

COMMITTEE MINUTES for ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TECHNOLOGY

Date: *February 19, 2026*

Location: *RM 102*

Convened: *1:30 PM*

Adjourned: *1:50 PM*

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 1:33p.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 647](#).

Representative Sorensen introduced [HSB 647](#) and gave his opening remarks.

Representative Sorensen indicated there were Amendments (Amendment .2748-.2718).

Chair Wood recognized Representative Wichtendahl for opening comments on Amendment .2748.

After discussion, Representative Wichtendahl withdrew the amendment.

Chair Wood recognized Representative Sorensen for opening comments on Amendment .2718. With no further discussion, Representative Sorensen moves the Amendment short form and with the ayes appearing to have it, the Amendment passes.

Representative Sorensen was recognized for closing comments on [HSB 647](#) as amended and moved the bill.

Chair Wood called for a roll call vote on [HSB 647](#), as amended. With a unanimous vote of twenty (20) ayes, zero (0) nays, and one (1) excused (Representative Gaines), [HSB 647](#), as amended, passes as a committee bill.

Chair Wood recognized Representative Sorensen for [HSB 742](#).

Representative Sorensen introduced [HSB 742](#) and gave his opening remarks.

Chair Wood indicated there was an Amendment (Amendment .2775).

Chair Wood recognized Representative Wichtendahl for Amendment .2775.

Representative Sorensen made comments and recommended a no vote on the Amendment.

Chair Wood called for a short form voice vote on Amenda .2775. With the nays appearing to have it, the Amendment fails.

Representative Sorensen gave his closing remarks on [HSB 742](#) and moved the bill.

Chair Wood called for a roll call vote on [HSB 742](#). With a unanimous vote of twenty (20) ayes, zero (0) nays, and one (1) excused (Representative Gaines), [HSB 742](#) passes as a committee bill.

Chair Wood passed the chair back to Representative Sorensen.

Chairman Sorensen recognized Representative Weldon for [HSB 727](#).

Representative Weldon introduced [HSB 727](#) and gave his opening remarks.

Representative Weldon gave his closing remarks on [HSB 727](#) and moved the bill.

Chairman Sorensen called for a roll call vote on [HSB 727](#). With a unanimous vote of twenty (20) ayes, zero (0) nays, and one (1) excused (Representative Gaines), [HSB 727](#) passes as a committee bill.

Chairman Sorensen considered bill [HSB 753](#).

Chairman Sorensen relinquished the chair to Representative Wood.

Representative Sorensen gave his opening comments on [HSB 753](#).

Representative Sorensen gave his closing comments and moves bill [HSB 753](#).

Chair Wood called for a roll call vote on [HSB 753](#). With a unanimous vote of 19 (nineteen) ayes, zero (0) nays, and two (2) excused (Representatives Gaines, Madison), [HSB 753](#) passes as a committee bill.

Representative Wood passed the Chair back to Representative Sorensen. With no further business to come before the committee, Representative Matson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:49p.m.

Representative Ray Sorensen

Maria Sorensen , Committee Secretary