

**SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS**

September 17, 2014  
02:00 PM

Hearing Room B

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**           **Sen. Brian Boquist, Chair**  
   **Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Vice-Chair**  
   **Sen. Peter Courtney**  
   **Sen. Alan Olsen**

**STAFF PRESENT:**               **Cheyenne Ross, Committee Administrator**  
   **Kristi Hauck, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:** **Informational Meeting**  
   **Secretary of State's review of the Oregon Department**  
   **of Veterans' Affairs**  
   **Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs**  
   **Opportunity to purchase seismic equipment**  
   **Update on HB 2417 (2013) (housing assistance for**  
   **veterans)**  
   **Update on implementation of ORS 408.237 (job**  
   **interviews for veterans)**  
   **Discussion of possible Member and Committee**  
   **Legislative Concepts**

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

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**00:00:18**    Meeting Called to Order  
**00:00:19**    Chair Boquist  
**00:00:22**    Vice-Chair Monnes Anderson  
**00:02:04**    Cheyenne Ross, Committee Administrator  
**00:02:40**    EXHIBIT 1: staff, background brief  
  
**00:03:14**    **Secretary of State's review of the Oregon Department of Veterans'**  
                  **Affairs - Informational Meeting**  
**00:03:14**    Chair Boquist  
**00:03:44**    Gary Blackmer, Secretary of State's Office  
**00:04:24**    Elliot Shuford, Performance Auditor at Oregon Secretary of State, Audits  
                  Division

- 00:12:23 Cameron Smith, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs  
00:12:35 EXHIBIT 2: Gary Blackmer, report, *Secretary of State General Review Report*  
00:13:23 Senator Olsen
- 00:15:40 Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs - Informational Meeting**  
00:16:17 Cameron Smith, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs  
00:16:17 EXHIBIT 3: Cameron Smith, presentation, *2014-19 Strategic Framework - A New Cadence Forward*  
01:00:56 EXHIBIT 4: Cameron Smith, report, *2014 Annual Report to the Governor*
- 00:32:38 Opportunity to purchase seismic equipment - Informational Meeting**  
00:32:38 Chair Boquist  
00:32:39 Representative Nancy Nathanson, House District 13  
00:34:46 Doug Toomey, University of Oregon  
00:34:49 EXHIBIT 5: Doug Toomey, informational packet  
00:41:35 Vice-Chair Monnes Anderson
- 00:52:37 Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs - Informational Meeting**  
00:52:38 Chair Boquist  
00:53:11 Cameron Smith, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs  
00:54:08 Dwight Holton, CEO, Lines for Life  
00:55:15 Vice-Chair Monnes Anderson  
01:02:45 EXHIBIT 6: Cameron Smith, report, *Legislative Task Force on Women Veterans' Health Care*  
01:05:08 Erik Belt, Veteran Services Division Administrator, Oregon Department of Veteran's Affairs
- 01:15:00 Update on HB 2417 (2013) (housing assistance for veterans) - Informational Meeting**  
01:15:02 Chair Boquist  
01:15:14 Ryan Fisher, Community Action Partnership and Oregon Housing Authorities  
01:19:38 Alison McIntosh, Oregon Housing and Community Services
- 01:25:32 Update on implementation of ORS 408.237 (job interviews for veterans) - Informational Meeting**  
01:25:36 Chair Boquist  
01:26:04 Laurie Skillman, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs  
01:26:03 EXHIBIT 7: Laurie Skillman, handout  
01:36:35 Andy Smith, Association of Oregon Counties  
01:39:16 Paloma Sparks, Bureau of Labor and Industries  
01:39:17 EXHIBIT 8: Paloma Sparks, written testimony
- 01:45:56 Discussion of possible Member and Committee Legislative Concepts - Informational Meeting**

**01:45:58** Chair Boquist  
**01:46:04** Cheyenne Ross, Committee Administrator  
**01:47:01** Vice-Chair Monnes Anderson  
**01:47:55** Meeting Adjourned