



Minnesota Senate Education Policy Committee

Monday, February 20th, 2023

12:30 p.m.

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Senate File 476: Senator Mitchell Presents
 1. A bill for an act relating to education; requiring school districts and charter schools to provide climate justice instruction; requiring a report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.
 - a. Testifiers:
 - i. Kristen Poppleton, Senior Director of Programs, Climate Generation
 - ii. Noelle Cirisan, Political Manager, MN 350
 - iii. Beth Mercer Taylor, Sustainability Education Co-Director, University of Minnesota
 - iv. Yvonne Mongare, Nursing Student, University of Minnesota
 - v. Patty Born Selly, Climate Literacy Certificate Lead, Hamline University
 - vi. Dr. Michelle Garvey, University of Minnesota Community- Based Programming Cohort, Environmental Justice Program
 - vii. Josh Leonard, Climate Action Team, Saint Paul Public Schools
 - viii. Jessica Garraway, Minneapolis Federation of Teachers
 - ix. Clare Carroll, Communications Coordinator, Lower Phalen Creek Project
 - x. Emma Mushaka, Community Engagement Facilitator Lower Phalen Creek Project
 - xi. Thomas Lucy, St. Paul Federation of Educators Climate Action Team, SPPS
 - xii. Amal Mohamed, Bloomington Jefferson Green Team
 - xiii. Rakiya Sheikhsoman, YEA! Leader, Edina High School Student
 - xiv. Manny Vazquez Fragoso, Minneapolis South High School Student, Youth in Power, MNIPL
 - xv. Tahm Loyd, YEA! Leader, Bloomington High School Student
 - xvi. Alison Wood, Duluth High School Science Teacher
 - xvii. Clement Loo, Assistant Professor in Environment Studies, University of Minnesota Morris
 - xviii. Iman Deriche, Environmental Science, Student

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- xix. Jenn Fuller, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
- 2. Senate File 1240: Senator Putnam Presents
 - 1. A bill for an act relating to early childhood programs; requiring support staff persons for early childhood family education programs; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.13, by adding a subdivision.
 - a. Testifiers:
 - i. Sara McKeever, Parent Educator, St. Cloud Area School District 742
- 3. Senate File 1401: Senator Westlin Presents
 - 1. A bill for an act relating to education; integrating service-learning into Minnesota's education system; establishing an evidence-based service-learning technical assistance and grant program; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 124D.50, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.
 - a. Testifiers:
 - i. Paula Buegen, the Founder of Re-Invigorating the Conversation (Hybrid)

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