

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 05, 2026

**TIME:** 8:30 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Hawkins, Vice Chairman Handy, Representatives Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Marmon, Pickett, Hostetler, Veile, Mathias, Galaviz

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Hawkins** called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 27, and March 3, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Hawkins** made a unanimous consent request to move **H 785** to the top of the agenda. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**H 785:** **Rep. Redman** presented **H 785**, legislation regarding inappropriate online behavior. He discussed new definitions and said this would give school boards and trustees the ability to provide protection for teachers.

Committee members spoke about school board discretion, and public records.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to send **H 785** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Redman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Debbie Critchfield**, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education, said she worked with **Rep. Redman** on this legislation and fully supports the bill.

**RS 33623:** **Rep. Harris** presented **RS 33623**, proposed legislation regarding Career Technical Education certificates. This seeks to improve the recruitment and retention of instructors.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to introduce **RS 33623.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 784:** **Rep. Redman** presented **H 784**, legislation regarding daily recess. He explained how studies have revealed better student behavior and better grades when students are allowed to move, play, and grow each day. He recommends **H 784** be held in committee because new proposed legislation will be presented.

**John Mazin**, Foundation for Government Accountability Action, testified **in support** of **H 784.**

**Debbie Critchfield**, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Department of Education, spoke about language in the bill and discussed providing guidance to educators and consequences for aggressive behavior.

**RS 33620:** **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 33620**, proposed legislation regarding daily recess. He said this would replace **H 784** and explained added language.

Committee members discussed conflicting language, disciplinary action, educator discretion, IEP students, and multiple recess times.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to **HOLD H 784** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to introduce **RS 33620**, and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Nelsen, Mathias, and Galaviz**, requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Redman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 am.

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Representative Hawkins  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary