

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 4, 2025
1:00 PM

Hearing Room H-174

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Janeen Sollman, Co-Chair
Sen. Lew Frederick
Sen. Suzanne Weber

Rep. Ricki Ruiz, Co-Chair
Rep. Boomer Wright
Rep. Dwayne Yunker

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:

Rep. Susan McLain
Rep. Hoa Nguyen

STAFF PRESENT:

Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
Vivian Stair, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS:

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

00:00:29 [Meeting Called to Order](#)
00:00:30 Representative Ruiz, Presiding Co-Chair
00:00:42 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office

00:01:00 [Early Literacy](#)
00:01:40 Johnna Timmes, Education Initiative Director, Office of the Governor
00:06:42 Alyssa Chatterjee, Director, Department of Early Learning and Care
00:22:26 Ms. Chatterjee
00:23:04 Rep. Wright
00:23:56 Ms. Chatterjee
00:25:05 Co-Chair Sollman
00:26:19 Ms. Chatterjee
00:27:48 Co-Chair Sollman
00:28:44 Ms. Chatterjee
00:30:10 Rep. Yunker
00:31:09 Ms. Chatterjee
00:33:13 Sen. Frederick
00:36:20 Ms. Chatterjee

00:38:28 Sen. Weber
00:39:23 Co-Chair Sollman
00:40:09 Sen. Weber
00:40:30 Ms. Chatterjee
00:41:44 Charlene Williams, Director, Department of Education
01:08:19 Co-Chair Ruiz
01:09:13 Ms. Williams
01:09:39 Co-Chair Ruiz
01:09:59 Ms. Williams
01:10:30 Co-Chair Ruiz
01:11:08 Ms. Williams
01:12:18 Co-Chair Sollman
01:13:50 Ms. Williams
01:14:36 Co-Chair Sollman
01:14:54 Ms. Williams
01:15:53 Co-Chair Sollman
01:17:51 Ms. Williams
01:19:53 Co-Chair Sollman
01:20:30 Rep. Wright
01:21:26 Ms. Williams
01:22:09 Co-Chair Sollman
01:23:41 Ms. Williams
01:24:29 Co-Chair Sollman
01:25:49 Ms. Williams
01:26:29 Co-Chair Sollman
01:27:08 Co-Chair Ruiz
01:27:35 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office

01:27:50 Meeting Adjourned