

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES

February 4, 2026
08:00 AM

Hearing Room C

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Kayse Jama, Chair
Sen. Bruce Starr, Vice-Chair
Sen. Jeff Golden
Sen. James Manning Jr.
Sen. Kim Thatcher

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie Porter, LPRO Analyst
Sam Koopman, Senior Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Adoption of Committee Rules – Organizational Meeting
SCR 204 – Public Hearing and Work Session
SCR 202 – Public Hearing
SB 1505 – Public Hearing

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

00:00:43 **Adoption of Committee Rules - Organizational Meeting**
00:00:44 Chair Jama
00:01:00 MOTION: SEN. MANNING JR. MOVES ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE
RULES
00:01:20 VOTE: 4-0-1
AYE: GOLDEN, MANNING JR., THATCHER, JAMA
EXCUSED: STARR

00:01:53 **SCR 204 - Public Hearing**
00:01:54 Chair Jama
00:02:00 Leslie Porter, LPRO Analyst
00:02:50 Sen. Todd Nash, Senate District 29
00:05:00 Sen. Janeen Sollman, Senate District 15
00:07:19 Sen. David Brock Smith, Senate District 1
00:10:59 Gina Nikkel, Executive Director, Association of Oregon Counties (AOC)
00:13:03 Erin Skaar, Tillamook County Commissioner; President, AOC

00:16:35 **SCR 204 - Work Session**
00:16:36 Chair Jama
00:16:40 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR STARR MOVES SCR 204 BE ADOPTED

00:16:55 Sen. Golden
00:17:57 VOTE: 5-0-0
AYE: GOLDEN, MANNING JR., THATCHER, STARR, JAMA
CARRIER: PRESIDENT WAGNER

00:18:20 **SCR 202 - Public Hearing**
00:18:21 Chair Jama
00:18:27 Leslie Porter, LPRO Analyst
00:19:07 Meeting Recessed
00:19:14 Meeting Reconvened
00:19:18 Sen. Noah Robinson, Senate District 2
00:21:42 Sen. Manning Jr.

00:24:31 **SB 1505 - Public Hearing**
00:24:32 Chair Jama
00:24:37 Leslie Porter, LPRO Analyst
00:27:27 Cristal Dejarnac, President, Homecare Division, Service Employees
International Union (SEIU) Local 503
00:30:03 Patty Falkenstein, personal support worker and mother of adult with
disabilities, Tigard
00:33:09 Felisa Hagins, Executive Director, Oregon State Council, SEIU
00:37:26 Alejandro Queral, Executive Director, Oregon Center for Public Policy
(OCPD)
00:42:35 Sen. Golden
00:49:30 Vice-Chair Starr
00:54:11 Leslie Hoffman, Executive Director, Home Life Inc.
00:57:59 Carrie Howell, Executive Director, Chamberlain House
01:01:03 Matthew Serres, Chair, Policy Committee, Oregon Developmental
Disabilities Coalition
01:05:05 Rep. Ed Diehl, House District 17
01:08:50 Kristen Milligan, CEO, LeadingAge Oregon
01:11:15 Ancient Hatfield, home health professional; Member and Care Provider,
SEIU Local 503
01:13:12 Lori Lamon, home care worker, Klamath Falls; Member, SEIU
01:15:18 Aster Nickerson, direct support professional, Portland; SEIU
01:17:53 Krista Smith, Executive Director, RISE Services, Inc.
01:19:21 Lois Gibson, Executive Director, Oregon Resource Association
01:21:10 Allen Cress, Executive Leader, Edwards Center, Inc.
01:22:29 Sen. Golden
01:23:22 Laura Ochoa Garibay, personal support worker, Salem (via interpreter)
01:26:08 Graciela Hernandez Villegas, personal support worker, Portland (via
interpreter)
01:30:47 Herlinda Ortiz Montejano, personal support worker, Jefferson (via
interpreter)
01:33:55 Natasha Atkinson, CEO, Umpqua Homes, Inc. (UHI)
01:35:15 Brandon Walters, Compliance Manager, Essential Services LLC

01:37:01 Debbie Fowler, home care worker and professional support worker, Eugene
01:38:15 Sheri Stephens, home care worker, Albany; Member, SEIU
01:39:59 Jackie Armbruster, Associate Director, Advocates for Life Skills and Opportunity (ALSO)
01:41:19 Megan Purington, resident, Salem
01:42:45 Janet Yousey, CEO, Shangri-La
01:44:31 Peter Forsyth, Member and Home Care Worker, SEIU Local 503
01:45:48 Sarah LeBrun, certified nursing assistant, Salem; SEIU Local 503
01:47:29 Lorelei LaVoie, Board President, Community Providers Association of Oregon
01:49:02 Katie Rose, Executive Director, Oregon Community Brokerages
01:50:13 Anna Keenan-Mudrick, MSW; Executive Director, Community Access Services
01:52:21 Savannah Jones, Employment Services Director, Sunrise Enterprises
01:54:02 Jason Christensen, Executive Director, Tandem NW
01:55:33 Meeting Adjourned