

The House Committee on Higher Education

89th Legislature

April 29, 2025

8:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on April 24, 2025, the House Committee on Higher Education met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Wilson, at 8:02 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Wilson; Lalani; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shofner; Tinderholt; VanDeaver; and Ward Johnson.

A quorum was present.

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HB 3741

The chair laid out HB 3741.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Shofner to explain HB 3741.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Shofner to close on HB 3741.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 3741 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Howard now present.)

HB 3475

The chair laid out HB 3475.

The chair recognized Representative Perez, Vincent to explain HB 3475.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Shaheen now present.)

The chair recognized Representative Perez, Vincent to close on HB 3475.

HB 3475 was left pending without objection.

HB 2088

The chair laid out HB 2088.

The chair recognized Representative Martinez to explain HB 2088.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Martinez to close on HB 2088.

HB 2088 was left pending without objection.

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HB 3062

The chair laid out HB 3062.

The chair recognized Representative Guerra to explain HB 3062.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Davis, Aicha now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Guerra to close on HB 3062.

HB 3062 was left pending without objection.

HB 678

The chair laid out HB 678 as pending business.

Representative Howard moved that HB 678, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Howard; Davis, Aicha; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shaheen; Shofner; Tinderholt; VanDeaver; Ward Johnson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Lalani (1).

HB 1233

The chair laid out HB 1233 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Perez, Vincent moved that HB 1233, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Howard; Davis, Aicha; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shaheen; Shofner; Tinderholt; VanDeaver; Ward Johnson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Lalani (1).

HB 1527

The chair laid out HB 1527 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Shofner moved that HB 1527, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Howard; Davis, Aicha; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shaheen; Shofner; Tinderholt; VanDeaver; Ward Johnson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Lalani (1).

HB 3434

The chair laid out HB 3434 as pending business.

Representative Shofner moved that HB 3434, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Lambert; Shaheen; Shofner; Tinderholt; VanDeaver (6).

Nays: Representatives Howard; Davis, Aicha; Perez, Vincent; Ward Johnson (4).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

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Absent: Representative Lalani (1).

HB 1787

The chair laid out HB 1787 as pending business.

Representative Davis, Aicha moved that HB 1787, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Howard; Davis, Aicha; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shaheen; VanDeaver; Ward Johnson (8).

Nays: Representatives Shofner; Tinderholt (2).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Lalani (1).

HB 3032

The chair laid out HB 3032 as pending business.

Representative Lambert moved that HB 3032, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Howard; Davis, Aicha; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shaheen; Shofner; Tinderholt; VanDeaver; Ward Johnson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Lalani (1).

HB 3976

The chair laid out HB 3976 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

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Representative VanDeaver moved that HB 3976, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Howard; Davis, Aicha; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shaheen; Shofner; Tinderholt; VanDeaver; Ward Johnson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Lalani (1).

HB 4438

The chair laid out HB 4438 as pending business.

Representative Lambert moved that HB 4438, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Howard; Davis, Aicha; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shaheen; Shofner; Tinderholt; VanDeaver; Ward Johnson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Lalani (1).

HB 4912

The chair laid out HB 4912 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Howard moved that HB 4912, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Howard; Davis, Aicha; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shaheen; Shofner; Tinderholt; VanDeaver; Ward Johnson (10).

Nays: None (0).

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Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Lalani (1).

SB 530

The chair laid out SB 530, the companion to HB 1705.

Representative Howard moved that SB 530, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Howard; Davis, Aicha; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shaheen; Shofner; Tinderholt; VanDeaver (9).

Nays: Representative Ward Johnson (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Lalani (1).

SB 1468

The chair laid out SB 1468, the companion to HB 3701.

Representative Perez, Vincent moved that SB 1468, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Howard; Davis, Aicha; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shaheen; Shofner; Tinderholt; VanDeaver; Ward Johnson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Lalani (1).

SB 1998

The chair laid out SB 1998, the companion to HB 4438.

Representative Shaheen moved that SB 1998, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Howard; Davis, Aicha; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shaheen; Shofner; Tinderholt; VanDeaver; Ward Johnson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Lalani (1).

SB 2231

The chair laid out SB 2231, the companion to HB 4912.

Representative Lambert moved that SB 2231, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Howard; Davis, Aicha; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shaheen; Shofner; Tinderholt; VanDeaver; Ward Johnson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Lalani (1).

HB 5508

The chair laid out HB 5508.

The chair recognized Representative Bumgarner to explain HB 5508.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Bumgarner to close on HB 5508.

HB 5508 was left pending without objection.

HB 4279

The chair laid out HB 4279.

The chair recognized Representative Davis, Yvonne to explain HB 4279.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

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The chair recognized Representative Davis, Yvonne to close on HB 4279.

HB 4279 was left pending without objection.

HB 4763

The chair laid out HB 4763.

The chair recognized Representative Olcott to explain HB 4763.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Olcott to close on HB 4763.

HB 4763 was left pending without objection.

HB 1784

The chair laid out HB 1784.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Howard to explain HB 1784.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Howard to close on HB 1784.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 1784 was left pending without objection.

HB 5294

The chair laid out HB 5294.

The chair recognized Representative Bonnen to explain HB 5294.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Bonnen to close on HB 5294.

HB 5294 was left pending without objection.

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At 9:56 a.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was recessed until upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted.

The committee reconvened at 9:23 p.m. and was called to order by the chair, Representative Wilson.

The quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Wilson; Lambert; Perez, Vincent; Shofner; VanDeaver; and Ward Johnson.

A quorum was present.

(Representative Howard now present.)

(Representative Howard in chair.)

HB 5154

The chair laid out HB 5154.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Wilson to explain HB 5154.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Wilson to close on HB 5154.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 5154 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Wilson in chair.)

SB 1401

The chair laid out SB 1401.

(Representative Davis, Aicha now present.)

The chair recognized Representative Davis, Aicha to explain SB 1401.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Davis, Aicha to close on SB 1401.

SB 1401 was left pending without objection.

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(Representative Howard in chair.)

HB 232

The chair laid out HB 232.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Wilson to explain HB 232.

(Representative Tinderholt now present.)

(Representative Shaheen now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The hearing continued after midnight. The following actions occurred April 30, 2025.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Wilson to close on HB 232.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 232 was left pending without objection.

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At 1:06 a.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Wilson, Chair

Andrew Harkey, Clerk