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## Finance - K-12 Education Budget Division

Wednesday, March 22, 2006

9:00 AM, Room 112, Capitol

### Minutes

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Present: Senator LeRoy A. Stumpf, chair, Senator Sharon Marko, vice-chair, Senator Ellen R. Anderson, Senator Terri Bonoff, Senator Michelle L. Fischbach, Senator David Hann, Senator Debbie J. Johnson, Senator Michael J. Jungbauer, Senator Steve Kelley, Senator Sean R. Nienow, Senator Gen Olson, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Senator Linda Scheid, Senator Wesley J. Skoglund, Senator Dan Sparks, Senator Betsy L. Wergin, Senator Charles W. Wiger

Absent: Senator Keith Langseth

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Senator Sharon Marko called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**S.F. 2912** Senator Kelley: Class size reduction program and aid.

Senator Kelley, chief author of S.F. 2912 presented his bill to the committee.

Testifying:

Lisa Nentle-Bloom - Education Minnesota  
Anne Hoops - parent  
Tom Melcher - DOE

Motion:

To remove the policy portion - keep the fiscal portion of the bill in the K-12 Supplemental bill. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**S.F. 2822** Senator Pappas: Prekindergarten programs funding restoration.

Senator Skoglund presented S.F. 2822 to the committee on behalf of Senator Pappas.

Motion:

To put the SF2822-A1 amendment before the committee. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Testifying:

Robert Belluzo - Superintendent - Hibbing  
Laura Faverro - Parent - St. Paul  
Annie Mack - Minneapolis teacher

Motion:

Senator Skoglund moved that S.F. 2822 as amended be recommended to pass for possible inclusion in the supplemental bill. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**S.F. 2797** Senator Bonoff: School districts general education equity levy increase.

Senator Bonoff, chief author of S.F. 2797 presented her bill to the committee.

Testifying:

Tom Berge - Minnetonka Business Manager  
Alan Hopeman - Wayzata Business Manager  
Brad Lundell - Schools for Equity

Handout- SF 2797 - Equity Funding Formula  
Handout - Fiscal Note  
Handout - Increase Equity Levy for District Above 95th Percentile

Motion:

Senator Bonoff moved that S.F. 2797 be laid on the table for possible inclusion in the supplemental bill.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**S.F. 3384** Senator Pogemiller: Early childhood learning preparedness and enrichment allowance establishment; early childhood learning provisions modifications; income tax brackets modifications.

Senator Pogemiller, chief author of S.F. 3384 presented his bill to the committee.

Motion:

Senator Bonoff moved that S.F. 3384 for possible inclusion in the supplemental bill. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Handout - Fiscal Year 2007 General Education Entitlement

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

  
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Senator Sharon Marko, Vice Chair

  
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Jeri Wenzel, Legislative Assistant

# **K-12 Education Budget Division**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2006**

**Immediately after session -- Room 112 Capitol**

## **Agenda**

### **General Education**

S.F. 2822-Pappas: Restoring funding for certain prekindergarten programs

S.F. 3384-Pogemiller – class size

S.F. 2912-Kelley: reducing elementary and secondary class sizes

S.F. 2797-Bonoff: Increasing equity revenue for districts above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile

Senator LeRoy Stumpf  
Chairman

Jeri Wenzel  
Legislative Assistant