

# **Senate Finance Committee**

**Chair: Richard J. Cohen**

**Wednesday, April 27, 2005**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Room 123, Capitol**

## **Agenda:**

**Early Education Omnibus Budget Bill**

**Health and Human Services Omnibus Budget Bill**

# Finance Committee

## Chair: Senator Richard J. Cohen

Wednesday, April 27, 2005

9:00 a.m.

Room 123, Capitol

PRESENT: Cohen, Chaudhary, Berglin, Dibble\*, Dille, Frederickson, Gerlach, Hottinger, Kierlin, Kiscaden, Langseth, Larson, Metzen, Murphy, Neuville, Nienow, Olson, Pappas, Pariseau, Ranum, Stumpf, Wiger

ABSENT: Fischbach, Ourada, Sams

\* Beginning 3/18/05, when Senator Sams is absent, Senator Dibble replaces him on the Finance Committee

Senator Cohen called the meeting to order 9:27 at A.M.

A quorum was not present.

### AGENDA ITEM #1: Health and Human Services Omnibus Budget Bill (Document SC4101)

- Senator Berglin asked David Godfrey, the Health and Human Services Fiscal Analyst, to explain the spreadsheet for the bill.
- Mr. Godfrey testified on the spreadsheet.
- A quorum was present at 9:30.
- Senator Berglin also testified on the spreadsheet.
- Mr. Godfrey and Senator Berglin stood for questions.
- Mr. Godfrey testified in response to questions from Senator Cohen.
- Doug Stang, Department of Health, testified in response to a question about fees and a question from Senator Pariseau.
- Mr. Wattson testified, clarifying an issue the committee was discussing.
- Senator Metzen moved the A1 amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Frederickson moved an oral amendment to SC4101:

-Page 8, line 36, delete "reasonable"

- Senator Frederickson's motion is adopted.
- Senator Berglin moved that SC4101 as amended be introduced as a committee bill and be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

### AGENDA ITEM #2: Early Education Omnibus Budget Bill (Document 05-4093)

- Senator Hottinger testified on the Early Education Omnibus Budget Bill, document 05-4093.
- Senator Chaudhary began chairing at 11:45.
- Senator Cohen returned to chair at 11:49.
- Senator Hottinger moved the A2 amendment. Motion carried.
- Matt Massman, Fiscal Analyst for the Finance Committee, testified on the language in the bill.
- Senator Hottinger moved the A3 amendment. Motion carried.
- Joan White, Senate Counsel for the Early Education Budget Division, testified in response to questions from Senators Pariseau about childhood screenings.
- Mr. Wattson suggested an oral amendment:

-Page 25, lines 9 and 10, delete "\$2,000,000" and insert \$1,500,000"

- Senator Hottinger moved the oral amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Frederickson moved an oral amendment:

-Page 3, line 17, delete “regulate” and insert “control”  
-Page 3, line 18, delete “environment” and insert “surroundings”  
-Page 3, line 19, after “learn” insert “from them”


- Senator Frederickson’s oral amendment was adopted.
- Karen Carlson, Department of Education, testified in response to a question from Senator Gerlach.
- Senator Gerlach moved an oral amendment:


-Page 21, line 24, delete “for” and insert “on”

- Senator Gerlach’s oral amendment was adopted.
- Senator Hottinger moved that 05-4093 be introduced as a committee bill, recommended to pass, and be referred to the Committee on Taxes. Motion carried.

Senator Cohen adjourned the meeting at 12:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Richard J. Cohen  
Chair