

Education Policy Committee
Thursday, March 2, 2023
5:30 PMLivestream YouTube

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 5:30pm.

General Items:

S.F. 1777: Senator Oumou Verbeten: Pilot program establishment for a teacher residency grant.

Senator Oumou Verbeten presented SF1777. Testimony was heard from Kathlene H. Campbell, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer, National Center for Teacher Residencies; Matt Shaver, Policy Director, EdAllies.

Senator Oumou Verbeten presented SF1777A2. Moved to adopt.
MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Maye Quade moved to adopt SF1777, as amended, to pass and be re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.
MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Maye Quade assumed the gavel.

S.F. 1641: Senator Cwodzinski: Changes to teacher licensure and teacher preparation programs.

Chair Cwodzinski presented SF1641. Testimony was heard from Dr. Yelena Bailey, Professional Education Licensing Board; Michelle Hersh Vaught, Professional Education Licensing Board; Kate Lynne Synder, Lobbyist, Education Minnesota; Matt Shaver, Policy Director, EdAllies.

Chair Cwodzinski presented SF1641A1. Moved to adopt.
MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Cwodzinski moved to adopt SF1641, as amended, to pass and be re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee.
MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1477: Senator Kunesh: Tiered licensure provisions modifications.

Senator Kunesh presented SF1477. Testimony was heard from Dr. Yelena Bailey, Professional Education Licensing Board; Michelle Hersh Vaught, Professional Education Licensing Board; Paul Peltier, Board Member, Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board; Laura Mogelson, Legislative Liaison, Minnesota Association of Colleges of Teacher Education; Dr. Sara Ford, Research and Policy, Education Minnesota; Matt Shaver, Policy Director, EdAllies; Kimberley Lewis, Government Relations, Minnesota School Boards Association; Sebastian Hanson, High School Student; Eric Hanson, Parent; Julian Spencer, Policy Fellow, Youthprise; Jose Perez, Partner of policy, Bridgemakers MN; Lincoln Bacal, Chief Operating Officer at Bridgemakers MN; Khulia Pringle, Minnesota State Director National Parents Union; Paula Luxenberg, Minneapolis Public Schools Parent; Reeve Ridgeway, Minneapolis Public Schools Parent; Haben Ghregergish, Lead Facilitator at the High School for Recording Arts; Alycia Monserrate, Exploration High School; Jamie Peterson, Service Industry Careers Teacher, Secondary Technical Education Program, Anoka- Hennepin School District; Justin Dornbusch, teacher at KIPP Northstar Academy; Kristin L Dehmer, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Administrative Services, Moorhead Area Public Schools; Sonya Emerick, School Board Director (at-large) in Minneapolis; Nafeesah Muhammad, Educators For Excellence Minnesota, Deputy Director of Campaigns; Paula Cole, Educators For Excellence Minnesota, Executive Director; Steven Montgomery, Social Studies Teacher, Olson Middle School, Minneapolis Public Schools; Mina Lein, Special Education Teacher, Patrick Henry High School, Minneapolis Public Schools.

Senator Kunesh presented SF1477A2. Moved to adopt.

MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Kunesh moved SF1477 to be laid over.

S.F. 1473: Senator Gustafson: Barriers removal to teacher licensure.

Senator Gustafson presented SF1473. Testimony was heard from Laura Mogelson, Legislative Liaison, Minnesota Association of Colleges of Teacher Education; Paul Spies, PhD, Legislative Action Team Lead; Dr. Steven Unowsky, Superintendent of Richfield Public Schools; Kate Lynne Snyder, Lobbyist, Education Minnesota; Jim Grathwol, Lobbyist, Minneapolis Public Schools; Matt Shaver, Policy Director, EdAllies.

Senator Gustafson presented SF1473A1. Moved to adopt.

MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Maye Quade moved SF1473, as amended, to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.

MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 618: Senator Cwodzinski: Civics course as a graduation requirement establishment.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 618, be recommended to pass.

MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.



Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Chair

Reagan Greene

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