

Education Policy Committee
Monday, March 6, 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 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 12:31pm.

General Items:

S.F. 1981: Senator Champion: \"Erin's Law\" personal safety instruction requirement.

Senator Champion presented SF1981. Testimony was heard from April Kane, Citizen Advocate.

Senator Abeler moved that S.F. 1981, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.

MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2010: Senator Maye Quade: Active shooter drill standards provision.

Senator Maye Quade presented SF2010. Testimony was heard from Calandrian Kemp, State Policy Manager, Sandy Hook Promise; John Barden, Volunteer/ Supporter, Sandy Hook Promise.

Senator Maye Quade moved SF2010A1. Moved to adopt.

MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 2010, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Education Finance Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1476: Senator Kunesh: Ethnic studies requirement establishment; Ethnic Studies Working Group establishment; appropriating money.

Senator Kunesh presented SF1476. Testimony was heard from Ines Xiong, Student, Johnson High School; Dr. Joe Gothard, Superintendent, St. Paul Public Schools; Xitlali Torres, El Colegio (Joined by Translator); Robert Osburn, Senior Fellow with Wilberforce Academy.

Senator Kunesh presented SF1476A1. Moved to adopt.

MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 1476, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. Roll Call requested.

Chair Cwodzinski- Y. Senator Maye Quade- Y. Senator Abeler- N. Senator Bolden- Y. Senator Coleman- N. Senator Duckworth- N. Senator Hauschild- Y. Senator Kunesh- Y. Senator Mann- Y. Senator Wesenberg- N.
MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Maye Quade assumed the gavel.

S.F. 2442: Senator Cwodzinski: Holocaust and genocide education requirement in social studies curriculum for middle and high school students.

Chair Cwodzinski presented SF2442. Testimony was heard from Joe Eggers, Interim Director, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota Twin Cities; Dr. Gabriela Spears-Rico, Assistant Professor of Chicano and Latino Studies jointly appointed in American Indian Studies, Ph.D. in Comparative Ethnic Studies and Native American Studies from U.C. Berkeley, Board Member, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies University of Minnesota Twin Cities; Luda Anastazievsky, Minneapolis Public Schools Educator, UACC Holodomor Genocide Education Committee Chair, MN Ukrainian American Advocacy Committee Chair; Kristin Thompson, Adjunct Professor, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Founding Director, Humanus.

Chair Cwodzinski presented SF2442A23. Moved to adopt.
MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 2442, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1311: Senator Cwodzinski: Education provisions modifications.

Chair Cwodzinski presented SF1311. Walkthrough by Ann Marie Lewis and Members of the Committee on omnibus bill.

Senator Cwodzinski presented SF1311A3.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 1311, be laid on the table.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32pm.



Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Chair

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