

Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Tuesday, March 4, 2025
8:30 AM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Mary K. Kunesh - **Chair**, Senator Heather Gustafson - **Vice Chair**, Senator Jason Rarick - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Doron Clark, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Michael E. Kreun, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Mary K. Kunesh called the meeting to order at 8:36 am

Call to Order

S.F. 110: Senator Champion: Learning with Music grant provision and appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.0110:
Dianna Babcock, Director, Sing Play Learn, MacPhail
Angela Clair, Director, Wilder Child Development Center
Lily Crooks, Director, Jeremiah Program

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Department of Children, Youth, and Families Update a. Dianne Haulcy, Assistant Commissioner, MN Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

The following individual gave a Department of Children, Youth, and Families Update:
Dianne Haulcy, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Children, Youth and Families

SCRFA Early childhood Appropriation Realignment Jenna Hofer, Fiscal analyst, Senate counsel, Research, and Fiscal Analysis.

The following individual presented on SCRFA Early childhood Appropriation Realignment:
Jenna Hofer, Senate Fiscal Analyst

S.F. 328: Senator Putnam: St. Cloud Area School District preschool programs grant appropriation.

Senator Gustafson moved the A-1 amendment - motion prevailed

The following individuals testified on S.F.0328:
Gayla Holmgren, Chair, Preschool 4 Success
Nicole Hansen, Assistant Superintendent of PK-5 Instruction, ISD 742 (Remote)
Amy Trombley, Vice President for Community, Rotary Initiative Foundation

Brian Hart, Preschool 4 Success member, Rotary

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 328, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2002: Senator Clark: Compensatory Revenue Task Force establishment provision, calculating a school's compensatory revenue eligibility on the basis of both direct certification and the application of education benefits provision, compensatory revenue spent at each site under certain conditions modification provision, and appropriation.

Senator Clark moved the A-1 amendment - motion prevailed.

Senator Lang moved the A-3 amendment - motion failed.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2002:

Matt Shaver, Senior Policy Director, EdAllies

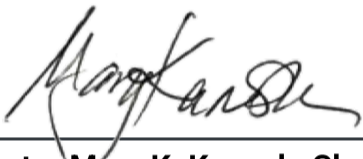
Sami Rajab, Assistant Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education

Steve Unowsky, Superintendent, Richfield Public Schools (Remote)

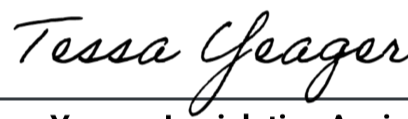
As amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am



Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Chair



Tessa Yeager, Legislative Assistant