

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' SERVICES AND EMERGENCY**  
**PREPAREDNESS**

February 21, 2013  
1:00 P.M.

Hearing Room E

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**           Rep. Greg Matthews, Chair  
                                  Rep. Shemia Fagan, Vice Chair  
                                  Rep. Julie Parrish, Vice Chair  
                                  Rep. Deborah Boone  
                                  Rep. Sal Esquivel  
                                  Rep. John Huffman  
                                  Rep. Brad Witt

**STAFF PRESENT:**           Elizabeth Edwards, Committee Administrator  
                                  Mike Reiley, Committee Assistant

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:** HB 2086 – Public Hearing  
                                  HB 2160 – Public Hearing  
                                  HB 2417 – Work Session  
                                  HB 2421 – Work Session

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**Recording Log**

**1:05:10 PM** Meeting Called to Order by Chair Matthews

**1:05:40 PM** **HB 2086 - Public Hearing**

**1:05:41 PM** Elizabeth Edwards, Committee Administrator

**1:06:48 PM** Chair Matthews

**1:07:37 PM** Cameron Smith, Military and Veterans' Affairs Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Kitzhaber

**1:11:52 PM** Paul Evans, Monmouth resident

**1:14:02 PM** Rep. Esquivel

**1:14:42 PM** Evans

**1:17:15 PM** Smith

**1:17:36 PM** Vice-Chair Fagan

**1:19:04 PM** Evans

**1:21:17 PM** Rep. Esquivel

**1:21:51 PM** Smith

**1:22:50 PM** Rep. Boone

**1:24:46 PM** Rep. Huffman

**1:26:21 PM** Chair Matthews

**1:27:49 PM** {Exhibit} 1: Jody Wiser, Tax Fairness Oregon

**1:29:33 PM** {Exhibit} 2: Larry Niswender, Director, Oregon Lottery

1:33:36 PM Chair Matthews  
1:33:53 PM Vice-Chair Fagan  
1:34:05 PM Niswender  
1:34:51 PM Vice-Chair Fagan  
1:34:56 PM Niswender  
1:35:55 PM Vice-Chair Fagan  
1:36:08 PM Niswender  
1:37:03 PM Vice-Chair Fagan  
1:38:06 PM Niswender  
1:39:17 PM Chair Matthews  
1:40:54 PM Niswender  
1:41:17 PM Rep. Huffman  
1:42:17 PM Rep. Esquivel  
1:43:28 PM Chair Matthews

1:44:51 PM **HB 2160 - Public Hearing**  
1:44:54 PM Elizabeth Edwards, Committee Administrator  
1:45:33 PM {Exhibit} 3: Tom Mann, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs  
1:54:09 PM Paul Evans, Monmouth resident  
2:00:41 PM Rep. Witt  
2:02:15 PM Joe Holliday, Vice-Chancellor for Student Success, Oregon University System  
2:04:26 PM John Wykoff, Legislative Director, Oregon Community College Association  
2:06:10 PM John Turner, President, Blue Mountain Community College  
2:07:11 PM Rep. Boone  
2:07:27 PM Holliday  
2:07:36 PM Rep. Boone  
2:08:00 PM Holliday  
2:08:04 PM Chair Matthews  
2:10:17 PM {Exhibit} 4: Veronica Garcia, Dean of Student Affairs, Portland Community College (PCC)  
2:11:17 PM Jeff DeMott, Coordinator of Financial Aid, Veterans' Services Office, PCC  
2:14:27 PM Daniel Wilson, Veteran Resource Coordinator, PCC  
2:18:13 PM Chair Matthews  
2:21:20 PM Stephanie Cornes, Veterans Resource Center, PCC  
2:22:30 PM Chair Matthews  
2:22:41 PM Rep. Esquivel  
2:22:53 PM Cornes  
2:23:25 PM Vice-Chair Parrish  
2:24:54 PM Eric Belt, County Veterans Service Officer, Washington County  
2:30:54 PM Marvin Row, Oregon Citizens Lobby  
2:33:52 PM {Exhibit} 5: Robert Thornhill, Beaverton resident

2:38:50 PM **HB 2417 - Work Session**  
2:38:56 PM Elizabeth Edwards, Committee Administrator  
2:39:23 PM MOTION: VICE-CHAIR FAGAN MOVES HB 2417 DO PASS AS

AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO HUMAN SERVICES & HOUSING,  
THEN TO WAYS & MEANS BY PRIOR REFERENCE

**2:39:50 PM** Rep. Esquivel  
**2:40:37 PM** Chair Matthews  
**2:40:47 PM** Rep. Boone  
**2:41:33 PM** VOTE: 7-0-0  
**2:41:35 PM** AYES: BOONE, ESQUIVEL, HUFFMAN, WITT, FAGAN, PARRISH,  
MATTHEWS

**2:41:38 PM** **HB 2421 - Work Session**

**2:41:49 PM** {Exhibit} 6: Elizabeth Edwards, Committee Administrator  
**2:42:22 PM** MOTION: VICE-CHAIR PARRISH MOVES HB 2421 DO PASS AS  
AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO WAYS & MEANS  
**2:42:41 PM** VOTE: 7-0-0  
**2:42:42 PM** AYES: BOONE, ESQUIVEL, HUFFMAN, WITT, FAGAN, PARRISH,  
MATTHEWS

**2:42:47 PM** **HB 2160 - Public Hearing**

**2:43:10 PM** Chair Matthews  
**2:43:20 PM** Robert Thornhill, Beaverton resident  
**2:43:47 PM** Ed Johnston, Oregon resident  
**2:45:12 PM** Chair Matthews  
**2:45:15 PM** Johnston  
**2:46:19 PM** Meeting Adjourned by Chair Matthews

**Exhibit Summary**

**1:27:49 PM** {Exhibit} 1: HB 2086, written testimony, Jody Wiser, 1 p  
**1:29:33 PM** {Exhibit} 2: HB 2086, written testimony, Larry Niswender, 5 pp  
**1:45:33 PM** {Exhibit} 3: HB 2160, written testimony, Tom Mann, 2 pp  
**2:10:17 PM** {Exhibit} 4: HB 2160, written testimony, Veronica Garcia, 1 p  
**2:33:52 PM** {Exhibit} 5: HB 2160, written testimony, Robert Thornhill, 8 pp  
**2:41:49 PM** {Exhibit} 6: HB 2421, -1 amendments, staff, 1 p