

Minnesota State Senate

Higher Education Committee

Thursday, March 14, 2024

3:00 PM, G-15 Capitol

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Minutes

Present: Senator Aric Putnam - Vice Chair, Senator Zach Duckworth, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, Senator Robert J. Kupec, Senator Erin P. Murphy, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Jason Rarick

Absent: Senator Omar Fateh - Chair

Senator Putnam called the meeting to order at 3:15pm

S.F. 4525: Senator Fateh: Minnesota Respond, Innovate, Succeed and Empower (RISE) Act establishment.

Gavel transferred to Senator Oumou Verbeten

Senator Putnam moved the A-2 amendment, **MOTION ADOPTED**

The following individuals testified on S.F.4525:

-Mary Hauff, Director, Minnesota Inclusive Higher

Education Technical Assistance Center

-Trevor Turner, Public Policy Director, Minnesota

Council on Disability

-Kristin Burgess, Director of Accessibility Resources,

Metro State

-Tyro Devolites, Vice President, LeadMN

-Enjie Hall, Director, University of Minnesota

Disability Resource Center

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 4525, be laid over.

S.F. 4402: Senator Putnam: SNAP eligibility for students enrolled in higher education modification.

Senator Putnam moved the A-3 amendment, **MOTION ADOPTED**

The following individuals testified on S.F.4402:

-Sierra Roiger, student, Minnesota State University

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-Jess Weiss, student, Winona State University

-Kendra Draeger, student, Minnesota State University

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Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 4402, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4340: Senator Kupec: Requirements enforcement related to higher education institution contracts with online program management companies.

Senator Kupec moved the A-2 amendment, **MOTION ADOPTED**

The following individuals testified on S.F.4340:

-Jenna Chernega, President, Inter-Faculty Organization

Senator Kupec moved that S.F. 4340, be laid over.

Call to order

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm



Senator Omar Fateh, Chair



Chris Meyer, Legislative Assistant