

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES

February 17, 2026  
08:00 AM

Hearing Room 50

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rep. Ben Bowman, Chair  
Rep. Lucetta Elmer, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Hai Pham, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Dacia Grayber  
Rep. Jason Kropf  
Rep. Alek Skarlatos  
Rep. Kim Wallan

**STAFF PRESENT:** Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst  
Beverly Anderson, LPRO Analyst  
Desi Root, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** HB 4091 – Public Hearing and Work Session  
HB 4021 – Work Session  
HB 4018 – Work Session  
HB 4159 – Public Hearing  
HB 4161 – Public Hearing  
HB 4177 – Public Hearing  
HB 4135 – Public Hearing

00:00:02 Meeting Called to Order  
00:00:03 Chair Bowman

00:00:42 HB 4091 - Public Hearing  
00:00:43 Chair Bowman  
00:00:50 Beverly Anderson, LPRO Analyst  
00:01:27 Rep. Shannon Isadore, House District 33  
00:04:52 Rep. Dacia Grayber, House District 28  
00:06:48 Rep. Paul Evans, House District 20  
00:13:00 Rep. Wallan

00:13:28 HB 4021 - Work Session  
00:13:29 Chair Bowman  
00:13:34 Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst  
00:14:29 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR PHAM MOVES TO ADOPT THE -2  
AMENDMENTS

**00:14:42** VOTE: 7-0-0  
AYE: GRAYBER, KROPF, SKARLATOS, WALLAN, ELMER, PHAM,  
BOWMAN

**00:15:03** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR PHAM MOVES HB 4021 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
**00:15:13** VOTE: 7-0-0  
AYE: GRAYBER, KROPF, SKARLATOS, WALLAN, ELMER, PHAM,  
BOWMAN

**00:15:41** **HB 4018 - Work Session**  
**00:15:42** Chair Bowman  
**00:15:46** Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst  
**00:16:27** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR PHAM MOVES TO ADOPT THE -8  
AMENDMENTS  
**00:16:42** Rep. Grayber  
**00:17:00** Wenzel Cummings, Deputy Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative  
Council  
**00:18:03** Rep. Skarlatos  
**00:19:53** VOTE: 6-1-0  
AYE: GRAYBER, KROPF, WALLAN, ELMER, PHAM, BOWMAN  
NAY: SKARLATOS

**00:20:16** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR PHAM MOVES HB 4018 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
AND BE REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND  
MEANS  
**00:22:50** VOTE: 6-1-0  
AYE: GRAYBER, KROPF, WALLAN, ELMER, PHAM, BOWMAN  
NAY: SKARLATOS

**00:23:13** **HB 4091 - Public Hearing**  
**00:23:14** Chair Bowman  
**00:23:23** Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst  
**00:23:27** Beverly Anderson, LPRO Analyst  
**00:24:00** Sen. Mike McLane, Senate District 30  
**00:34:29** Rep. Grayber

**00:35:47** **HB 4159, HB 4161, and HB 4177 - Public Hearing**  
**00:35:48** Chair Bowman  
**00:36:11** Rep. Nathan Sosa, House District 30  
**00:44:55** Rep. Wallan  
**00:46:16** Melanie Kebler, Mayor, Bend  
**00:48:36** Tim Rosener, Mayor, Sherwood; Member, Metropolitan Mayors'  
Consortium  
**00:52:02** Adrienne Anderson, Oregon School Boards Association  
**00:53:20** Scott Winkels, League of Oregon Cities  
**00:56:20** Susan Myers, Executive Director, Oregon Government and Ethics  
Commission

**01:04:10** **HB 4159 - Public Hearing**

01:04:11 Chair Bowman  
01:04:13 Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst

01:04:37 **HB 4161 - Public Hearing**  
01:04:38 Chair Bowman  
01:04:54 Mark Landauer, Special Districts Association of Oregon  
01:06:19 John Wykoff, Deputy Director, Oregon Community College Association

01:07:07 **HB 4177 - Public Hearing**  
01:07:08 Chair Bowman  
01:07:33 Justin Low, Legislative Affairs Manager, Association of Oregon Counties  
01:08:04 Kyung Park, Metro  
01:09:36 Therese Bottomly, former editor, The Oregonian; Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association  
01:11:52 Nora Broker, Attorney, Oregon Public Broadcasting  
01:14:09 Nick Budnick, Board Member, Oregon Society of Professional Journalists  
01:16:54 Jeb Bladine, Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association

01:19:39 **HB 4091 - Work Session**  
01:19:40 Chair Bowman  
01:19:45 Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst  
01:20:05 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR PHAM MOVES HB 4091 DO PASS  
01:20:18 Rep. Skarlatos  
01:21:05 VOTE: 4-3-0  
AYE: GRAYBER, KROPF, PHAM, BOWMAN  
NAY: SKARLATOS, WALLAN, ELMER  
CARRIER: REP. ISADORE

01:21:28 **HB 4135 - Public Hearing**  
01:21:29 Chair Bowman  
01:21:32 Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst  
01:22:06 Rep. Annessa Hartman, House District 40  
01:26:55 Tommy Nguyen, resident, Gonzales, California  
01:29:29 Rep. Emerson Levy, House District 53  
01:30:38 Rep. Anna Scharf, House District 23  
01:32:08 Rep. Grayber  
01:33:15 Rep. Lamar Wise, House District 48  
01:34:23 Rep. Matt Bunch, House District 51  
01:35:08 Stella Dantas, immediate past President, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
01:37:05 Sarah Lochner, Executive Director, Oregon Coalition of Local Health Officials (CLHO)  
01:38:14 Nancy Boyle, Co-Chair, Empowering Girls and Women Committee, Rotary District 5100  
01:40:58 Meeting Adjourned