

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA**

Your Standing Committee on Social and Economic Development presents the following as its Fifth Report.

## Meetings

Your Committee met on October 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 254 of the Legislative Building.

## Matters under Consideration

- **Bill (No. 208)** – The Manitoba Small Business Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la petite entreprise au Manitoba (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)
- **Bill (No. 225)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (dépistage systématique des troubles d'apprentissage)
- **Bill (No. 234)** – The Pride Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la fierté (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

## Committee Membership

- Mr. BLASHKO
- Mrs. COOK
- MLA CROSS
- MLA DELA CRUZ
- MLA LAGASSÉ
- MLA PANKRATZ

Your Committee elected MLA PANKRATZ as the Chairperson.

Your Committee elected MLA DELA CRUZ as the Vice-Chairperson.

### Non-Committee Members Speaking on Record

- Mr. KING
- MLA LAMOUREUX
- Hon. Min. SCHMIDT

## Public Presentations

Your Committee heard the following presentation on **Bill (No. 208)** – The Manitoba Small Business Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la petite entreprise au Manitoba (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs):

Fernanda Vallejo

Latinas Manitoba Inc.

Your Committee heard the following 21 presentations on **Bill (No. 225)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (dépistage systématique des troubles d'apprentissage):

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Jacob Dyck              | Private citizen                  |
| Laura Jones             | Private citizen                  |
| Natalie Riediger        | Private citizen                  |
| Ellen Gorter            | Manitoba Literacy Alliance       |
| Lois Cormier            | Private citizen                  |
| Kim Van Nieuw Amerongen | Private citizen                  |
| Chris deBoer            | Private citizen                  |
| Karen Sharma            | Manitoba Human Rights Commission |
| Carrie Wood             | Private citizen                  |
| Jina Pagura             | Private citizen                  |
| Tianna Voort            | Private citizen                  |
| Andrea Richardson       | Ears for Life Audiology          |

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| Ron Cadez        | Louis Riel School Division                                |
| Michelle Depner  | Private citizen                                           |
| Michelle Ward    | Private citizen                                           |
| Valdine Bjornson | Manitoba Teachers for Students with Learning Disabilities |
| Allison Guercio  | Private citizen                                           |
| Fernanda Vallejo | Latinas Manitoba Inc.                                     |
| Melissa McIntosh | Private citizen                                           |
| Andy Depner      | Private citizen                                           |
| Collette Pancoe  | Private citizen                                           |

Your Committee heard the following three presentations on **Bill (No. 234)** – The Pride Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la fierté (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs):

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| Chris deBoer  | Private citizen          |
| Dieth de Leon | Bahaghari Pride Manitoba |
| Nora Wilson   | Brandon Pride            |

### Written Submissions

Your Committee received the following 12 written submissions on **Bill (No. 225)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (dépistage systématique des troubles d’apprentissage):

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Jodianna Paterson        | Private citizen |
| Cyndi Miles              | Private citizen |
| Joanne Seiff             | Private citizen |
| Carol Nixon-Pauls        | Private citizen |
| John Mearon              | Private citizen |
| Virginia Acuna Hernandez | Private citizen |
| Ryan Wakshinski          | Private citizen |
| Ilana Schulz             | Private citizen |
| Ginny Lees               | Private citizen |
| Holly Cebrij             | Private citizen |
| Rosana Montebruno        | Private citizen |
| Suzy Martins             | Private citizen |

### Bills Considered and Reported

- **Bill (No. 208)** – The Manitoba Small Business Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la petite entreprise au Manitoba (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 225)** – The Public Schools Amendment Act (Universal Screening for Learning Disabilities)/Loi modifiant la Loi sur les écoles publiques (dépistage systématique des troubles d’apprentissage)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

- **Bill (No. 234)** – The Pride Month Act (Commemoration of Days, Weeks and Months Act Amended)/Loi sur le Mois de la fierté (modification de la Loi sur les journées, les semaines et les mois commémoratifs)

Your Committee agreed to report this Bill without amendment.

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MLA David PANKRATZ, Chairperson  
October 8, 2025