

The House Committee on Public Education

89th Legislature

March 18, 2025

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8:00 a.m.

JHR 140

Pursuant to a notice posted on March 13, 2025, and permission granted on March 18, 2025, to meet while the House was in session, the House Committee on Public Education met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Buckley, at 8:02 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Buckley; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Frank; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Schoolcraft; and Talarico.

A quorum was present.

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HB 222

The chair laid out HB 222.

The chair recognized Representative Talarico to explain HB 222.

(Representative Bernal now present.)

(Representative Hinojosa now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Dutton now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Talarico to close on HB 222.

HB 222 was left pending without objection.

HB 1085

The chair laid out HB 1085.

The chair recognized Representative Curry to explain HB 1085.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Allen now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Curry to close on HB 1085.

HB 1085 was left pending without objection.

HB 1481

The chair laid out HB 1481.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Fairly to explain HB 1481.

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Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 1481 was left pending without objection.

At 9:46 a.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was recessed until upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted.

The committee reconvened at 12:05 p.m. and was called to order by the chair, Representative Buckley.

The quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hunter; and Schoolcraft.

A quorum was present.

HB 1481

The chair laid out HB 1481 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Kerwin now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Talarico now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Hinojosa now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Leach now present.)

(Representative Leo Wilson now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Fairly to close on HB 1481.

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The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 1481 was left pending without objection.

HB 27

The chair laid out HB 27.

The chair recognized Representative King to explain HB 27.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Bernal in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative King to close on HB 27.

HB 27 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Buckley in chair.)

HB 213

The chair laid out HB 213.

The chair recognized Representative González, Mary to explain HB 213.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative González, Mary to close on HB 213.

HB 213 was left pending without objection.

HB 210

The chair laid out HB 210.

The chair recognized Representative Guillen to explain HB 210.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Guillen to close on HB 210.

HB 210 was left pending without objection.

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HB 6

The chair laid out HB 6.

The chair recognized Representative Leach to explain HB 6.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Bernal in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Buckley in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Bernal in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Buckley in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Leach to close on HB 6.

HB 6 was left pending without objection.

HB 20

The chair recalled HB 20 from the Subcommittee on Academic & Career-Oriented Education.

The chair laid out HB 20.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Ashby to explain HB 20.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 20, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (14).

Nays: Representative Dutton (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 120

The chair recalled HB 120 from the Subcommittee on Academic & Career-Oriented Education.

The chair laid out HB 120.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Ashby to explain HB 120.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 120, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; Talarico (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 610

The chair laid out HB 610.

The chair recognized Representative Leo Wilson to explain HB 610.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Leo Wilson to close on HB 610.

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HB 610 was left pending without objection.

HB 123

The chair laid out HB 123.

The chair recognized Representative Dutton to explain HB 123.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The hearing continued after midnight. The following actions occurred March 19, 2025.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Dutton to close on HB 123.

HB 123 was left pending without objection.

The chair referred the following bills to the standing subcommittee on Academic & Career-Oriented Education: HB 117, HB 295, HB 824, HB 1209, HB 1579, HB 1581, HB 2196, HCR
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At 12:29 a.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Buckley, Chair

Jack Reed, Clerk