



Minnesota Senate Education Policy Committee

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12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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Agenda

- Call to Order
- Bill Presentation

- **S.F. 2998: Senator Kunesch: Smudging permission in public schools.**
 - i. Testifiers
 1. Beth Pepper, Robindale Area Schools
 2. Kailani Lawrence, Indigenous Peoples Task Force Youth Program
 3. Michael Perez, Indigenous Peoples Task Force Youth Program
 4. Suzanne Nash, Indigenous Peoples Task Force
 5. Mr. Vern Rowe, Northeast Middle School
- **S.F. 3746: Senator Kunesch: Health education academic standards in schools provision and appropriation.**
 - i. Testifiers
 1. Cynthia Bauerly, Women's Foundation of Minnesota
 2. Dr. Eileen Crespo, American Academy of Pediatrics
 3. Darian Lofton, Cannabis Awareness Education Council for Youth
- **S.F. 3567: Senator Cwodzinski: Pre-kindergarten through grade 12 provision modifications *(Informational Only) *.**
 - i. Testifiers
 1. Matt Shaver, EdAllies
 2. Tanya Prince, Osseo School Board ISD 279
 3. Avonna Starck, Fridley School Board, Fridley Public Schools
 4. Kate Lynne Snyder, Education Minnesota
- **S.F. 3450: Senator Gustafson: Charter school provisions modifications.**
 - i. Testifiers
 1. Joey Cienian, Minnesota Association of Charter Schools
 2. Dr. Brett Wedlund, Nova Classical Academy
 3. Dr. Meg Cavalier, St. Paul City School
 4. Elissa Raffa, Minnesota Online High School

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