

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

February 3, 2026
08:00 AM

Hearing Room G

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Anthony Broadman, Co-Chair
Sen. James Manning Jr.
Sen. David Brock Smith

Rep. Paul Evans, Co-Chair
Rep. Jeffrey Helfrich
Rep. Shannon Isadore
Rep. Rick Lewis

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:

Rep. Willy Chotzen

STAFF PRESENT:

John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office
Emily Coates, Legislative Fiscal Office
Chelsey Herrmann-Nordness, Legislative Fiscal Office
Travis Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office
Steve Robbins, Legislative Fiscal Office
Mayra Felipe, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS:

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

00:01:09 [Meeting Called to Order](#)
00:01:10 Representative Evans, Presiding Co-Chair
00:01:56 Sen. Manning Jr.
00:02:14 Sen. Smith
00:02:31 Co-Chair Broadman
00:02:49 Rep. Lewis
00:02:58 Rep. Helfrich
00:03:33 Rep. Chotzen
00:03:47 Rep. Isadore
00:04:05 Co-Chair Evans
00:04:32 Co-Chair Broadman
00:05:29 Co-Chair Evans

00:06:58 [Subcommittee Orientation](#)

00:07:05 John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:07:58 Steve Robbins, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:08:29 Emily Coates, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:08:47 Travis Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:09:07 Chelsey Herrmann-Nordness, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:09:20 John Borden
00:14:48 Co-Chair Evans

00:14:52 **Public Defense Commission Report - Public Defense Attorney Capacity**
00:15:04 John Borden, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:15:36 Kenneth Sanchagrin, Interim Executive Director, Public Defense Commission
00:23:01 Co-Chair Evans
00:23:21 Kenneth Sanchagrin
00:30:42 Co-Chair Evans
00:30:51 Kenneth Sanchagrin
00:31:31 Co-Chair Evans
00:31:42 Kenneth Sanchagrin
00:34:00 Co-Chair Broadman
00:35:10 Kenneth Sanchagrin
00:35:33 Sen. Smith
00:36:10 Co-Chair Evans
00:36:39 Jonathan Bennett, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services
00:36:53 John Borden
00:37:20 MOTION: Co-Chair Broadman moves the report to the Full Committee with the LFO recommendation to acknowledge receipt
00:37:23 Co-Chair Evans
00:37:31 VOTE: 8-0-1
Ayes: Sens. Broadman, Manning, Brock Smith; Reps. Evans, Helfrich, Isadore, Lewis
Exc: Rep. Chotzen
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Rep. Evans

00:39:03 John Borden
00:39:10 Co-Chair Evans

00:39:14 **Meeting Adjourned**