

Education Policy Committee
March 23, 2006
3-5:30p.m.
Capitol Room 112
Senator Steve Kelley

Members Present:

Senator Steve Kelley	Senator Geoff Michel	Senator Tarryl Clark
Senator David Hann	Senator Rod Skoe	Senator Gen Olson
Senator Michele Bachmann	Senator LeRoy Stumpf	
Senator David Tomassoni	Senator Tom Saxhaug	

Members Absent:

No members absent

Sen. Skoe chaired the committee.

Senator Skoe called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 2817 from Sen. Bonoff, of which she is chief author.

The Committee first heard testimony from Kim Kahn. Ms. Kahn spoke in support of the bill.

Sen. Michel moved that SF 2817 pass and be referred to the floor.

The motion prevailed.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 3393 from Sen. Skoe, of which he is chief author.

The Committee first heard testimony from Joseph Day, Executive Director, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, 3801 Bemidji Ave., Suite 5, Bemidji, MN 56601. Mr. Day spoke in support of the bill.

Will Antell, Citizen, spoke in support of the bill.

Sen. Skoe moved the A-1 amendment.

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Alice Seagren, Minnesota Department of Education, answered a question regarding the timeline for reviewing social studies standards and Native American Taskforce.

Mr. Antell resumed his testimony.

Janice LaFloe, Parent, St. Paul, spoke in support of the bill.

Sen. Skoe moved that SF 3393 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Education Omnibus bill.

The motion prevailed.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 2588 from Sen. Pogemiller, of which he is chief author.

Sen. Tomassoni moved that SF 2588 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Education Omnibus bill.

The motion prevailed.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 3534 from Sen. Hann, of which he is chief author.

Sen. Hann moved that SF 3534 pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The motion prevailed.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 2967 from Sen. Hann, of which he is chief author.

The Committee first heard testimony from Kirk Schneidawind, Minnesota School Board Association. Mr. Schneidawind spoke in support of the bill.

Darrel Miller, Citizen, Robinsdale Special Ed Director, spoke in support of the bill.

Nancy Blumstein, Ratwik, Rossak & Maloney, spoke in support of the bill.

James Rodenhiser, Parent, Eden Prairie, MN, spoke in opposition of the bill.

Luther Grandquist, Citizen, spoke in opposition of the bill.

Bob Brick, Public Policy Director, PACER Center, 8161 Normandale Blvd, Minneapolis, MN 55437, spoke in opposition of the bill. Mr. Brick referenced, "The Coalition for Children with Disabilities Fact Sheet."

Sen. Hann moved that SF 2967 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Education Omnibus bill.

The motion prevailed.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 3274 from Sen. Stumpf, of which he is chief author.

Sen. Stumpf moved the A-2 amendment into the A-1 amendment

The motion prevailed.

Alice Seagren, Commissioner of Education, Minnesota Department of Education, spoke in support of the bill.

Sen. Stumpf moved the A-1 amendment.

The motion prevailed.

Sen. Stumpf moved that SF 3274 pass and be re-referred to Finance.

The motion prevailed.

Sen. Kelley returned to chair the Committee.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 3133 from Sen. Skoglund, of which he is chief author.

Sen. Stumpf moved the A-1 amendment.

The motion prevailed.

The Committee first heard testimony from Bill Larson, Superintendent, Intermediate District 917, spoke in support of the bill.

Nicole Rausch, Business Manager, Intermediate District 917, Intermediate District 917, 1300 145th Street East, Rosemount, MN 55068-7768, was available for questions.

Sen. Stumpf moved that SF 3133 pass and be re-referred to Finance.

The motion prevailed.

The Committee discussed SF 2994 from Sen. Kelley, of which he is chief author.

Sen. Hann moved the following oral amendment to the A- 2 amendment:

Page 1, Line 29, after public, insert "or non public"

The motion prevailed.

Sen Olson noted a clerical change to the amendment.

Sen. Stumpf moved the A-2 amendment.

The motion prevailed.

Sen Olson moved the A-4 amendment.

The motion prevailed.

Sen. Kelley moved that SF 2994 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Education Omnibus bill.

The motion prevailed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.



Senator Steve Kelley
Chairman



Alice Carlson Seuffert
Legislative Assistant

Education Committee

Senator Steve Kelley, Chair

Thursday, March 23, 2006

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Agenda

- I. SF 2817: Bonoff
Special Education Cost Resolution
 - Mary Gilbert, St. Paul Schools

- II. SF 2588: Pogemiller
Reporting Special Education Litigation Costs

- III. SF 3133: Skoglund
Special Education Services Tuition Delay
 - Bill Larson, Superintendent, Intermediate District 917
 - Nicole Rausch, Business Manager, Intermediate District 917

- IV. SF 3393: Skoe
Additional teacher training in Minnesota American Indian tribes and communities
 - Joseph Day, Executive Director, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council
 - Dr. Will Antell
 - Don Day, President, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College

- V. SF 3534: Hann
Special Education Study

- VI. SF 2967: Hann
Burden of Proof in Special Education Due Process Hearings
 - James Rodenhiser, parent
 - Luther Grandquist, private citizen
 - Bob Brick, PACER Center

- VII. SF 3274: Stumpf
Governors' Funding Bill

- VIII. SF 2994: Kelley
Department Bill