

Education Finance Committee
Thursday, March 9, 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 8:32 am

Call to order

S.F. 2444: Senator Morrison: Schools requirement to maintain a supply of opiate antagonists.

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

Testifiers

1. Sheri Schmaus, Community advocate (in-person)
2. Colleen Ronnei, Executive Director and Founder of Change the Outcome (in-person)
3. Cap O'Rourke, School Nurses of Minnesota (in-person)

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 2444, as amended and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Gustafson assumed the role as Chair

S.F. 1911: Senator Kunesch: School library aid establishment and appropriation.

Senator Kunesch moved the a-1 amendment and amendment passed on a voice vote

Testifiers

1. Rachel Haider, Library Media Specialist, Hastings High School (in-person)
2. Jennifer Samec, Library Media Specialist, Wayzata Public Schools (in-person)
3. Sean Beaverson, Technology Coordinator for Orono Public Schools (in-person)
4. Sara Swenson, Library Media Specialist, Edina High School (in-person)

Senator Kunesch moved that S.F. 1911, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2097: Senator Cwodzinski: ParentChild+ program appropriation.

Testifiers

1. Lee Friedman, Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis, Chief Operating Officer (in-person)
2. Armin Budimlic, Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association in Rochester, Executive Director (remote)

3. Leslie Limón, Healthy Community Initiative in Rice County, Rice County ParentChild+ Director and Growing Up Healthy Coordinator (remote)
4. John Smith, Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota, Board Chair and Program Developer (remote)

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 2097, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.
- MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1401: Senator Westlin: Service-learning integration into Minnesota's education system.

Testifiers

1. Sage Hartman, community advocate (in-person)
2. Paula Beugen, Founder of Re-Invigorating the Conversation (remote)

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 1401, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.
- MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 579: Senator Maye Quade: Lead testing and remediation requirements in schools modification and appropriation.

Senator Maye Quade moved the a-2 amendment the amendment passed on a voice vote

Testifiers

1. Josh Downham, Lobbyist for Minneapolis Public Schools

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 579, as amended and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am



Senator Mary Kunesh, Chair



Sami Rajab, Legislative Assistant