

HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

September 25, 2018
08:30 AM

Hearing Room E

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Brian Clem, Chair
Rep. Susan McLain, Vice-Chair
Rep. Sherrie Sprenger, Vice-Chair
Rep. Greg Barreto
Rep. Sal Esquivel
Rep. Caddy McKeown
Rep. Andrea Salinas
Rep. David Brock Smith
Rep. Brad Witt

STAFF PRESENT: Laura Kentnesse, LPRO Analyst
Isabel Hernandez, Committee Assistant

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

MEASURES/ISSUES: Informational Meeting
Agricultural Water Quality Programs
Update: Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program – HB 3249
(2017)
Update: Sage Grouse Action Plan
Cougar Populations in Oregon

00:00:15 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:15 Chair Clem

00:00:42 [Agricultural Water Quality Programs - Informational Meeting](#)
00:00:42 Chair Clem
00:01:23 Rep. Esquivel
00:01:35 EXHIBIT 1: Lisa Hanson, Deputy Director, Oregon Department of
Agriculture
00:06:06 Stephanie Page, Director of Natural Resources Program Area, Oregon
Department of Agriculture
00:08:38 Leah Feldon, Deputy Director, Oregon Department of Environmental
Quality
00:10:27 Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, Oregon Watershed Enhancement
Board
00:16:28 Justin Green, Water Quality Administrator, Oregon Department of
Environmental Quality
00:33:41 Vice-Chair Sprenger

00:38:11 Vice-Chair McLain
00:40:45 Rep. Witt
00:44:24 Rep. Salinas
00:47:13 Rep. Barreto

01:01:42 **Update: Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program – HB 3249 (2017) - Informational Meeting**
01:01:42 Chair Clem
01:02:23 EXHIBITS 2-3: Kelley Beamer, Executive Director, Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts
01:09:15 Doug Krahrmer, President, Berries Northwest LLC
01:13:13 Meta Loftsgaarden, Executive Director, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
01:18:52 Rep. Barreto
01:25:40 Rep. Witt
01:27:49 Vice-Chair McLain
01:29:12 The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:
EXHIBIT 4: Dylan Kruse, Sustainable Northwest
EXHIBITS 5-7: Jim Myron, resident, Canby

01:29:16 **Update: Sage Grouse Action Plan - Informational Meeting**
01:29:16 Chair Clem
01:30:00 Jason Miner, Natural Resources Policy Manager, Office of the Governor
01:38:11 Kevin Blakely, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
01:44:42 Mark Bennett, Commissioner, Baker County
01:49:48 Rep. Esquivel
01:51:11 Rep. Brock Smith
01:51:47 Rep. McKeown
01:53:18 EXHIBIT 8: John O'Keeffe, former President, Oregon Cattlemen's Association
01:56:47 EXHIBITS 9-10: Cathy Macdonald, Director of Policy and External Affairs, The Nature Conservancy
02:00:19 The following is submitted for the record without public testimony:
EXHIBIT 11: John Keith, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts

02:00:35 **Cougar Populations in Oregon - Informational Meeting**
02:00:35 Chair Clem
02:01:22 Curt Melcher, Director, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
02:09:11 EXHIBIT 12: Doug Cottam, Wildlife Division Administrator, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
02:14:59 Vice-Chair Sprenger
02:15:29 Rep. McKeown
02:29:47 Rep. Esquivel
02:30:31 Rep. Witt
02:31:48 Meeting Adjourned