

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE POLICY MEETING MINUTES

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn, Co-Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM on April 15, 2026 in Room 123 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Co-Chair
WEST, Nolan, Co-Chair
HANSON, Jessica, Co-Vice Chair
NELSON, Nathan, Co-Vice Chair
ALTENDORF, Pam
COULTER, Nathan
HICKS, Kim
LEE, Xp
NADEAU, Danny
OLSON, Bjorn
PÉREZ-VEGA, María Isa
SENCER-MURA, Samantha
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Members excused:

MCDONALD, Joe

A quorum was present.

Representative Nelson moved that the minutes of April 14, 2026 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4382 (Coulter) Rules governing licensed child care centers and licensed family child care modernized and encoded; and family child care, child care center works, policies, capacity, staff ratios, equipment, notifications, parent access, record keeping, supervision, facilities, health and safety, food and nutrition, and transportation requirements created.

Presenting:

- Channon Richardson – CEO, University Nursery School
- Lisa Thompson, Office of the Ombuds for Family Child Care Providers
- Amy Warzybok – President, Dodge Nursery Center and Preschool
- Kaitlyn Erpestad – Hartly Nature Preschool Director

HF2929 (Kotyza-Witthuhn) Eligibility determinations for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program households clarified.

Rep. Kotyza-Witthuhn moved that HF2929 be re-referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. Coulter moved the DE2 amendment before the committee.

Rep. Hicks moved the A4 amendment to the DE2 amendment.

Rep. Hanson requested a roll call.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn recessed the committee at 3:37PM

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn called the meeting to order at 3:48PM

Rep. Hicks renewed the motion to adopt the A4 amendment to the DE2 amendment.

AYES:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Co-Chair

HANSON, Jessica, Co-Vice Chair

COULTER, Nathan

HICKS, Kim

LEE, Xp

PÉREZ-VEGA, María Isa

SENCER-MURA, Samantha

NAYES:

WEST, Nolan, Co-Chair

NELSON, Nathan, Co-Vice Chair

ALTENDORF, Pam

OLSON, Bjorn

ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

THERE BEING 7 AYES AND 5 NAYES THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Rep. Pérez-Vega moved the A5 amendment to the DE2 amendment.

Rep. Coulter requested a roll call.

AYES:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Co-Chair

HANSON, Jessica, Co-Vice Chair

COULTER, Nathan

HICKS, Kim

LEE, Xp

PÉREZ-VEGA, María Isa

SENCER-MURA, Samantha

NAYES:

WEST, Nolan, Co-Chair

NELSON, Nathan, Co-Vice Chair

ALTENDORF, Pam

OLSON, Bjorn

ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

THERE BEING 7 AYES AND 5 NAYES THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Rep. Pérez-Vega moved the A6 amendment to the DE2 amendment.

Rep. Coulter requested a roll call.

Rep. Pérez-Vega renewed the motion to adopt the A6 amendment to the DE2 amendment.

AYES:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Co-Chair

HANSON, Jessica, Co-Vice Chair

COULTER, Nathan

HICKS, Kim

LEE, Xp

PÉREZ-VEGA, María Isa

SENCER-MURA, Samantha

NAYES:

WEST, Nolan, Co-Chair

NELSON, Nathan, Co-Vice Chair

ALTENDORF, Pam

OLSON, Bjorn

ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

THERE BEING 7 AYES AND 5 NAYES THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Rep. Hanson moved the A7 amendment to the DE2 amendment.

Rep. Hanson requested a roll call.

Rep. Hanson renewed the motion to adopt the A7 amendment to the DE2 amendment.

AYES:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Co-Chair

HANSON, Jessica, Co-Vice Chair

COULTER, Nathan

HICKS, Kim

LEE, Xp

PÉREZ-VEGA, María Isa

SENCER-MURA, Samantha

NAYES:

WEST, Nolan, Co-Chair

NELSON, Nathan, Co-Vice Chair

ALTENDORF, Pam

NADEAU, Danny

OLSON, Bjorn

THERE BEING 7 AYES AND 5 NAYES THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Rep. Coulter moved the A10 amendment to the DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED,
THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Coulter moved the A13 amendment to the DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED,
THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Coulter moved the A14 amendment to the DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED,
THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Pérez-Vega moved the A9 amendment to the DE2 amendment. THE MOTION
PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Nadeau moved the A8 amendment to the DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED,
THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair West moved the A12 amendment to the DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED,
THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair West moved the A11 amendment to the DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED,
THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair West moved the A16 amendment to the DE2 amendment.

Chair West withdrew the A16 amendment to the DE2 amendment.

Chair West moved the A17 amendment to the DE2 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT
PREVAIL.

Chair West moved the A18 amendment to the DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED,
THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved the A15 amendment to the DE2 amendment. THE MOTION DID
NOT PREVAIL.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to adopt the DE2 amendment as amended.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion to re-refer HF2929 as amended to the committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. Coulter requested a roll call.

AYES:

WEST, Nolan, Co-Chair

NELSON, Nathan, Co-Vice Chair

ALTENDORF, Pam

NADEAU, Danny

OLSON, Bjorn

NAYES:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Co-Chair

HANSON, Jessica, Co-Vice Chair

COULTER, Nathan

HICKS, Kim

LEE, Xp

PÉREZ-VEGA, María Isa

SENCER-MURA, Samantha

THERE BEING 5 AYES AND 7 NAYS, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

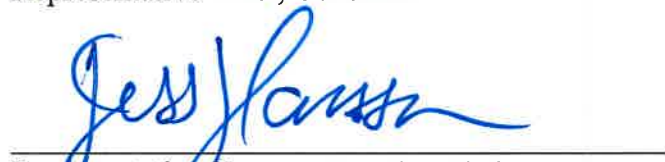
Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn adjourned the committee at 4:55 pm.



Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn, Co-Chair



Representative West, Co-Chair



Representative Hanson, Co-Vice Chair



Representative Nelson, Co-Vice Chair



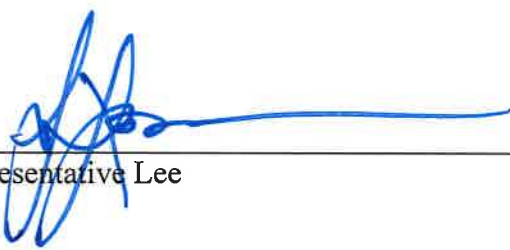
Representative Altendorf



Representative Coulter



Representative Hicks



Representative Lee

(Member Excused)
Representative McDonald



Representative Nadeau



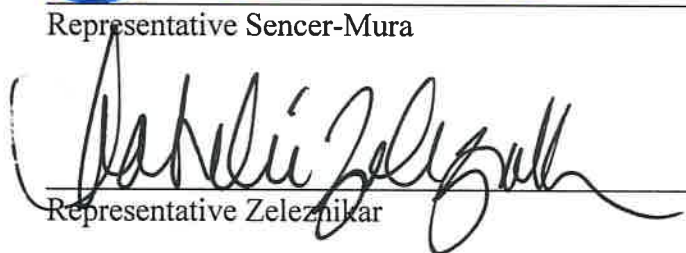
Representative Olson



Representative Pérez-Vega



Representative Sencer-Mura



Representative Zeleznikar



Caleb Rohrer, Committee Legislative Assistant



Elizabeth Laukka, Committee Legislative Assistant

