

Minnesota State Senate

Higher Education Committee

Tuesday, March 25, 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 3:07pm

Call to order

S.F. 2044: Senator McEwen: Remediation fund permissible usage allowing for PFAS contamination at emergency response training centers cost reimbursement provision and appropriation.

Kupec moved the A-2 amendment, adopted by voice vote

The following individuals testified on S.F.2401:

- Pat Rogers, President, Lake Superior College
- Brian Swanson, Associate Vice Chancellor, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
- Bernie Omann, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota State

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2044, be laid over.

S.F. 1074: Senator Klein: Education benefit establishment for dependents of disabled veterans.

Putnam moved the A-1 amendment, adopted by voice vote

The following individuals testified on S.F.1074:

- Alan Garske, veteran

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 1074, be laid over.

S.F. 2401: Senator Putnam: Minnesota State Colleges and Universities appropriation to provide hospital, medical, and dental benefits coverage to part-time or adjunct faculty.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2401:

- Faith Ericson, contingent faculty, St. Cloud State University
- Jonathan Bohn, Director of Public Affairs, Inter-Faculty Organization

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2401, be laid over.

S.F. 2597: Senator Rarick: Higher education institutions grant program modifications.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2597:

- Ariana Chamoun, Executive Director, Foster Advocates

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2597, be laid over.

S.F. 2753: Senator Kupec: Cybersecurity offering as an applied doctoral degree authorization provision.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2753:

- Ginny Arthur, President, Metropolitan State University

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2753, be laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm



Senator Omar Fateh, Chair



Chris Meyer, Legislative Assistant