

Minnesota State Senate

Higher Education Committee

Thursday, April 3, 2025

3:00 PM, G-15 Capitol

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Minutes

Present: Senator Omar Fateh - **Chair**, Senator Aric Putnam - **Vice Chair**, Senator Doron Clark, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, Senator Robert J. Kupeç, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Jason Rarick, Senator Paul J. Utke

Absent: Senator Zach Duckworth - **Ranking Minority Member**

Senator Omar Fateh called the meeting to order at 3:02pm

S.F. 47: Senator Putnam: State grant program appropriation.

Senator Fateh moved the A-9 amendment

The following individuals testified on the A-9 amendment:

-Commissioner Dennis Olson, Office of Higher Education

-Australia Ford, student, Metro State

Senator Fateh withdrew the A-9 amendment

Senator Clark moved the A-1 amendment

The following individuals testified on the A-1 amendment:

-Paul Cerkvenik, President, Minnesota Private Colleges Council

-Shae Horning, State Government Coordinator, UMN Undergraduate Student Government

-Carrie Schneider, Research Director, Office of Higher Education

Senator Clark withdrew the A-1 amendment

Senator Putnam moved the A-2 amendment

The following individuals testified on the A-2 amendment:

-Meredith Fergus, Financial Aid Analyst, University of Minnesota

-Chris Halling, Director of Financial Aid, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

-Jessica Sander

Senator Putnam withdrew the A-2 amendment

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved the A-10 amendment

The following individuals testified on the A-10 amendment:

-Mark Grant, Minnesota State College Faculty

-Jonathan Bohn, Director of Public Affairs, IFO

-Casey Metcalfe, Government Relations Manager, Students United

-Fatima Aden, student, University of Minnesota

-Maxwell Fjeld, student, University of Minnesota

-Grace Horn, student, Minnesota State College Southeast - Red Wing

Senator Oumou Verbeten withdrew the A-10 amendment

Senator Putnam moved the A-4 amendment

The following individuals testified on the A-4 amendment:

-Jonathan Bohn, Director of Public Affairs, IFO

-Charlotte Gilley, student

-Lana Maas, student

Senator Putnam withdrew the A-4 amendment

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 47, be laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12pm



Senator Omar Fateh, Chair



Chris Meyer, Legislative Assistant