

Education Finance Committee
Wednesday, March 15, 2023
6:00 PM 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 6:05 pm

Call to order

S.F. 2399: Senator Wiklund: Department of Children, Youth, and Families establishment; children's cabinet modification; appropriating money.

Testifiers

1. Erin Bailey, MMB Assistant Commissioner and Children's Cabinet Executive Director
2. Bobbie Burnham, MDE Assistant Commissioner

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 2399, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.
- MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2147: Senator Oumou Verbeten: Sanneh Foundation appropriation.

Testifiers

1. Ellen Shulman, Chief of Staff and Vice President of Learning, Sanneh Foundation (in-person)
2. Kandace Logan, Executive VP and Executive Director of Dreamline (in-person)

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 2147, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1415: Senator Cwodzinski: Junior Achievement North grant appropriation for expansion of its student financial literacy activities.

Testifiers

1. Sara Dziuk – President & CEO of Junior Achievement North (in-person)
2. Dylan Nguyen, 5th grade student at Westview Elementary School (in-person)
3. Addie Dziuk – 5th grade student at Westview Elementary School (in-person)

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 1415, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.
- MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2722: Senator Champion: Girls in Action programming grant appropriation.

Testifiers

- 1. Dr. Verna Cornelia Price - Founder/President of Girls Taking Action (in-person)**
- 2. Alexis Martin - Girls Taking Action Alum (in-person)**
- 3. Ami Diagne - Girls Taking Action Current Student - Twin Cities Academy - 10th Grade (in-person)**
- 4. Nima Hussein - Girls Taking Action Current Student - Hidden River Middle School (Formerly Ramsey Middle) - 8th Grade (in-person)**

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 2722, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM



Senator Mary Kunesh, Chair



Sami Rajab, Legislative Assistant