

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

March 20, 2025  
01:00 PM

Hearing Room H-174

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

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

**MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:**

Sen. Suzanne Weber

Rep. Hoa Nguyen  
Rep. Dwayne Yunker

**GUEST MEMBER(S):**

Sen. Kate Lieber

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office  
Lizzie Lohrer, Committee Assistant

**EXHIBITS:**

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

**00:00:31**      [Meeting Called to Order](#)

**00:00:32**      Senator Sollman, Presiding Co-Chair

**00:01:02**      [SB 5515 & SB 5516 Department of Education](#)

**00:01:11**      Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office

**00:01:48**      Kai Turner, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Finance and Information  
Technology, Department of Education

**00:02:42**      Alexa Pearson, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Teaching and Learning,  
Department of Education

**00:07:19**      Sen. Frederick

**00:07:39**      Ms. Pearson

**00:10:35**      Rep. Wright

**00:10:58**      Ms. Pearson

00:11:14 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:11:38 Sen. Frederick  
00:12:53 Ms. Pearson  
00:13:42 Sen. Frederick  
00:14:09 Ms. Pearson  
00:14:21 Rep. Wright  
00:16:17 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:18:03 Rep. McLain  
00:18:29 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:19:10 Rep. McLain  
00:19:15 Ms. Pearson  
00:21:48 Dustin Melton, Director, Child Nutrition Programs, Pupil Transportation and Fingerprinting, Department of Education  
  
00:29:51 Rep. McLain  
00:30:57 Co-Chair Ruiz  
00:33:56 Mr. Melton  
00:34:43 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:35:12 Mr. Melton  
00:38:52 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:38:57 Mr. Melton  
00:39:02 Rep. McLain  
00:39:50 Mr. Melton  
00:41:22 Sen. Frederick  
00:41:43 Mr. Melton  
00:46:45 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:47:37 Ramonda Olaloye, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Enhancing Student Opportunities, Department of Education  
  
00:59:08 Sen. Frederick  
01:00:19 Ms. Olaloye  
01:00:55 Co-Chair Sollman  
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01:04:08 Ms. Olaloye  
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01:05:18 Co-Chair Sollman  
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**01:18:07** Co-Chair Sollman  
**01:18:25** Ms. Olaloye  
**01:18:28** Co-Chair Sollman  
**01:18:58** Ms. Gibson  
**01:19:21** Rep. McLain  
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**01:19:34** Co-Chair Sollman  
**01:19:37** Rep. McLain  
**01:19:45** Co-Chair Sollman  
  
**01:21:04** [Meeting Adjourned](#)