

## COMMITTEE MINUTES for ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TECHNOLOGY

Date: *February 18, 2026*

Location: *RM 102*

Convened: *11:10 AM*

Adjourned: *11:20 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Sorensen-CH, Wood-VC, Wichtendahl-RM, Andrews, Barker, Determann, Ehlert, Gehlbach, Kniff McCulla, Larson, Latham, Lohse, Madison, Matson, Moore, T., Scholten, Sieck, Sitzmann, Weldon, Wilson

Absent:

Excused: Representative Gaines

Both parties immediately went to caucus.

Chairman Sorensen called the Economic Growth and Information Technology Committee to order at 11:06a.m.

The secretary called the roll. Representative Gaines was excused. A quorum was present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Sorensen considered the following bills and relinquished the chair to Representative Wood.

Chair Wood recognized Representative Sorensen for [HSB 635](#).

Representative Sorensen introduced [HSB 635](#) and gave his opening remarks.

Representative Sorensen indicated there was an Amendment (Amendment .2689).

Representative Sorensen recognized Representative Lohse for opening comments on Amendment .2689. With no discussion, Representative Sorensen moved Amendment .2689 short form and the Amendment passes.

Representative Sorensen was recognized for closing comments on [HSB 635](#) as amended and moved the bill.

Chair Wood called for a roll call vote on [HSB 635](#) as amended. With a vote of eighteen (18) ayes (Representatives Sorensen, Wood, Wichtendahl, Barker, Determann, Ehlert, Gehlbach, Kniff McCulla, Larson, Latham, Lohse, Madison, Matson, Moore, T., Scholten, Sieck, Sitzmann, Weldon) and one (1) nay (Representative Wilson) and two excused (Representatives Andrews, Gaines) [HSB 635](#) passes as amended.

Chair Wood recognized Representative Sorensen for [HSB 728](#).

Representative Sorensen introduced [HSB 728](#) and gave his opening remarks.

Representative Sorensen gave his closing remarks on [HSB 728](#) and moved the bill.

Chair Wood called for a roll call vote on [HSB 728](#). With a vote of twenty (20) ayes (Representatives Sorensen, Wood, Wichtendahl, Andrews, Barker, Determann, Ehlert, Gehlbach, Kniff McCulla, Larson, Latham, Lohse, Madison, Moore, T., Scholten, Sieck, Sitzmann, Weldon, Wilson) and one excused (Representative Gaines) [HSB 728](#) passes as a committee bill.

Chair Wood passed the chair back to Representative Sorensen.

Chairman Sorensen recognized Representative Barker for [HF 2312](#).

Representative Barker introduced [HF 2312](#) and gave his opening remarks.

Representative Barker indicated there was an Amendment (Amendment .2691).

With no discussion, Representative Barker moved Amendment .2691 short form and the Amendment passes.

Representative Barker gave his closing remarks on [HF 2312](#) as amended and moved the bill.

Chairman Sorensen called for a roll call vote on [HF 2312](#) as amended. With a vote of twenty (20) ayes (Representatives Sorensen, Wood, Wichtendahl, Andrews, Barker, Determann, Ehlert, Gehlbach, Kniff McCulla, Larson, Latham, Lohse, Madison, Moore, T., Scholten, Sieck, Sitzmann, Weldon, Wilson) and one excused (Representative Gaines), [HF 2312](#) as amended passes as a committee bill.

With no further business to come before the committee, Representative Barker moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:19a.m.

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Maria Sorensen, Committee Secretary