

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

February 25, 2026
9:00 AM

Hearing Room 40

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Kate Lieber, Co-Chair	Rep. Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair
Sen. Fred Girod, Co-Vice Chair	Rep. David Gomberg, Co-Vice Chair
Sen. Dick Anderson	Rep. Gregory Smith, Co-Vice Chair
Sen. Wlnsvey Campos	Rep. Ben Bowman
Sen. Lew Frederick	Rep. Vikki Breese-Iverson
Sen. James Manning Jr.	Rep. Lucetta Elmer
Sen. Mike McLane	Rep. Paul Evans
Sen. Courtney Neron Misslin	Rep. Emerson Levy
Sen. Janeen Sollman	Rep. Rob Nosse
Sen. Bruce Starr	Rep. Mark Owens
	Rep. E. Werner Reschke
	Rep. Ricki Ruiz
	Rep. Andrea Valderrama

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:

Sen. David Brock Smith

GUEST MEMBER(S):

Sen. Rob Wagner

STAFF PRESENT:

John Terpening, Deputy Legislative Fiscal Officer
Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office
Ben Ruef, Legislative Fiscal Office
Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office
Maia Daniel, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS:

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

00:00:29 [Meeting Called to Order](#)

00:00:30 Senator Lieber, Presiding Co-Chair

00:01:22 [HB 4047 Relating to rural emergency hospitals; prescribing an effective date](#)

- 00:01:35 MOTION: Sen. Sollman reads the Subcommittee Recommendation
00:02:23 VOTE: 20-0-4
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Frederick, Girod, Lieber, McLane, Neron Misslin, Sollman;
Reps. Bowman, Breese-Iverson, Elmer, Evans, Gomberg, Levy, Nosse, Owens,
Reschke, Ruiz, Sanchez, Smith, Valderrama
Exc: Sens. Campos, Manning, Brock Smith, Starr
MOTION CARRIES
- 00:02:38 **HB 4124 Relating to the state post-secondary education system; declaring an emergency**
- 00:02:46 MOTION: Sen. Sollman reads the Subcommittee Recommendation
00:04:23 Co-Vice Chair Girod
00:04:40 Sen. Sollman
00:05:39 Rep. Evans
00:06:30 Rep. Owens
00:07:32 Co-Vice Chair Smith
00:08:11 Rep. Reschke
00:08:52 Rep. Ruiz
00:09:31 Co-Vice Chair Girod
00:10:03 Co-Chair Lieber
00:10:15 VOTE: 19-2-3
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Frederick, Girod, Lieber, Manning, McLane, Neron Misslin,
Sollman; Reps. Bowman, Breese-Iverson, Elmer, Evans, Gomberg, Levy, Nosse,
Ruiz, Sanchez, Smith, Valderrama
Nays: Reps. Owens, Reschke
Exc: Sens. Campos, Brock Smith, Starr
MOTION CARRIES
- 00:10:29 **HB 4131 Relating to mobile pharmacies; prescribing an effective date**
00:10:45 MOTION: Rep. Ruiz reads the Subcommittee Recommendation
00:11:43 VOTE: 21-0-3
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Frederick, Girod, Lieber, Manning, McLane, Neron Misslin,
Sollman; Reps. Bowman, Breese-Iverson, Elmer, Evans, Gomberg, Levy, Nosse,
Owens, Reschke, Ruiz, Sanchez, Smith, Valderrama
Exc: Sens. Campos, Brock Smith, Starr
MOTION CARRIES
- 00:11:58 **SB 1519 Relating to total disability**
00:12:09 MOTION: Rep. Gomberg reads the Subcommittee Recommendation
00:13:29 Rep. Reschke
00:14:19 Co-Vice Chair Smith
00:14:40 Co-Vice Chair Gomberg
00:15:12 Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office

00:16:25 VOTE: 22-0-2
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Campos, Frederick, Girod, Lieber, Manning, McLane, Neron Misclin, Sollman; Reps. Bowman, Breese-Iverson, Elmer, Evans, Gomberg, Levy, Nosse, Owens, Reschke, Ruiz, Sanchez, Smith, Valderrama
Exc: Sens. Brock Smith, Starr
MOTION CARRIES

00:16:55 **HB 4115 Relating to health care providers; prescribing an effective date**
00:17:11 MOTION: Sen. Campos reads the Subcommittee Recommendation
00:18:08 Co-Vice Chair Girod
00:18:45 Co-Chair Lieber
00:19:26 Co-Vice Chair Girod
00:19:29 Co-Chair Lieber
00:19:35 Co-Vice Chair Girod
00:19:36 Co-Chair Lieber
00:19:40 Co-Vice Chair Girod
00:19:49 Co-Chair Lieber
00:20:15 Rep. Nathanson, House District 13
00:21:25 Co-Vice Chair Girod
00:21:28 Co-Chair Lieber
00:21:42 VOTE: 23-0-2
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Campos, Frederick, Girod, Lieber, Manning, McLane, Neron Misclin, Sollman, Wagner; Reps. Bowman, Breese-Iverson, Elmer, Evans, Gomberg, Levy, Nosse, Owens, Reschke, Ruiz, Sanchez, Smith, Valderrama
Exc: Sens. Brock Smith, Starr
MOTION CARRIES

00:21:44 Co-Chair Lieber

00:21:59 **HB 4027 Relating to the Bureau of Labor and Industries; prescribing an effective date**
00:22:09 Co-Chair Lieber
00:22:28 MOTION: Rep. Gomberg reads the Subcommittee Recommendation
00:23:58 Sen. Anderson
00:24:40 Rep. Reschke
00:25:11 Ben Ruef, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:25:25 Rep. Reschke
00:25:28 Ben Ruef
00:25:38 Rep. Reschke
00:25:57 Co-Vice Chair Girod
00:26:36 Ben Ruef
00:26:54 Co-Vice Chair Girod
00:27:00 Ben Ruef
00:27:07 Co-Chair Lieber
00:27:51 Rep. Reschke

00:28:35 Sen. Taylor, Senate District 21
00:28:51 Rep. Reschke
00:29:32 Sen. Taylor
00:29:44 Rep. Reschke
00:29:56 Sen. Taylor
00:29:59 Co-Chair Lieber
00:30:04 Sen. Taylor
00:31:29 Co-Vice Chair Girod
00:32:10 Sen. Taylor
00:33:42 Alan Dale, Senior Deputy, Legislative Counsel
00:34:00 Co-Chair Lieber
00:34:14 Co-Vice Chair Girod
00:34:39 Sen. Taylor
00:35:14 Co-Vice Chair Girod
00:35:25 Co-Chair Lieber
00:35:36 Alan Dale
00:36:13 Co-Chair Lieber
00:36:22 Alan Dale
00:41:10 Co-Chair Lieber
00:41:16 Alan Dale
00:41:16 Alan Dale
00:41:20 Co-Chair Lieber
00:41:28 Alan Dale
00:41:29 Co-Chair Lieber
00:41:50 Co-Vice Chair Smith
00:42:05 Ben Ruef
00:42:35 Co-Vice Chair Smith
00:42:47 Ben Ruef
00:43:06 Co-Vice Chair Smith
00:43:33 Ben Ruef
00:43:48 Co-Vice Chair Smith
00:43:56 Ben Ruef
00:43:59 Co-Vice Chair Smith
00:44:11 Ben Ruef
00:44:16 Co-Vice Chair Smith
00:44:18 Ben Ruef
00:44:20 Co-Vice Chair Smith
00:44:22 Ben Ruef
00:44:54 Co-Vice Chair Smith
00:45:10 Sen. Taylor
00:46:35 Co-Vice Chair Smith
00:46:57 Jessica Giannettino Villatoro, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Labor and
Industries
00:49:25 Co-Vice Chair Girod

00:49:55 Jessica Giannettino Villatoro
00:50:10 Co-Vice Chair Smith
00:50:50 Rep. Elmer
00:52:01 Jessica Giannettino Villatoro
00:52:39 Rep. Elmer
00:52:46 Jessica Giannettino Villatoro
00:53:40 Co-Chair Lieber
00:54:05 Sen. McLane
00:54:10 Co-Chair Lieber
00:54:14 Sen. McLane
00:54:35 Jessica Giannettino Villatoro
00:55:07 Sen. McLane
00:57:27 Sen. Neron Misslin
00:59:39 Co-Chair Lieber
00:59:59 Sen. Starr
01:00:04 Co-Chair Lieber
01:00:13 Sen. Starr
01:01:22 VOTE: 14-9-2
Ayes: Sens. Campos, Lieber, Manning, Neron Misslin, Sollman, Wagner; Reps.
Bowman, Evans, Gomberg, Levy, Nosse, Ruiz, Sanchez, Valderrama
Nays: Reps. Breese-Iverson, Elmer, Owens, Reschke, Smith; Sens. Anderson,
McLane, Girod, Starr
Exc: Sens. Frederick, Brock Smith
MOTION CARRIES

01:02:01 **HB 4144 Relating to batteries**
01:02:08 MOTION: Rep. Levy reads the Subcommittee Recommendation
01:03:09 Co-Vice Chair Girod
01:03:17 Rep. Levy
01:03:50 Co-Vice Chair Girod
01:03:54 Rep. Levy
01:04:25 VOTE: 21-2-2
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Campos, Lieber, Manning, McLane, Neron Misslin,
Sollman, Wagner; Reps. Bowman, Breese-Iverson, Elmer, Evans, Gomberg, Levy,
Nosse, Owens, Reschke, Ruiz, Sanchez, Smith, Valderrama
Nays: Sens. Girod, Starr
Exc: Sens. Frederick, Brock Smith
MOTION CARRIES

01:04:43 **SB 1535 Relating to child care; prescribing an effective date**
01:04:51 MOTION: Sen. Sollman reads the Subcommittee Recommendation
01:05:55 Sen. Starr declares a potential conflict of interest
01:06:15 Sen. Neron Misslin
01:06:41 Co-Chair Lieber

- 01:06:49** VOTE: 22-0-3
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Campos, Girod, Lieber, Manning, McLane, Neron Misslin, Sollman, Starr, Wagner; Reps. Bowman, Breese-Iverson, Elmer, Evans, Gomberg, Levy, Nosse, Owens, Ruiz, Sanchez, Smith, Valderrama
Exc: Sens. Frederick, Brock Smith; Rep. Reschke
MOTION CARRIES
- 01:06:58** **SB 1567 Relating to mixed income housing; prescribing an effective date**
01:07:07 MOTION: Sen. McLane reads the Subcommittee Recommendation
01:08:05 Co-Vice Chair Girod
01:08:48 Sen. Starr
01:09:27 Sen. Anderson
01:10:17 VOTE: 20-2-3
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Campos, Lieber, Manning, McLane, Neron Misslin, Sollman, Wagner; Reps. Bowman, Breese-Iverson, Elmer, Evans, Gomberg, Levy, Nosse, Owens, Ruiz, Sanchez, Smith, Valderrama
Nays: Sens. Girod, Starr
Exc: Sens. Frederick, Brock Smith; Rep. Reschke
MOTION CARRIES
- 01:10:30** **Housing and Community Services Department Report - Expenditures and Outcomes**
01:10:43 MOTION: Sen. McLane reads the Subcommittee Recommendation
01:12:31 Co-Vice Chair Smith
01:12:44 Michelle Deister, Legislative Fiscal Office
01:12:46 Co-Vice Chair Smith
01:13:02 Michelle Deister
01:13:31 Co-Vice Chair Smith
01:13:53 VOTE: 22-0-3
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Campos, Girod, Lieber, Manning, McLane, Neron Misslin, Sollman, Starr, Wagner; Reps. Bowman, Breese-Iverson, Elmer, Evans, Gomberg, Levy, Nosse, Owens, Ruiz, Sanchez, Smith, Valderrama
Exc: Sens. Frederick, Brock Smith; Rep. Reschke
MOTION CARRIES
- 01:14:12** **Meeting Adjourned**