

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

March 4, 2025
01:00 PM

Hearing Room H-174

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:

Rep. Hoa Nguyen

STAFF PRESENT:

Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
Lizzie Lohrer, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS:

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

00:00:26 [Meeting Called to Order](#)
00:00:27 Representative Ruiz, Presiding Co-Chair
00:00:36 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office

00:00:47 [SB 5514 - Department of Early Learning and Care](#)
00:01:11 Alicia Gardiner, Child Care Licensing Division Director, Department of Early Learning and Care
00:01:26 Alyssa Chatterjee, Director, Department of Early Learning and Care
00:06:35 Rep. Wright
00:06:48 Ms. Gardiner
00:08:57 Rep. Wright
00:09:05 Ms. Gardiner
00:23:21 Ms. Chatterjee
00:23:34 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:23:40 Rep. McLain
00:25:40 Ms. Gardiner

00:26:10 Rep. McLain
00:26:34 Ms. Chatterjee
00:27:23 Rep. McLain
00:27:51 Ms. Chatterjee
00:28:09 Rep. Wright
00:28:38 Ms. Gardiner
00:29:23 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:30:08 Dorothy Spence, Interim Early Learning Programs Director, Department of Early Learning and Care

00:39:37 Rep. McLain
00:40:14 Ms. Chatterjee
00:42:37 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:43:07 Rep. McLain
00:43:32 Ms. Chatterjee
00:43:58 Rep. Wright
00:44:12 Ms. Spence
00:44:28 Ms. Chatterjee
00:45:05 Ms. Spence
00:47:31 Rep. Wright
00:48:00 Ms. Spence
00:57:38 Co-Chair Sollman
00:58:17 Ms. Spence
00:58:38 Co-Chair Sollman
00:59:14 Ms. Spence
01:00:00 Co-Chair Sollman
01:00:21 Ms. Spence
01:01:01 Ms. Chatterjee
01:01:22 Co-Chair Sollman
01:01:36 Ms. Spence
01:19:03 Sen. Weber
01:19:23 Ms. Spence
01:19:50 Ms. Chatterjee
01:20:45 Co-Chair Sollman
01:21:28 Ms. Spence
01:22:15 Co-Chair Sollman
01:22:28 Ms. Spence
01:22:40 Co-Chair Ruiz
01:23:06 Ms. Chatterjee
01:23:56 Co-Chair Sollman
01:24:48 Ms. Chatterjee
01:25:42 Co-Chair Sollman
01:25:54 Co-Chair Ruiz
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01:28:14 Rep. Wright

01:28:20 Co-Chair Ruiz

01:28:25 [Meeting Adjourned](#)