

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

February 3, 2026
01:00 PM

Hearing Room G

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Rep. Ricki Ruiz, Co-Chair
Rep. Zach Hudson
Rep. Susan McLain
Rep. Dwayne Yunker

GUEST MEMBER(S):

Rep. Emily McIntire

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:

Rep. Boomer Wright

STAFF PRESENT:

Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
Chelsey Herrmann-Nordness, Legislative Fiscal Office
Ron Nalley, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS:

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

00:00:24 [Meeting Called to Order](#)
00:00:25 Senator Sollman, Presiding Co-Chair
00:01:12 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:01:32 Co-Chair Sollman

00:01:36 [Subcommittee Orientation](#)
00:01:43 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:07:54 Co-Chair Sollman

00:08:09 [Department of Early Learning and Care - Program Underspend](#)
00:08:10 Co-Chair Sollman
00:08:25 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:08:48 Co-Chair Sollman
00:08:53 Alyssa Chatterjee, Director, Department of Early Learning and Care
00:09:05 Cooper Brown, Deputy Director, Department of Early Learning and Care

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00:13:15 Cooper Brown
00:29:05 Alyssa Chatterjee
00:30:33 Co-Chair Sollman
00:30:43 Rep. Yunker
00:30:56 Alyssa Chatterjee
00:31:09 Co-Chair Sollman
00:31:11 Rep. Yunker
00:31:21 Alyssa Chatterjee
00:31:32 Wendy Gibson
00:32:10 Rep. Yunker
00:32:21 Alyssa Chatterjee
00:32:31 Rep. Yunker
00:32:47 Rep. McLain
00:33:31 Alyssa Chatterjee
00:33:38 Rep. McLain
00:34:18 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:35:11 Alyssa Chatterjee
00:35:49 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:36:10 Wendy Gibson
00:37:27 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:37:50 Co-Chair Sollman
00:37:58 Rep. Hudson
00:38:01 Co-Chair Sollman
00:38:03 Rep. McLain
00:39:24 Rep. McIntire, House District 56
00:40:54 Wendy Gibson
00:41:20 Rep. McIntire
00:41:41 Alyssa Chatterjee
00:42:12 Rep. McIntire
00:42:59 Alyssa Chatterjee
00:43:25 Co-Chair Sollman
00:46:39 Alyssa Chatterjee
00:48:35 Co-Chair Sollman
00:50:13 Alyssa Chatterjee
00:51:40 Co-Chair Ruiz
00:52:58 Alyssa Chatterjee
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00:55:05 Rep. Yunker
00:55:47 Co-Chair Sollman

00:56:09 **Board of Licensed Social Workers / Mental Health Regulatory Agency Report - Licensing Database**

00:56:10 Co-Chair Sollman

00:56:26 Chelsey Herrmann-Nordness, Legislative Fiscal Office

00:57:02 Co-Chair Sollman

00:57:41 Todd Younkin, Executive Director, Mental Health Regulatory Agency

00:57:53 Ray Miller, Executive Director, Board of Licensed Social Workers

00:57:57 Todd Younkin

01:01:12 Ray Miller

01:02:03 Co-Chair Sollman

01:02:14 Rep. McIntire, House District 56

01:02:34 Todd Younkin

01:02:47 Ray Miller

01:03:26 Sen. Weber

01:03:35 Ray Miller

01:03:45 Sen. Weber

01:03:57 Ray Miller

01:04:22 Sen. Weber

01:04:28 Ray Miller

01:04:35 Todd Younkin

01:05:36 Sen. Weber

01:05:43 Todd Younkin

01:06:08 Ray Miller

01:06:17 Co-Chair Sollman

01:06:39 Jealinda Patton, Analyst, Department of Administrative Services

01:06:51 Chelsey Herrmann-Nordness

01:07:15 MOTION: Co-Chair Ruiz moves the report to the Full Committee with the LFO recommendation to acknowledge receipt

01:07:19 Co-Chair Sollman

01:07:31 VOTE: 7-0-1
Ayes: Sens. Frederick, Sollman, Weber; Reps. Hudson, McLain, Ruiz, Yunker
Exc: Rep. Wright
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Sen. Frederick

01:07:46 Rep. Hudson

01:08:01 Co-Chair Sollman

01:09:25 Rep. McLain

01:09:43 Co-Chair Sollman

01:10:24 **Meeting Adjourned**