

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

March 25, 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](#)

**00:00:25**     [Meeting Called to Order](#)  
**00:00:26**     Senator Sollman, Presiding Co-Chair

**00:00:53**     [SB 5515 & SB 5516 Department of Education](#)  
**00:00:58**     Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**00:01:15**     Co-Chair Sollman  
**00:01:23**     Tenneal Wetherell, Chief of Staff, Department of Education  
**00:01:59**     Kai Turner, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Finance and Information  
                  Technology, Department of Education

**00:08:34**     Rep. Wright  
**00:08:57**     Mr. Turner  
**00:11:08**     Amber Forester, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education  
**00:13:08**     Co-Chair Ruiz  
**00:13:45**     Ms. Forester  
**00:14:27**     Co-Chair Sollman  
**00:14:41**     Ms. Forester  
**00:17:07**     Co-Chair Sollman

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00:17:57 Mr. Turner  
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00:19:36 Ms. Forester  
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00:32:16 Ms. Forester  
00:32:39 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:32:55 Mr. Turner  
00:34:33 Rep. McLain  
00:35:17 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:36:35 Mr. Turner  
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00:43:08 Co-Chair Sollman  
00:43:14 Mr. Turner  
00:46:38 Co-Chair Ruiz  
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00:57:07 Mr. Turner  
00:58:44 Co-Chair Sollman  
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00:59:09 Ms. Forester  
01:01:55 Rep. Yunker  
01:02:30 Ms. Forester  
01:03:28 Rep. Yunker  
01:04:45 Rep. McLain  
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01:07:51 Co-Chair Ruiz  
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01:21:35 Ms. Wetherell  
01:24:54 Co-Chair Sollman  
01:25:12 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office  
01:25:38 Co-Chair Sollman  
  
01:25:45 Meeting Adjourned