

Minnesota State Senate

Higher Education Committee
Thursday, February 27, 2025
3:00 PM, G-15 Capitol

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Minutes

Present: Senator Omar Fateh - **Chair**, Senator Aric Putnam - **Vice Chair**, Senator Zach Duckworth - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Doron Clark, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, Senator Robert J. Kupec, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Jason Rarick, Senator Paul J. Utke

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Omar Fateh called the meeting to order at 3:06pm

Call to order

S.F. 1035: Senator Port: Provisions modification related to campus sexual misconduct.

Senator Kupec moved the A-3 amendment, **MOTION PREVAILED**

The following individuals testified on S.F.1035:

- Melissa Watschke, Title IX Administrator, Office of Higher Education
- Chloe Vraney, Associate Director, University of Minnesota Aurora Center
- Kelly Durick Eder, Title IX Coordinator, College of St. Scholastica

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 1035, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1474: Senator Gustafson: Public high schools requirement to participate in the direct admissions program.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1474:

- Matt Shaver, Senior Policy Director, EdAllies
- Thalia Trebelhorn, Student at Minnesota State University – Moorhead
- Rue Larson, Student at Normandale Community College
- Makayla Anderson, Student at Rochester Community and Technical College
- Mike Dean, Executive Director, North Star Prosperity
- Karina Villeda, Student at the University of Minnesota – TC
- Wendy Robinson, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Higher Education
- Aaron Salasek, Direct Admissions Coordinator, Office of Higher Education

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 1474, be laid over.

S.F. 1607: Senator Oumou Verbeten: University of Minnesota health care initiatives in underserved areas appropriation.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved the A-1 amendment, **MOTION PREVAILED**

The following individuals testified on S.F.1607:

- Roli Dwivedi, Chief Executive Officer, University of Minnesota Community-University Healthcare Clinic
- Jonathan Kirsch, Clinical Director, University of Minnesota Mobile Health Initiative
- Erin Burton, Senior Associate Dean, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 1607, be laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm



Senator Omar Fateh, Chair



Chris Meyer, Legislative Assistant