

COMMITTEE MINUTES for JUDICIARY

Date: **February 19, 2026**

Location: **RM 103**

Convened: **3:50 PM**

Adjourned: **4:55 PM**

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, Thompson, M., Thomson, C., Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills, J.

Absent:

Excused: Representative Olson

Chairman Holt called the Judiciary Committee meeting to order at 3:47 p.m., after both parties returned from caucus. Roll call was taken with twenty members present and one excused (Representative Olson).

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Wheeler for opening comments on [HSB 668](#) and then indicated there was Amendment 2757. Rep. Wheeler was recognized for opening comments on the amendment. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Wheeler moved Amendment 2757 short form and it passed. There was discussion on [HSB 668](#), as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Wheeler was recognized for closing comments and moved [HSB 668](#), as amended. Chairman Holt moved [HSB 668](#), as amended as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 14 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, M. Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, and Wills), 6 nays (Representatives Wilburn, Bagniewski, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, and Wichtendahl), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Wheeler for opening comments on [HF 430](#) and then indicated there was Amendment 2543. Rep. Wheeler was recognized for opening comments on the amendment. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Wheeler moved Amendment 2543 short form and it passed. There was discussion on [HF 430](#), as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Wheeler was recognized for closing comments and moved [HF 430](#), as amended. Chairman Holt moved [HF 430](#), as amended as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 14 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, M. Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, and Wills), 6 nays (Representatives Wilburn, Bagniewski, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, and Wichtendahl), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Wills for opening comments on [HF 2145](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Wills was recognized for closing remarks and then moved [HF 2145](#). Chairman Holt moved [HF 2145](#) as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 16 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, M. Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, and Wills), 4 nays (Representatives Wilburn, Ramirez, Srinivas, and Wessel-Kroeschell), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Fett for opening comments on [HSB 726](#) and then indicated there was Amendment 2767. Rep. Fett was recognized for opening comments on the amendment. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Fett moved Amendment 2767 short form and it passed. There was discussion on [HSB 726](#), as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Fett was recognized for closing comments and moved [HSB 726](#), as amended. Chairman Holt moved [HSB 726](#), as amended as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 14 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, M. Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, and Wills), 6 nays (Representatives Wilburn, Bagniewski, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, and Wichtendahl), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative C. Thomson for opening comments on [HF 2554](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. C. Thomson moved [HF 2554](#). Chairman Holt moved [HF 2554](#) as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative C. Thomson for opening comments on [HSB 750](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. C. Thomson was recognized for closing remarks and then moved [HSB 750](#).

Chairman Holt moved [HSB 750](#), as amended as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 19 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Wilburn, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, M. Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Williams, and Wills), 1 nay (Representative Wichtendahl), and 1

excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Lawler for opening comments on [HF 2555](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Lawler moved [HF 2555](#). Chairman Holt moved [HF 2555](#) as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt turned the Chair over to Vice Chair Lawler.

Chair Lawler recognized Representative Holt for opening comments on [HF 668](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Holt was recognized for closing remarks and then moved [HF 668](#). Chair Lawler moved [HF 668](#) as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 15 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, M. Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, and Wills), 5 nays (Representatives Wilburn, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, and Wichtendahl), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chair Lawler recognized Representative Holt for opening comments on [HSB 772](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Holt was recognized for closing remarks and then moved [HSB 772](#). Chair Lawler moved [HSB 772](#) as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 18 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Wilburn, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Stone, M. Thompson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, and Wills), 2 nays (Representatives Srinivas and C. Thomson), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chair Lawler recognized Representative Holt for opening comments on [HSB 616](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Holt moved [HSB 616](#). Chair Lawler moved [HSB 616](#) as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 19 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Wilburn, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, M. Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, and Wills), 1 nay (Representative Ramirez), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chair Lawler recognized Representative Holt for opening comments on [HSB 738](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Holt was recognized for closing comments and then moved [HSB 738](#). Chair Lawler moved [HSB 738](#) as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chair Lawler returned the Chair to Chairman Holt.

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Lawler for opening comments on [HF 2413](#) and Rep. Lawler indicated there was Amendment 2750. Rep. Lawler was recognized for opening comments on the amendment. With no discussion, Rep. Lawler moved Amendment 2750 short form and it passed. There was discussion on [HF 2413](#), as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Lawler was recognized for closing comments and moved [HF 2413](#), as amended. Chairman Holt moved [HF 2413](#), as amended as a committee bill on a roll call vote 14 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, M. Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, and Wills), 6 nays (Representatives Wilburn, Bagniewski, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, and Wichtendahl), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative M. Thompson for opening comments on [HF 2144](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. M. Thompson moved [HF 2144](#). Chairman Holt moved [HF 2144](#) as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Gustoff for opening comments on [HSB 570](#) and then Rep. Gustoff indicated there was Amendment 2630. Rep. Gustoff was recognized for opening comments on the amendment. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Gustoff moved Amendment 2630 short form and it passed. There was discussion on [HSB 570](#), as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Gustoff was recognized for closing comments and moved [HSB 570](#), as amended. Chairman Holt moved [HSB 570](#), as amended as a committee bill on a roll call vote 16 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, M. Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, and Wills), 4 nays (Representatives Wilburn, Ramirez, Srinivas, and Wessel-Kroeschell), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Gustoff for opening comments on [HF 853](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Gustoff was recognized for closing remarks and then moved [HF 853](#). Chairman Holt moved [HF 853](#) as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 14 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, M. Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, and Wills), 6 nays (Representatives Wilburn, Bagniewski, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, and Wichtendahl), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Fett for opening comments on [HF 2436](#) and then indicated there was Amendment 2654. Rep. Fett was recognized for opening comments on the amendment. With no discussion, Rep. Fett moved the amendment short form and it passed. There was discussion on [HF 2436](#), as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Fett moved [HF 2436](#), as amended. Chairman Holt moved [HF 2436](#), as amended as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative C. Thomson for opening comments on [HSB 631](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, C. Thomson moved [HSB 631](#). Chairman Holt moved [HSB 631](#), as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 14 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, M.

Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, and Wills), 6 nays (Representatives Wilburn, Bagniewski, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, and Wichtendahl), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Stone for opening comments on [HSB 741](#) and indicated there was Amendment 2747. Rep. Stone was recognized for opening remarks on the amendment. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Stone was moved the amendment short form and it passed. There was discussion on [HSB 741](#), as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Stone moved [HSB 741](#), as amended. Chairman Holt moved [HSB 741](#), as amended as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Fett for opening comments on [HF 2574](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Fett moved [HF 2574](#). Chairman Holt moved [HF 2574](#) as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

With no further business to come before the Committee, Representative Bagniewski moved we arise at 4:53 p.m.

Representative Steven C. Holt

Angie Heartsill, Committee Secretary