

SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

November 16, 2015
2:00PM

Hearing Room B

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jan Nordlund, Committee Administrator
Kristi Arrington, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Organizational Meeting
Adoption of Committee Rules
Informational Meeting
Unemployment insurance benefits when participating in apprenticeship training
Efforts to raise Oregon's minimum wage
Panel 1: Low wages and poverty in Oregon
Panel 3: Actions in other states and Oregon's ballot initiatives
Panel 2: City Club of Portland report
Panel 4: Setting a statewide minimum wage
Panel 5: Reconsidering state preemption of local authority

Recording Log – Recording started 01:30:42 PM

00:00:05 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:07 Chair Dembrow

00:00:51 **Adoption of Interim Committee Rules - Organizational Meeting**
00:00:53 EXHIBIT 1: Chair Dembrow
00:01:05 MOTION: SEN. ROSENBAUM MOVES ADOPTION OF INTERIM COMMITTEE RULES

00:01:28 VOTE: 3-0-2
AYES: KNOPP, ROSENBAUM, DEMBROW
EXCUSED: GELSER, THATCHER

- 00:01:41** **Unemployment insurance benefits when participating in apprenticeship training – Informational Meeting**
- 00:01:53** Chair Dembrow
- 00:02:23** EXHIBIT 2: Kate Newhall, (Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association) SMACNA and SMART (Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers) local 16
- 00:08:37** Steve Simms, Administrator, Apprenticeship and Training Division, Bureau of Labor and Industries
- 00:12:00** David Gerstenfeld, Assistant Director for Unemployment Insurance, Oregon Employment Department
- 00:12:21** Jason Barbee, Operations and Program Support Section Manager, Oregon Employment Department
- 00:15:31** Vice-Chair Thatcher
- 00:18:51** Brian Parsons, apprentice, Portland Sheet Metal Institute
- 00:21:50** Gordon Harvey, member, TCM Corp and Portland Sheet Metal JATC
- 00:25:57** **Efforts to Raise Oregon's Minimum Wage – Informational Meeting**
- 00:26:02** EXHIBITS 3-9: Chair Dembrow
- 00:32:16** **Panel 1: Low wages and poverty in Oregon – Informational Meeting**
- 00:32:19** Chair Dembrow
- 00:32:28** EXHIBIT 10: Gladys Hernandez
- 00:37:49** EXHIBIT 11: Rev. Mark Knutson
- 00:44:08** Sen. Rosenbaum
- 00:44:28** The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:
EXHIBIT 12: Shaun Sieren, member, Main Street Alliance of Oregon
- 00:46:25** **Panel 3: Actions in other states and Oregon's ballot initiatives – Informational Meeting**
- 00:46:27** Chair Dembrow
- 00:46:40** EXHIBIT 13: Laura Huizar, National Employment Law Project (via telephone)
- 00:47:37** EXHIBIT 14: Andrea Miller, Raise the Wage Coalition
- 00:53:31** Justin Norton-Kerston, 15 Now Oregon
- 01:00:34** ((audience members chanting))
- 01:13:51** Vice-Chair Thatcher
- 01:18:49** Sen. Rosenbaum
- 01:23:03** **Panel 2: City Club of Portland report – Informational Meeting**
- 01:23:05** Chair Dembrow
- 01:23:32** EXHIBIT 15-16: Maria Thi Mai, Committee Chair, Minimum Wage Policy Committee, City Club of Portland
- 01:23:31** Ukiah Hawkins, member, Minimum Wage Research Committee, City Club of Portland
- 01:38:25** Vice-Chair Thatcher

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EXHIBIT 17: James A. Zehren, Lake Oswego

01:42:46 **Panel 4: Setting a statewide minimum wage – Informational Meeting**

01:42:50 Chair Dembrow

01:43:34 EXHIBIT 18: Sarah Joannides, Director of Social Responsibility, New Seasons Market

01:51:03 EXHIBIT 19: Mike Townsend, Townsend Farms

02:05:02 Shaun Sieren, Bidy McGraw's Public House

02:09:47 Andrew Bornstein, Bornstein Seafoods

02:26:55 **Panel 5: Reconsidering state preemption of local authority – Informational Meeting**

02:27:00 Chair Dembrow

02:27:17 Scott Winkles, League of Oregon Cities

02:29:48 EXHIBIT 20: Mike Nesbitt, Papa's Pizza

02:38:28 EXHIBIT 21-23: Caitlin Baggott, Executive Director, North Star Civic Foundation

02:46:38 Vice-Chair Thatcher

02:46:40 Sen. Gelser

02:56:03 Meeting Adjourned