

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

February 16, 2026
05:00 PM

Hearing Room E

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Chris Gorsek, Chair
Sen. Suzanne Weber, Vice-Chair
Sen. Lew Frederick
Sen. Khanh Pham
Sen. Bruce Starr

STAFF PRESENT: Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst
Isabel Hernandez, Sr. Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: SB 1544 – Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 1565 – Work Session
SB 1543 – Work Session

00:00:04 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:05 Chair Gorsek

00:01:04 **SB 1544 - Public Hearing**
00:01:05 Chair Gorsek
00:01:16 Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst
00:03:00 Doug Riggs, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC);
Cascades East Transit
00:05:04 Tammy Baney, Executive Director, COIC
00:09:39 Mike Riley, Councilor, City of Bend
00:15:46 Brett Morgan, Transportation Policy Director, Climate Solutions
00:18:42 Darrell Fuller, Northwest Automotive Trades Association (NATA)
00:20:37 Sen. Frederick

00:22:23 **SB 1544 - Work Session**
00:22:24 Chair Gorsek
00:22:56 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR WEBER MOVES TO ADOPT THE -2
AMENDMENTS
00:23:22 Sen. Starr
00:24:50 Sen. Frederick
00:26:27 VOTE: 5-0-0
AYE: FREDERICK, PHAM, STARR, WEBER, GORSEK
00:26:39 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR WEBER MOVES TO ADOPT THE -4
AMENDMENTS

00:27:03 VOTE: 5-0-0
AYE: FREDERICK, PHAM, STARR, WEBER, GORSEK

00:27:21 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR WEBER MOVES TO ADOPT THE -5
AMENDMENTS

00:27:40 VOTE: 5-0-0
AYE: FREDERICK, PHAM, STARR, WEBER, GORSEK

00:27:52 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR WEBER MOVES SB 1544 DO PASS AS
AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS
AND MEANS

00:28:28 Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst

00:28:57 Meeting Recessed

00:29:08 Meeting Reconvened

00:30:30 VICE-CHAIR WEBER RESCINDS THE MOTION

00:30:50 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR WEBER MOVES SB 1544 DO PASS AS
AMENDED

00:31:57 VOTE: 5-0-0
AYE: FREDERICK, PHAM, STARR, WEBER, GORSEK
CARRIER: SEN. STARR

00:32:52 **SB 1565 - Work Session**

00:32:53 Chair Gorsek

00:32:58 Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst

00:33:23 Sen. Starr

00:34:22 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR WEBER MOVES SB 1565 DO PASS

00:34:44 VOTE: 5-0-0
AYE: FREDERICK, PHAM, STARR, WEBER, GORSEK
CARRIER: SEN. STARR

00:35:54 **SB 1543 - Work Session**

00:35:55 Chair Gorsek

00:36:13 Kevin Rancik, LPRO Analyst

00:38:54 Sen. Pham

00:39:25 Brett Morgan, Transportation Policy Director, Climate Solutions

00:43:03 Meeting Recessed

00:43:12 Meeting Reconvened

00:44:53 Meeting Adjourned