

# **SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

February 4, 2026  
08:00 AM

Hearing Room B

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Mark Meek, Chair  
Sen. Christine Drazan, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Courtney Neron Misslin  
Sen. Khanh Pham  
Sen. Noah Robinson

**MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:** Sen. Courtney Neron Misslin

**STAFF PRESENT:** Erin Seiler, LPRO Analyst  
Jacob Kashlak, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** Adoption of Committee Rules – Organizational Meeting  
HB 1512 – Public Hearing  
HB 1513 – Public Hearing  
HB 1524 – Public Hearing

**00:00:04** Meeting Called to Order

**00:00:05** Chair Meek

**00:00:22** **Adoption of Committee Rules - Organizational Meeting**

**00:00:23** Chair Meek

**00:00:28** MOTION: SENATOR ROBINSON MOVES ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RULES

**00:00:53** VOTE: 3-0-2

AYE: PHAM, ROBINSON, MEEK

EXCUSED: NERON MISSLIN, DRAZAN

**00:01:20** **SB 1512 - Public Hearing**

**00:01:21** Chair Meek

**00:01:29** Erin Seiler, LPRO Analyst

**00:02:22** Heather Ficht, Executive Director and CEO, East Cascades Works

**00:02:35** Brent Balog, Interim Executive Director, Clackamas Workforce Partnership

**00:02:54** Doug Riggs, Advocate, Oregon Workforce Partnership

**00:24:14** Sen. Pham

**00:26:32** Nami Bigos, Deputy Director, Operations, Oregon Tradeswomen

**00:30:20** Matt Geiger, Executive Director, Chemeketa Center for Business and Industry

**00:33:59**      **SB 1513 - Public Hearing**  
**00:34:00**      Chair Meek  
**00:34:05**      Erin Seiler, LPRO Analyst  
**00:34:42**      Jeremy Rogers, General Counsel and Government Affairs Director,  
Oregon Realtors  
**00:43:00**      Vice-Chair Drazan  
**00:43:08**      Sen. Robinson

**00:47:00**      **SB 1524 - Public Hearing**  
**00:47:01**      Chair Meek  
**00:47:11**      Erin Seiler, LPRO Analyst  
**00:47:41**      Sen. Cedric Hayden, Senate District 6  
**00:53:02**      Randy Boden, Executive Director, Oregon Horseman's Benevolent  
Protective Association (HBPA)  
**00:55:40**      Rod Lowe, CEO, Horseman's Racing Association; President, Southern  
Oregon Horseracing Association; Director, Racing, Grants Pass Downs  
**01:01:42**      Dave Nelson, Board Member, Oregon Quarter Horse Racing Association;  
Board Member, Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Racing Association; Board  
Member, American Quarter Horse Racing Association  
**01:08:05**      Freddy Ibarra, Quarter Horse Trainer, Hermiston; Member, Oregon  
Quarter Horse Racing Association  
**01:12:39**      Jack Root, Veterinarian, Newberg; Owner, Oakhurst Thoroughbreds  
**01:21:24**      Connie Erickson, President, Oregon Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders  
Association  
**01:25:09**      Ben Root, Practice Manager, Oakhurst Equine Veterinary Services; Farm  
Manager, Oakhurst Thoroughbreds; Secretary and Treasurer, Oregon  
HBPA  
**01:28:09**      Vice-Chair Drazan  
**01:29:51**      Meeting Adjourned