

Education Policy Committee
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
12:30 PM, Room 1200, Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski - Chair, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade Vice Chair, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Julia E. Coleman, Senator Zach Duckworth, Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Alice Mann

Absent: Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm.

S.F. 502: Senator Westlin: Paid orientation for paraprofessionals requirement and training appropriation.

Senator Westlin presented SF502. Testimony was heard from Kim Kaneakua, Para Educator in the Fridley School District; William Schwandt, Special Education Para, Bloomington School District; Michelle Fischer, Special Education Teacher, Osseo Senior High School.

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 502, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.
MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 663: Senator Kunesh: Number increase of heritage language and culture teachers.

Senator Kunesh presented SF663. Testimony was heard from Alex Vitrella, Program Director of Education Evolving; Deqa Muhidin, District Program Facilitator ESL & Somali Heritage Language at Minneapolis Public Schools; Gaolee Khang, Student at Augsburg University.

Senator Kunesh presented SF663A1 and moved to adopt. Voice vote was taken.
MOTION PREVAILED

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 663, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.
MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54 pm.

Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Chair



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