

Education Finance Committee
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
8:30 AM Livestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Mary K. Kunesch - 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. Kunesch called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

Call to order

S.F. 2383: Senator Cwodzinski: Extracurricular Activities Grant Program appropriation.

Senator Cwodzinski moved the a-1 amendment, the a-1 amendment was passed on a voice vote

Testifiers

1. Kaiya Grossman, Grand Rapids Highschool Student (in-person)
2. Emma Braford, Grand Rapids Highschool Student (in-person)
3. Isaac Palecek, Grand Rapids Highschool Student (in-person)
4. Savannah Moinichen, Grand Rapids Highschool Student (in-person)
5. Jason Anderson (in-person)

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 2383, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1297: Senator Gustafson: Funding provision for student organizations.

Testifiers

1. Emily Saed, Executive Director, MFSO (in-person)
2. Savanni Anandkumar, HOSA State Officer (in-person)
3. Caleb Jarvis, DECA State Officer (in-person)
4. Caidyn Johnson, FFA State Officer (in-person)
5. Lavyne Rada, CTE TIP Director (in-person)

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 1297, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.
- MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1855: Senator Xiong: Growth factor modification for adult basic education aid.

Testifiers

1. Scott Helland, Chair of Literacy Action Network government relations committee and the ABE Coordinator at Harmony (in-person)
2. Clarice Grabau ABE Instructor and Northfield Site Facilitator for the Northfield Public Schools Community Education (in-person)
3. Aaron Gutzke Executive Director at ThinkSelf Minnesota (in-person)

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 1855, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.
- MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2255: Senator Boldon: ACHLA appropriation for English language learner programming.

Testifiers

1. Gloria Torres-Herbeck, President of the ACHLA Board of Directors (remote)
2. Rebeca Sedarski, member of the ACHLA Civic Engagement and Economic Development Committees, and former board President (remote)

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 2255, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.
- MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1047: Senator Mohamed: Student admission provisions modification.

Not heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 am



Senator Mary Kunes, Chair



Sami Rajab, Legislative Assistant