

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

March 19, 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](#)

**00:00:27**     [Meeting Called to Order](#)  
**00:00:28**     Representative Ruiz, Presiding Co-Chair  
**00:00:43**     Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office  
  
**00:01:10**     [SB 5515 & SB 5516 Department of Education](#)  
**00:01:22**     Tenneal Wetherell, Chief of Staff, Department of Education  
**00:02:01**     Dan Farley, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Research, Assessment, Data,  
Accountability, and Reporting, Department of Education  
  
**00:22:40**     Sen. Frederick  
**00:23:13**     Mr. Farley  
**00:23:24**     Sen. Frederick  
**00:23:27**     Mr. Farley  
**00:23:29**     Sen. Frederick  
**00:23:46**     Mr. Farley  
**00:24:02**     Sen. Frederick  
**00:24:53**     Mr. Farley

00:26:33 Sen. Frederick  
00:27:07 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:28:08 Mr. Farley  
00:28:32 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:28:45 Mr. Farley  
00:31:11 Sen. Frederick  
00:33:09 Mr. Farley  
00:33:55 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:34:23 Mr. Farley  
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00:34:44 Mr. Farley  
00:34:53 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:35:07 Mr. Farley  
00:36:10 Sen. Weber  
00:36:21 Mr. Farley  
00:38:01 Co-Chair Ruiz  
00:38:09 Sen. Weber  
00:38:16 Mr. Farley  
00:38:23 Sen. Weber  
00:38:32 Mr. Farley  
00:39:28 Co-Chair Ruiz  
00:40:02 Alexa Pearson, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Teaching and Learning,  
Department of Education  
00:56:35 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:57:21 Ms. Pearson  
00:58:38 Sen. Frederick  
00:59:20 Ms. Pearson  
01:02:34 Co-Chair Sollman  
01:03:27 Ms. Pearson  
01:04:18 Co-Chair Ruiz  
01:04:55 Ms. Pearson  
01:07:15 Co-Chair Ruiz  
01:07:31 Ms. Pearson  
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01:08:51 Co-Chair Ruiz  
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01:10:54 Rep. McLain  
01:12:37 Ms. Pearson  
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**01:21:11** Ms. Pearson  
**01:21:16** Co-Chair Ruiz  
**01:21:22** Rep. McLain  
**01:21:32** Co-Chair Ruiz  
**01:21:42** Sen. Weber  
**01:21:55** Ms. Pearson  
**01:22:21** Co-Chair Ruiz  
**01:22:32** Ms. Pearson  
**01:23:45** Co-Chair Ruiz  
**01:23:47** Ms. Pearson  
**01:23:55** Rep. McLain  
**01:24:34** Co-Chair Ruiz  
**01:26:02** Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office  
  
**01:26:29** Meeting Adjourned