

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 11, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Yamamoto, Vice Chairman McCann, Representatives Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Lanting, Nelsen, Price, Sauter, Berch, Galaviz, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Mathias, Hawkins, Ehardt, and Hill

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chair Yamamoto called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Dr. Dan Wuori, President, Early Childhood Policy Solutions, spoke about early childhood development as a bipartisan priority. He said early development is different than early school education, and the fundamental architecture of the brain is wired during the early years. He spoke about insufficient care for children under the age of three, costs, long term benefits, and the economic impact of investing in early childhood learning.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary