

Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Tuesday, March 26, 2024
8:30 AM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Mary K. Kunesh - Chair, Senator Heather Gustafson Vice Chair, Senator Jason Rarick, 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 Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Steve Cwodzinski called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Call to Order

S.F. 4106: Senator Kunesh: School endowment fund apportionment modification.

Senator Kunesh presented S.F. 4106.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4106:
Aaron Vande Linde, Director of Minnesota Office of School Trust Lands; Laurie Harper, TNEC chair; Denise Dittrich, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota School Boards Association; Andy Christensen, Deputy Executive Director of the State Board of Investment

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 4106, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 3472: Senator Kunesh: Distribution of Endowment Fund earnings task force creation and appropriation.

Senator Kunesh offered the A3 amendment to S.F. 3472. **MOTION PREVAILED.**
Senator Kunesh presented S.F. 3472.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3472:
Denise Dittrich, director of Government Relations, Minnesota School Boards Association; Margaret R. Bird, former director of Utah School Children’s Trust; John Mulè, Director of Legal and Policy Services, Minnesota State Board of Investment

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 3472, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 5005: Senator Putnam: St. Cloud School District grant authorization for construction of and emergency medical services education facility.

Senator Kunesh assumed Chair duties.
Senator Putnam presented S.F. 5005.

The following individuals testified on S.F.5005:
Jodi Gertken, Director of State Government Affairs and Community Relations, CentraCare; Tom Fennel, Regulatory Officer for Mayo

Clinic Ambulance

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 5005, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4259: Senator Carlson: Computer science education advancement program establishment and appropriation.

Senator Kunesh offered the A1 amendment to S.F. 4259. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Kunesh offered the A2 amendment to S.F. 4259. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Carlson presents SF4259

The following individuals testified on S.F.4259:

Cindy Miller, library media specialist and K12 Computer Science Lead, Duluth Public Schools; Jennifer Rosato, Northern Lights Collaborative for Computing Education director, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; Erica Allenburg, Chair of Edina School Board

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 4259, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 3746: Senator Kunesh: Health education academic standards in schools requirement and appropriation.

Senator Maye Quade assumed Chair duties.

Senator Kunesh moved the A5 amendment to S.F. 3746. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

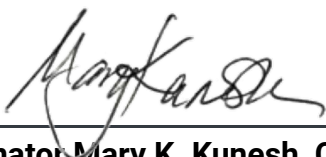
Senator Kunesh presented S.F. 3746.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3746:

Cynthia Bauerly, Women's Foundation of Minnesota; Dr. Eileen Crespo with MN Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics (remote); Priscilla Mayowa, Minnesota Youth Council Director, Minnesota Alliance with Youth

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 3746, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.



Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Chair



Emma Zellmer, Committee Administrator