

The House Committee on Public Education

89th Legislature

August 21, 2025

8:00 a.m.

JHR 140

Pursuant to a notice posted on August 19, 2025, and permission granted on August 20, 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 8:04 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Buckley; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Dutton; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; and Leo Wilson.

A quorum was present.

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The Chair announced that public testimony will be limited to three hours. The chair instructed the clerk to keep the public comment portal open until 10:00am on Friday, August 22nd.

HB 8

The chair laid out HB 8.

The chair explained HB 8.

(Representative Talarico now present.)

(Representative Schoolcraft now present.)

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

(Representative Bernal now present.)

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

HB 8 was left pending without objection.

At 9:53 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 1:51 p.m. and was called to order by the chair, Representative Buckley.

The quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Buckley; Bernal; Bryant; Cunningham; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leo Wilson; and Schoolcraft.

A quorum was present.

HB 8

The chair laid out HB 8 as pending business.

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

(Representative Leach now present.)

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

The chair closed on HB 8.

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The chair laid out HB 8 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 8, without amendments, 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; Cunningham; Frank; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach;
Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft (8).

Nays: Representative Hinojosa (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Bernal; Allen; Ashby; Bryant; Dutton; Talarico (6).

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At 4:18 p.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