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**January 29, 2026**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Majority of the Committee on Education Policy and Administration to which was referred HB 1264,**

**AN ACT increasing the requirements of the education freedom savings account oversight committee and modifying the purpose of the committee. Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.**

**Rep. Katy Peternel**

**FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE**

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# MAJORITY
# COMMITTEE REPORT

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| Committee: | **Education Policy and Administration** |
| Bill Number: | **HB 1264** |
| Title: | **increasing the requirements of the education freedom savings account oversight committee and modifying the purpose of the committee.** |
| Date: | **January 29, 2026** |
| Consent Calendar: | **REGULAR** |
| Recommendation: | **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE** |

## STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 10-8.

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Education Policy and Administration

**HB 1264,** increasing the requirements of the education freedom savings account oversight committee and modifying the purpose of the committee. **MAJORITY: INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE. MINORITY: OUGHT TO PASS.**

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