 – Public Hearing  
HB 2341 – Public Hearing  
SCR 26 – Public Hearing

00:00:02 Meeting Called to Order  
00:00:03 Chair Manning Jr.

00:01:13 **SCR 23 - Work Session**  
00:01:14 Chair Manning Jr.  
00:01:23 Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst  
00:01:46 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THATCHER MOVES SCR 23 BE ADOPTED  
00:02:19 VOTE: 4-0-1  
AYE: MEEK, WOODS, THATCHER, MANNING JR.  
EXCUSED: BROCK SMITH  
CARRIER: SEN. MANNING JR.

00:03:27 **HCR 2 - Public Hearing**  
00:03:28 Chair Manning Jr.  
00:03:34 Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst  
00:03:57 Rep. Dacia Grayber, House District 28  
00:08:28 Sen. Woods  
00:10:50 Alan Ferschweiler, Legislative Director, Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

**00:13:43** Ben Stange, Fire Chief, Polk County Fire District No.1; Special Districts Association of Oregon Fire Districts Service Chapter, Oregon Fire Chiefs Association

**00:15:54** Cathy Keathley, Councilor, Gresham City Council

**00:19:36** **SB 823 - Work Session**

**00:19:37** Chair Manning Jr.

**00:19:43** Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst

**00:20:04** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THATCHER MOVES SB 823 DO PASS

**00:20:16** Sen. Brock Smith

**00:20:34** VOTE: 5-0-0

AYE: MEEK, BROCK SMITH, WOODS, THATCHER, MANNING JR.

CARRIER: SEN. BROCK SMITH

**00:21:12** **SB 826 - Work Session**

**00:21:13** Chair Manning Jr.

**00:21:20** Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst

**00:22:14** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THATCHER MOVES TO ADOPT THE -1 AMENDMENTS

**00:22:27** VOTE: 5-0-0

AYE: MEEK, BROCK SMITH, WOODS, THATCHER, MANNING JR.

**00:22:46** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THATCHER MOVES SB 826 DO PASS AS AMENDED

**00:23:06** Vice-Chair Thatcher

**00:23:22** VOTE: 5-0-0

AYE: MEEK, BROCK SMITH, WOODS, THATCHER, MANNING JR.

CARRIER: SEN. WOODS

**00:23:48** **SB 159 - Public Hearing**

**00:23:49** Chair Manning Jr.

**00:23:55** Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst

**00:24:22** Sen. Mark Meek, Senate District 20

**00:27:55** Sen. Brock Smith

**00:29:22** Amy Joyce, Administrator, Driver and Motor Vehicle Division, Oregon Department of Transportation

**00:31:44** Sen. Meek

**00:39:36** Laurie Kimmell, retired US Air Force Master Sergeant, Deschutes County

**00:42:10** **HB 2341 - Public Hearing**

**00:42:11** Chair Manning Jr.

**00:42:21** Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst

**00:43:25** Vice-Chair Thatcher

**00:44:34** Sen. Meek

**00:45:50** **SCR 26 - Public Hearing**

**00:45:51** Chair Manning Jr.

**00:45:57** Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst  
**00:46:39** Sen. Brock Smith  
**00:49:59** Sen. Woods  
**00:56:36** Meeting Adjourned