

Senate Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for WORKFORCE

Date: **January 29, 2026**

Location: **RM 116**

Convened: **10:20 AM**

Adjourned: **10:50 AM**

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Dickey-CH, Schultz-VC, Donahue-RM, Dotzler, Driscoll, Koelker, Pike, Sires, Taylor, Townsend, Wahls

Absent:

Excused: Senator Lofgren

Chairman Dickey called the meeting to order at 10:24AM

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present with Senator Lofgren excused.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Senator Dickey announced the assignment of bills to subcommittees.

Senator Dickey indicated the committee would be taking up the following bills:

[SSB 3044](#) with amendment .2264 with Senator Dickey

[SSB 3072](#) with amendment .2260 with Senator Koelker

Senator Dickey transferred the chair to Senator Schultz.

Senator Schultz asked Senator Dickey to provide the Subcommittee Report for [SSB 3044](#).

Senator Dickey read the Subcommittee Report for [SSB 3044](#).

Senator Schultz recognized Senator Dickey for opening comments on [SSB 3044](#).

Senator Dickey gave opening comments on [SSB 3044](#), indicating there was an amendment (.2264)

Senator Schultz recognized Senator Dickey for opening comments on amendment .2264, and there was discussion.

Senator Schultz recognized Senator Dickey for closing comments on [SSB 3044](#) amendment .2264.

Senator Dickey gave closing comments on the amendment and moved the amendment.

Senator Schultz called for the vote on amendment .2264. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote of 7-4, with Senators Donahue, Dotzler, Townsend, and Wahls voting no, and Senator Lofgren excused. Senators Dickey, Schultz, Driscoll, Koelker, Pike, Sires, and Taylor voted Yes.

There was further discussion on [SSB 3044](#), as amended.

Senator Dickey gave closing comments on [SSB 3044](#) as amended.

Senator Schultz called for the vote and [SSB 3044](#), as amended, moved to the calendar as a committee bill on a voice vote of 7-4, with Senators Donahue, Dotzler, Townsend, and Wahls voting no, and Senator Lofgren excused. Senators Dickey, Schultz, Driscoll, Koelker, Pike, Sires, and Taylor voted Yes.

Senator Schultz transferred the chair back to Senator Dickey.

Senator Dickey asked Senator Koelker to provide the Subcommittee Report for [SSB 3072](#).

Senator Koelker read the Subcommittee Report for [SSB 3072](#).

Senator Dickey recognized Senator Koelker for opening comments on [SSB 3072](#).

Senator Koelker gave opening comments on [SSB 3072](#), indicating there was an amendment (.2260)

Senator Dickey recognized Senator Koelker for opening comments on amendment .2260, and there was discussion.

Senator Dickey recognized Senator Koelker for closing comments on [SSB 3072](#) amendment .2260.

Senator Koelker gave closing comments on the amendment and moved the amendment.

Senator Dickey called a recess at 10:43.

Senator Dickey resumed the meeting at 10:45.

Senator Dickey called for the vote on amendment .2260. The amendment was adopted on a voice vote of 7-4, with Senators Donahue, Dotzler, Townsend, and Wahls voting no, and Senator Lofgren excused. Senators Dickey, Schultz, Driscoll, Koelker, Pike, Sires, and Taylor voted Yes.

There was further discussion on [SSB 3072](#), as amended.

Senator Koelker gave closing comments on [SSB 3072](#) as amended.

Senator Dozler requested to defer on [SSB 3072](#) as amended.

Senator Dickey declined the request.

Senator Dickey called for the vote and [SSB 3072](#), as amended, moved to the calendar as a committee bill on a voice

vote of 7-4, with Senators Donahue, Dotzler, Townsend, and Wahls voting no, and Senator Lofgren excused. Senators Dickey, Schultz, Driscoll, Koelker, Pike, Sires, and Taylor voted Yes.
With no further business to come before the committee, Senator Sires moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

Senator Adrian Dickey

Jonathan Fendrick, Committee Secretary