

Education Finance Committee
Tuesday, February 28, 2023
8:30 AM Livestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Mary K. Kunesh - Chair, Senator Heather Gustafson - Vice Chair, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, Senator Michael E. Kreun, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Jason Rarick, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Mary K. Kunesh called the meeting to order at 8:33 am

Call to order

S.F. 1919: Senator Kunesh: Distribution modification of aid to regional public library systems.

Senator Gustafson assumed role as Chair

Testifiers

1. Liz Lynch, Executive Director of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library (in-person)
2. Sarah Hawkins, Manager of Library Collections, Anoka County Library (in-person)
3. Ashely Dress, Southeast Library System School Media Center (in-person)
4. Kim Haugo, Licensed School Library Media Specialist, Maple Grove Senior High School (in-person)

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 1919, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Kunesh reassumed role as Chair

S.F. 1196: Senator Seeberger: Minnesota Center for the Book programming appropriation.

Testifiers

1. Beth Burns, Executive Director, The Friends of the St. Paul Library (in-person)

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 1196, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 960: Senator Gustafson: Minnesota Children's Museum appropriation.

Testifiers

1. Bob Ingrassia, the Vice President, External Relations for the Minnesota Children's Museum (in-person)

Senator Gustafson moved that S.F. 960, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1751: Senator Putnam: Children's museums and education centers appropriations.

Testifiers:

1. Cassie Miles, Executive Director, Great River Children's Museum (in-person)

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 1751, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.

- MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 725: Senator Nelson: Children's Museum of Rochester grant appropriation.

Testifiers

1. Heather Nessler, Executive Director, SPARK

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 725, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.

- MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am



Senator Mary Kunesh, Chair



Sami Rajab, Legislative Assistant