

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for LABOR AND WORKFORCE

Date: *February 17, 2026*

Location: *RM 102*

Convened: *11:00 AM*

Adjourned: *11:10 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Kniff McCulla-CH, Meggers-VC, Cooling-RM, Amos Jr., Bradley, Croken, Ehlert, Gerhold, Gosa, Hayes, Ingels, McBurney, Moore, T., Rinker, Sitzmann, Weldon

Absent:

Excused: Representative Jeneary

Chairwoman Kniff McCulla called the Committee to order at 10:59 a.m. after both parties returned from Caucus. Roll call was taken with 16 members present and one member excused (Representative Jeneary).

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

Chair Kniff McCulla read the electronically assigned bills:

[HF 2088](#) – Weldon-CH, Kniff McCulla, Cooling

[HF 2319](#) – Ingels-CH, Sitzman, Gosa

Chair Kniff McCulla recognized Representative Sitzmann for opening comments on [HF 2129](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Sitzmann moved [HF 2129](#). Chair Kniff McCulla moved [HF 2129](#) as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Jeneary).

Chair Kniff McCulla recognized Representative Weldon for opening comments on [HF 2088](#). Representative Weldon indicated there were amendments. Chair Kniff McCulla recognized Rep. Cooling for opening comments on Amendment 2088.2625. There was discussion. Rep. Cooling moved the amendment short form and it passed. Chair Kniff McCulla recognized Rep. Cooling for opening comments on Amendment 2088.2622. There was discussion. Rep. Cooling moved the amendment short form and it passed. There was discussion on [HF 2088](#) as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Weldon was recognized for closing comments and moved [HF 2088](#) as amended. Chair Kniff McCulla moved [HF 2088](#) as amended as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 16 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Jeneary).

Chair Kniff McCulla recognized Representative Ingels for opening comments on [HF 2319](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Ingels moved [HF 2319](#). Chair Kniff McCulla moved [HF 2319](#) as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 10 ayes (Representatives Kniff McCulla, Meggers, Bradley, Gerhold, Hayes, Ingels, Moore, Rinker, Sitzmann, Weldon), 6 nays (Representatives Cooling, Amos Jr., Croken, Ehlert, Gosa, McBurney), and 1 excused (Representative Jeneary).

With no further business to come before the Committee, Representative Hayes moved to arise at 11:11 a.m.

Representative Barb Kniff McCulla

Danielle Heartsill, Committee Secretary