

Education Policy Committee

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

12:30 PM or Immediately Following Session, 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 Grant Hauschild, Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Alice Mann, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

General Items:

Senator Maye Quade assumed the gavel.

S.F. 901: Senator Cwodzinski: Personal finance class for graduation from high school requirement.

Senator Cwodzinski presented SF901. Testimony was heard from Dr. Julie Bunn, Executive Director, Minnesota Council on Economic Education; David Braaten, Business Teacher, Hopkins High School, Hopkins; Jared Kegler, Business Teacher, Faribault High School, Faribault; Lois Lewis, retired Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Indus School, ISD #363. The South Koochiching, Rainy River School District, Northern MN; Jaeden Sims, student, Macalester College.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 901, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Chair Cwodzinski reassumed the gavel.

S.F. 242: Senator Draheim: Online personal finance class for high school graduation requirement.

Senator Draheim presented SF242.

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 242, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1905: Senator Kunesh: American Indian education for all students establishment and appropriation.

Senator Kunesh presented SF1905. Testimony was heard from Adosh Unni, JD, Government Relations Director, Department of Education.

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 1905, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.

MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1858: Senator Coleman: Charter school provisions modification.

Senator Coleman presented SF1858. Testimony was heard from Eugene Piccolo, Minnesota Association of Charter Schools Executive Director; Beth Topoluk, Friends of Education (Authorizer) Charter School Liaison.


Senator Coleman moved that S.F. 1858, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1012: Senator Duckworth: Certain agreements authorization for nonpublic pupil transportation services.

Senator Duckworth presented SF1012. Testimony was heard from Gayle Stoffel, Associate Director of Catholic Schools from the Archdiocese

Senator Duckworth moved that S.F. 1012, be laid over and for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.



Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Chair

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