

K-12 Education Budget Division

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

9:00 a.m. Room 112 - State Capitol

Members Present

Senator L. Stumpf
Senator E. Anderson
Senator M. Fischbach
Senator D. Gaither
Senator D. Hann
Senator D. Johnson
Senator M. Jungbauer
Senator S. Kelley
Senator K. Langseth
Senator S. Marko
Senator S. Nienow
Senator G. Olson
Senator T. Saxhaug
Senator L. Scheid
Senator W. Skoglund
Senator D. Sparks
Senator B. Wergin
Senator C. Wiger

Members Excused

Senator Stumpf called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

The bills presented authorize levies.

Senator Metzen, chief author of S.F. 624 which creates a system to finance replacement school buses and authorizes a levy of an amount equal to the bus loan revenue times .25% presented his bill to the committee.

Testifying:

Greg Leidl – Transportation Coordinator – Bemidji Schools
Morris Mattson – Transportation Coordinator – West St. Paul-Mendota Heights

Senator Marko moved that S.F. 624 be recommended to pass for possible inclusion in the Omnibus E-12 Education budget bill. Motion prevailed.

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Senator Saxhaug, chief author of S.F. 1420 which allows school districts to levy the amount necessary to pay for increases in health care premiums for current employees based on the benefit level provided during the 2004-2005 school year presented his bill.

Testifying:

Ron Dicklich – Range Association of Municipalities and Schools

Senator Saxhaug moved that S.F. be recommended for possible inclusion in the Omnibus E-12 Education Budget bill. Motion prevailed.

Senator Vickerman, chief author of S.F. 1906 which modifies the transportation sparsity formula presented his bill.

Motion:

To put the A-1 amendment before the committee. Motion prevailed.

Testifying:

Tom Melcher – DOE

Senator Scheid moved that S.F. 1906 be laid on the table for further discussion. Motion prevailed.

Senator Fischbach, chief author of S.F. 142 ISD Holdingford provides that for taxes payable in 2006, a school district in statutory operating debt may levy up to the amount paid for school buses purchased by the district from May 1, 2004 through September 1, 2004, presented her bill.

Testifying:

Roger Carlson – Superintendent – ISD 738-Holdingford

Motion:

Senator Fischbach moved that the A-1 and A-2 amendments put before the committee. Motion prevailed.

Testifying:

Tom Collins – Superintendent – Hastings Public Schools on behalf of S.F. 142

Motion:

Senator Fischbach moved that on Page 1 lines 6 and 7 strike “a school district in statutory operating debt under Minnesota Statutes, session 123B.81” insert “ISD 738 Holdingford.” Motion prevailed.

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Page 1 line 5 after levy insert Holdingford. Motion prevailed.

Motion:

Senator Fischbach moved that S.F. 142 as amended be recommended for possible inclusion in the Omnibus E-12 Education Budget bill. Motion prevailed.

Senator Fischbach, chief author of S.F. 1965 which authorizes a fund transfer for ISD 741 presented her bill.

Testifying:

Todd Burlingame – Superintendent – Paynesville

Motion:

Senator Fischbach moved that S.F. 1965 be laid on the table pending a fiscal note. Motion prevailed.

Senator Fischbach, chief author of S.F. 1744 which extends the garage lease levy for ISD 748-Sartell presented her bill.

Testifying:

Steve Wruck – Director of Business Services – Sartell

Bill Galarneault – Sartell School Board Director

Motion:

Senator Fischbach moved that S.F. 1744 be recommended for possible inclusion in the Omnibus E-12 Education budget bill. Motion prevailed.

Senator Hann, chief author of S.F. 741 which provides for a trail period of student transportation fees presented his bill.

Testifying:

Scott Croonquist – Association of Metropolitan School Districts

John Kaul – Consortuim for Western School Districts

Motion:

Senator Hann moved that S.F. 741 be recommended for possible inclusion in the Omnibus E-12 Education Budget bill. A voice vote was requested.

6 yeas

7 Nays

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Motion did not prevail.

Senator Marko, chief author of S.F. 2034 which repeals reserve revenue for cooperative programs presented her bill.

Testifying:


Tim Collins – Hastings Public Schools

Ray Frost – Intermediate School Districts

Motion:

Senator Marko moved that S.F. 2034 be recommended for possible inclusion in the Omnibus E-12 Education budget bill. Motion prevailed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.



Senator LeRoy Stumpf
Chairman



Jeri Wenzel, Legislative Assistant



SENATE COMMITTEE HEARING

K-12 Education Budget Division

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Room 112 Capitol

Agenda

- S.F. 624-Metzen: Creating a system to finance replacement school buses
Greg Leidl – Transportation Coordinator - Bemidji Schools
Morris Mattson – Transportation Coordinator – West St. Paul-Mendota Heights
- S.F. 1906-Vickerman: Modifying transportation sparsity formula
- S.F. 1420-Saxhaug: Allowing school districts to levy for health care costs
- S.F. 741-Hann: Providing for a trail period of student transportation fees
Scott Croonquist – Association of Metropolitan School Districts
- S.F. 142-Fischbach: Authorizing certain schools districts to levy for school bus purchases
Roger Carlson, Superintendent, Holdingford Public Schools
- S.F. 1965-Fischbach: SD 741 Paynesville – authorizing a fund transfer
Todd Burlingame, Superintendent of Paynesville Area Schools
- S.F. 1744-Fischbach: S.D. 748-Sartell extending garage lease levy
Bill Galarneault (pronounced: Galano), Sartell School Board Director
Steve Wruck, Director of Business Services at Sartell School District
- S.F. 2034-Marko: Repeal Reserve Revenue for Cooperative Programs
Tim Collins – Superintendent – Hastings Public Schools

Senator Sharon Marko
Vice Chair

Jeri Wenzel
Legislative Assistant

Fiscal Status -- Category Sort

K-12 Education Finance Committee, April 5, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

Bill Numb	Author	Description	Fiscal Impact Final?	Fiscal Note		Aid? Levy?	Bill Aid Bill Levy				
				Req'd/ Received	Dates		FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Category Fund Transfers/Accounting											
1965	Fischbach	Paynesville Fund Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/3/2005	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	0
				<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		0	0	0	0
2034	Marko	Repeal Reserve Revenue for Cooperative Programs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/3/2005	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	0
				<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		0	0	0	0
Category General Levy											
1420	Saxhaug	Health Care Costs Levy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3/4/2005	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	0
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3/21/2005	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0	66,700,000	139,900,000	220,200,000
<i>Bill creates property tax recognition shift savings</i>											
Category Transportation											
142	Fischbach	School Bus Purchase Levy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1/27/2005	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	0
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2/11/2005	<input type="checkbox"/>		0	0	0	0
624	Metzen	Financing Replacement School Buses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2/4/2005	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	3,630,000	-743,000	-908,000	-908,000
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2/18/2005	<input type="checkbox"/>		907,500	907,500	907,500	907,500
<i>Bill creates property tax recognition shift savings.</i>											
741	Hann	Transportation Fees Trial Period	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2/4/2005	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	0
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2/11/2005	<input type="checkbox"/>		0	0	0	0
<i>fee increase bill, no levy or aid impact</i>											

Bill Numb	Author	Description	Fiscal Impact Final?	Note		Aid? Levy?	Bill Bill Lev.				
				Req'd/ Received	Dates		FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
1744	Fischbach	Sartell Garage Lease Levy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0	0	0
				<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		0	0	107,000	67,000
1906	Vickerman	Transportation Sparsity Formula	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4/3/2005	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0	4,659,400	5,525,000	5,525,000	5,525,000
				<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		0	0	0	0
<i>transp. sparsity increase</i>											
Total Aid Impact:							0	8,289,400	4,782,000	4,617,000	4,617,000
Total Levy Impact:								907,500	67,607,500	140,914,500	221,174,500