

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE

April 8, 2015
01:00 PM

Hearing Room C

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Michael Dembrow, Chair
Sen. Kim Thatcher, Vice-Chair
Sen. Diane Rosenbaum
Sen. Tim Knopp
Sen. Sara Gelser

STAFF PRESENT: Matthew Germer, Committee Administrator
Carrie Ward, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: SB 845- Public Hearing
SB 674- Public Hearing and Work Session
SB 725- Public Hearing
SB 112- Public Hearing
SB 885- Public Hearing
SB 496- Work Session
SB 555- Work Session
SB 701- Public Hearing

Recording Log – Recording started 12:21:58 PM

00:00:11 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:13 Chair Dembrow

00:00:49 [SB 845 - Public Hearing](#)
00:00:52 Chair Dembrow
00:01:50 Vice-Chair Thatcher
00:02:00 Matthew Germer, Committee Administrator
00:02:25 Sen. Michael Dembrow, Senate District 23
00:05:39 Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Senate District 17
00:11:07 EXHIBIT 1: Graham Trainor, the Oregon American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization

00:17:17 David Gerstenfeld, Assistant Director, Unemployment Insurance, Oregon Employment Department

00:24:28 Sen. Knopp
00:26:57 J. L. Wilson, Oregon State Chamber of Commerce
00:29:45 Betsy Earls, Associated Oregon Industries
00:33:25 Mary Anne Nash, Oregon Farm Bureau
00:37:14 EXHIBIT 2: Will Music, Employee, Fred Meyers
00:39:57 Carl Harbaugh, Business Owner, Salem, Oregon

00:41:47 Sarah Baessler, Oregon Nurses Association
00:43:41 EXHIBIT 3: Kate Newhall, Family Forward Oregon
00:44:00 EXHIBIT 4: Witness Registration
00:44:19 The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:
EXHIBIT 5: Jason Brandt, Chief Executive Officer, Salem Area Chamber
of Commerce
EXHIBIT 6: Tricia Smith, Oregon School Employees Association
EXHIBIT 7: Jan Meekcoms, Oregon State Director, National Federation of
Independent Business
EXHIBIT 8: Delmar Stone, Executive Director, Oregon Chapter, National
Association of Social Workers

00:45:55 **SB 674 and SB 725 - Public Hearing**
00:46:00 Matthew Germer, Committee Administrator
00:46:40 Chair Dembrow
00:48:34 Sen. Rosenbaum
00:52:15 EXHIBIT 9: Sen. Alan Olsen, Senate District 20
00:55:17 Vice-Chair Thatcher
00:57:18 Sen. Gelser
00:57:58 John Rakowitz, Associated General Contractors
00:59:39 Brian Krieg, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers , Sheet Metal
Workers, Local 290, United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters

01:02:56 EXHIBIT 10-13: Paloma Sparks, Bureau of Labor and Industries
01:05:00 Joel Fischer, Oregon Business Association
01:06:00 EXHIBIT 14: Witness Registration

01:07:02 **SB 674 - Work Session**
01:07:10 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THATCHER MOVES SB 674 DO PASS AND BE
REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS BY
PRIOR REFERANCE

01:07:20 Sen. Dembrow
01:07:36 VOTE: 4-0-1
AYES: GELSER, ROSENBAUM, THATCHER, DEMBROW
EXCUSED: KNOPP

01:07:55 **SB 112 - Public Hearing**
01:08:00 Chair Dembrow
01:08:11 Matthew Germer, Committee Administrator
01:10:56 Brian Krieg, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers , Sheet Metal
Workers, Local 290, United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters

01:12:13 EXHIBIT 15: Varner Seaman, Portland General Electric (PGE), on behalf
of James J. Piro, President and Chief Executive Officer, PGE
01:14:08 Mark Lewis, Director, Science, Technology, Engineering, and
Mathematics(STEM), Chief Education Office, and STEM Investement
Council, and the Department of Education
01:15:25 EXHIBIT 16: Witness Registration

- 01:15:26** The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:
EXHIBIT 17: Dave Porter, Resident, Portland, Oregon
- 01:16:18** **SB 885 - Public Hearing**
01:16:57 Chair Dembrow
01:17:50 EXHIBIT 18: Jay Bozevich, Chair, Lane County Commissioner, Lane County Board of Commissioners
01:21:14 EXHIBIT 19: Kristina Payne, Executive Director, Lane County Workforce Partnership
01:24:30 Jennifer Adams, Bulk Handling Systems, Eugene, Oregon
01:26:16 Vice-Chair Thatcher
01:27:50 Sen. Gelser
01:29:04 Brian Reader, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Research, Department of Education
01:32:12 EXHIBIT 20: Laurie Wimmer, Oregon Education Association
01:33:53 EXHIBIT 21: Witness Registration
- 01:35:20** **SB 496 - Work Session**
01:35:28 Chair Dembrow
01:35:33 Matthew Germer, Committee Administrator
01:35:51 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THATCHER MOVES SB 496 DO PASS
01:36:08 VOTE: 5-0-0
AYES: GELSER, KNOPP, ROSENBAUM, THATCHER, DEMBROW
CARRIER: SEN. DEVLIN WILL LEAD DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR
- 01:36:43** **SB 555 - Work Session**
01:36:45 EXHIBIT 22-23: Chair Dembrow
01:36:50 Matthew Germer, Committee Administrator
01:37:52 MOTION: SEN. GELSER MOVES TO ADOPT THE -2 AMENDMENTS
01:40:55 Vice-Chair Thatcher
01:41:12 VOTE: 5-0-0
AYES: GELSER, KNOPP, ROSENBAUM, THATCHER, DEMBROW
01:41:23 MOTION: SEN. GELSER MOVES TO ADOPT THE -4 AMENDMENTS
01:41:50 VOTE: 5-0-0
AYES: GELSER, KNOPP, ROSENBAUM, THATCHER, DEMBROW
01:42:03 MOTION: SEN. GELSER MOVES SB 555 DO PASS AS AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
01:44:33 Sen. Knopp
01:48:48 VOTE: 4-1-0
AYES: GELSER, KNOPP, ROSENBAUM, DEMBROW
NAYES: THATCHER
- 01:49:15** **SB 701 - Public Hearing**
01:49:16 Chair Dembrow
01:49:46 Matthew Germer, Committee Administrator
01:50:11 Rep. Phil Barnhart, House District 11

01:52:38 Sen. Lee Beyer, Senate District 6
01:53:34 EXHIBIT 24: Witness Registration
01:53:37 The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:
EXHIBIT 25-26: Lisa Wilch, Claims Director, State Accident Insurance
Fund
EXHIBIT 27: Brandon E. LaSalle, Government Affairs Counsel, American
Family Insurance Group
EXHIBIT 28: Richard J. Cantwell, Attorney, Workers Compensation
EXHIBIT 29: Christian J. Rataj, Esquire, Senior Director, State Affairs,
Western Region, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies
EXHIBIT 30: Hasina Squires, Independent Medical Examination
Association
01:57:18 Meeting Adjourned