

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND TRANSPORTATION

April 3, 2017  
03:00 PM

Hearing Room B

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Lee Beyer, Chair  
Sen. Chuck Thomsen, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Fred Girod  
Sen. Rod Monroe

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Sen. Chuck Riley

**STAFF PRESENT:** Patrick Brennan, LPRO Analyst  
Nita Kumar, Committee Assistant

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

**MEASURES/ISSUES:** SB 646 – Work Session  
SB 656 – Public Hearing  
SB 657 – Public Hearing  
SB 659 – Public Hearing  
SB 979 – Public Hearing

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00:00:11 Meeting Called to Order  
00:00:12 Chair Beyer

00:00:39 [SB 646 - Work Session](#)  
00:00:40 Chair Beyer  
00:00:43 Patrick Brennan, LPRO Analyst  
00:01:10 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR THOMSEN MOVES SB 646 DO PASS AND BE REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS BY PRIOR REFERENCE

00:01:36 Sen. Girod  
00:01:57 VOTE: 4-0-1  
AYES: GIROD, MONROE, THOMSEN, BEYER  
EXCUSED: RILEY

00:03:25 [SB 656, SB 657, and SB 659 - Public Hearing](#)  
00:03:26 Chair Beyer  
00:03:35 Patrick Brennan, LPRO Analyst  
00:04:02 EXHIBIT 1: Sen. Alan Olsen, Senate District 20

00:11:25 Janice Thompson, Advocacy Director, Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon  
00:17:28 Sen. Girod  
00:18:37 J.L. Wilson, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities  
00:23:26 EXHIBIT 2: John Charles, President, CEO, Cascade Policy Institute  
00:27:50 Rikki Seguin, Policy Director, Renewable Northwest  
00:30:28 Jeff Bissonnette, Executive Director, Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association  
  
00:40:18 Jason Eisdorfer, Director, Utility Program, Public Utility Commission  
00:46:48 Sen. Riley  
00:46:54 EXHIBIT 3: witness registration  
00:46:55 The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:  
EXHIBIT 4: Meredith Connolly, Oregon Policy Manager, Climate Solutions  
EXHIBIT 5: Rhett Lawrence, Conservation Director, Oregon Chapter, Sierra Club  
EXHIBIT 6: Stan Price, Executive Director, Northwest Energy Efficiency Council  
EXHIBIT 7: Wendy Gerlitz, Policy Director, NW Energy Coalition  
  
00:52:30 **SB 979 - Public Hearing**  
00:52:31 Vice-Chair Thomsen  
00:52:33 Patrick Brennan, LPRO Analyst  
00:53:19 EXHIBIT 8: Robert Kahn, Executive Director, Northwest and Intermountain Power Producers Coalition  
  
01:00:01 Letha Tawney, Director, Utility Innovation, World Resources Institute  
01:03:15 Irion Sanger, Energy, Telecom, and Utility Section, Oregon State Bar  
01:03:34 EXHIBIT 9: Joanie Deutsch, Northwest Executive Director, TechNet  
01:06:22 Lynda Gardner, Microsoft  
01:08:54 Chris Hendrix, Director, Markets and Compliance, Walmart  
01:12:27 Chair Beyer  
01:12:34 Scott Bolton, Vice President, External Affairs, Pacific Power  
01:20:34 Dave Robertson, Vice President, Public Policy and Corporate Resiliency, Portland General Electric  
  
01:24:33 Brett Sims, Director, Portland General Electric  
01:31:50 Brian Skeahan, Executive Director, Community Renewable Energy  
01:35:40 J.L. Wilson, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities  
01:37:40 Jeff Bissonnette, Executive Director, Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association  
  
01:41:47 Carl Fink, Founder, Managing Counsel, Blue Planet Energy Law  
01:47:30 Marcy Grail, Assistant Business Manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 125  
  
01:50:00 Jason Eisdorfer, Director, Utility Program, Public Utility Commission  
01:56:44 EXHIBIT 10: witness registration  
01:56:45 The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:  
EXHIBIT 11: Amy Berg Pickett, Manager, Northwest Zoning, Cypress Creek Renewables  
EXHIBIT 12: Andrea Coon, Director, Western Electricity Coordinating

Council

EXHIBIT 13: Ben Alingh, Director, Western Region Origination, Coronal Energy

EXHIBIT 14: Bill Schmeck, President, Winema Electric, Inc.

EXHIBIT 15: David Delk, Chair, Oregon Progressive Party

EXHIBIT 16: Dennis Desmarais, Director, Capital Power Corporation

EXHIBIT 17: Gary Marcus, General Partner, Falls Creek Hydroelectric Project

EXHIBIT 18: James Walls, Executive Director, Lake County Resources Initiative

EXHIBITS 19-21: James Gardner, Northwest and Intermountain Power Producers Coalition

EXHIBIT 22: Jason Carr, Director, Community Relations, Cypress Creek Renewables

EXHIBIT 23: John Cogar, owner, Heryford Brothers Building; owner, Electric Vehicle Options

EXHIBIT 24: Marcie Milner, Vice President, Shell Energy North America (US), L.P

EXHIBIT 25: Mike Roberts, Energy Director, Kapstone Kraft Paper Corp.

EXHIBIT 26: Rikki Seguin, Policy Director, Renewable Northwest

EXHIBIT 27: Scott Graham, Vice President, National Programs, Albertsons Companies

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Meeting Adjourned