

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**  
**SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

March 17, 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. Dwayne Yunker

**MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:**

Rep. Hoa Nguyen  
Rep. Boomer Wright

**GUEST MEMBER(S):**

Rep. Tawna Sanchez

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office  
Lizzie Lohrer, Committee Assistant

**EXHIBITS:**

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

**00:00:27**     [Meeting Called to Order](#)  
**00:00:28**     Representative Ruiz, Presiding Co-Chair

**00:00:44**     [SB 5515 & SB 5516 Department of Education](#)  
**00:01:09**     Tenneal Wetherell, Chief of Staff, Department of Education  
**00:01:26**     Charlene Williams, Director, Department of Education  
**00:13:40**     Rep. McLain  
**00:14:34**     Ms. Williams  
**00:14:42**     Rep. McLain  
**00:14:46**     Ms. Williams  
**00:18:39**     Co-Chair Ruiz  
**00:19:13**     Ms. Wetherell  
**00:19:51**     Co-Chair Ruiz

**00:20:31** Kai Turner, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Finance and Information  
Technology, Department of Education

**00:21:26** Ms. Wetherell

**00:22:03** Co-Chair Ruiz passes the gavel to Co-Chair Sollman

**00:22:43** Mr. Turner

**00:23:45** Ms. Wetherell

**00:25:51** Mr. Turner

**00:26:44** Sen. Frederick

**00:26:54** Co-Chair Sollman

**00:27:28** Mr. Turner

**00:27:36** Co-Chair Sollman

**00:27:46** Mr. Turner

**00:29:58** Co-Chair Sollman passes the gavel to Co-Chair Ruiz

**00:30:47** Ms. Wetherell

**00:38:47** Mr. Turner

**00:38:57** Rep. Yunker

**00:39:28** Ms. Wetherell

**00:39:48** Sen. Frederick

**00:41:24** Co-Chair Ruiz

**00:41:58** April Campbell, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Indian Education, Department  
of Education

**01:04:15** Co-Chair Ruiz

**01:06:09** Sen. Frederick

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**01:08:30** Sen. Frederick

**01:09:38** Co-Chair Sollman

**01:12:38** Ms. Williams

**01:14:47** Rep. McLain

**01:17:45** Co-Chair Sollman

**01:18:17** Co-Chair Ruiz

**01:19:43** Sen. Frederick

**01:20:42** Co-Chair Sollman

**01:21:01** Sen. Frederick

**01:21:19** Co-Chair Ruiz

**01:21:47** Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office

**01:22:01** Co-Chair Ruiz

**01:22:10** [Meeting Adjourned](#)