

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

November 18, 2025
08:00 AM

Hearing Room H

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Rep. Zach Hudson
Rep. Susan McLain
Rep. Boomer Wright

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:

Rep. Ricki Ruiz, Co-Chair
Rep. Dwayne Yunker

STAFF PRESENT:

Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office
Jacob Kashlak, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS:

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

00:00:44 [Meeting Called to Order](#)
00:00:45 Senator Sollman, Presiding Co-Chair
00:01:48 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:02:35 Rep. McLain
00:05:12 Wendy Gibson
00:05:27 Rep. McLain
00:05:38 Co-Chair Sollman
00:05:43 Wendy Gibson

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00:05:51 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:09:38 Co-Chair Sollman
00:09:43 Rep. Wright
00:09:53 Wendy Gibson
00:10:02 Co-Chair Sollman

00:10:05 [Reduction Options - Higher Education Coordinating Commission](#)
00:10:12 Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office

00:11:02 Co-Chair Sollman
00:12:08 Ben Cannon, Executive Director, Higher Education Coordinating Commission
00:24:59 Co-Chair Sollman
00:25:16 Rep. Wright
00:25:45 Ben Cannon
00:26:45 Rep. Hudson
00:27:53 Ben Cannon
00:28:39 Rep. McLain
00:29:44 Ben Cannon
00:33:10 Rep. McLain
00:33:55 Ben Cannon
00:37:07 Rep. McLain
00:37:41 Ben Cannon
00:39:21 Rep. McLain
00:39:27 Sen. Weber
00:39:46 Ben Cannon
00:40:59 Sen. Weber
00:41:16 Ben Cannon
00:42:26 Sen. Frederick
00:45:38 Sen. Weber
00:46:23 Ben Cannon
00:50:13 Co-Chair Sollman

00:51:02 Reduction Options - Department of Education

00:51:27 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:52:11 Charlene Williams, Director, Department of Education
01:11:39 Co-Chair Sollman
01:13:09 Charlene Williams
01:14:19 Co-Chair Sollman
01:16:02 Charlene Williams
01:17:06 Co-Chair Sollman
01:17:56 Sen. Frederick
01:21:35 Rep. McLain
01:26:18 Charlene Williams
01:28:05 Co-Chair Sollman
01:29:10 Charlene Williams
01:29:27 Kai Turner, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Information Technology,
Department of Education
01:29:59 Co-Chair Sollman
01:30:03 Kai Turner
01:31:28 Co-Chair Sollman
01:33:07 Rep. Wright
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01:37:50 Charlene Williams
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01:53:43 Wendy Gibson
01:54:13 Co-Chair Sollman

01:54:14 Reduction Options - Department of Early Learning and Care
01:54:16 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
01:54:35 Carey McCann, Interim Director, Department of Early Learning and Care
01:54:51 Cooper Brown, Deputy Director of Operations, Department of Early Learning and Care

01:55:04 Carey McCann
02:06:43 Cooper Brown
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