

Education Finance Committee
Wednesday, March 22, 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

S.F. 2256: Senator Boldon: School health services provision.

Senator Cwodzinski moved the a-2 amendment. A-2 amendment passed on a voice vote.
Senator Cwodzinski moved the a-3 amendment. A-3 amendment passed on a voice vote.

Testifiers

1. Angie Becker LSN Elk River (remote)
2. Jolie Holland LSN Waverly (remote)
3. Kathy Shulz LSN Anoka Hennepin District (remote)

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 2256, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2050: Senator Boldon: Minnesota Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs grant appropriation.

Testifiers

1. Bryan Donaldson, Executive Director of Minnesota Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs (in-person)
2. Chad Campbell, CEO of Boys and Girls Clubs of Rochester (in-person)
3. Lamah Bility, Boys and Girls Clubs alumni (in-person)

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 2050, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2814: Senator Kupec: Fund transfer authorization for Independent School District No. 152, Moorhead Area Public School.

Senator Cwodzinski moves amendment and passes with a voice vote.

Testifiers

1. Moorhead Superintendent Brandon Lunak

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 2814, as amended, laid over and may become part of omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1028: Senator Frentz: Medical assistance coverage modification for special education school social work services.

Senator Maye Quade moves the a-3 amendment and it passes with a voice vote.

Testifiers

1. Denise Moody MSW LICSW, Administrator and School Social Worker from Rochester Public Schools

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 1028, as amended, laid over and may become part of omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Gustafson assumed the role of Chair.

S.F. 2350: Senator Kunesh: Minnesota GreenStep Schools program appropriation.

Testifiers

1. Jonee Kulman Brigham, Senior Research Fellow, University of Minnesota

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 2350, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Kunesh reassumed the role of Chair.

S.F. 920: Senator Gustafson: Due process for school districts establishment and appropriation.

Senator Gustafson moves the amendment. It passes with a voice vote.

Testifiers

1. Joey Cienian, Public Policy & Advocacy Director, MN Association of Charter Schools (in-person)
2. Janey Atchison, Middle School History Teacher, St. Paul Public Schools, Education Minnesota

Senator Gustafson moved that S.F. 920, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 471: Senator Kreun: Emergency medical training services and courses grants appropriation.

Testifiers

1. Bill Neiss (OEC Class Instructor at Spring Lake Park High School (virtual))

Senator Kreun moved that S.F. 471, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am



Senator Mary Kunesh, Chair



Sami Rajab, Legislative Assistant