**Higher Education Finance & Policy Committee**

Chair: Rep. Connie Bernardy

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

1. **HF3872 (Bernardy) -** Higher education supplemental funding provided for the Office of Higher Education, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and the University of Minnesota; financial aid programs amended and created; reports required; and money appropriated.
   * Testifiers:
     1. **Nekey Oliver:** Grants & Government Relations Manager at Office of Higher Education
     2. **Lori Barr:** Raise the Barr Founder (video)
     3. **Scott Roelke:** Financial Aid Director at Dakota County Technical College
     4. **Brittany Tweed:** Director Financial Aid, Metro State
     5. **Blake Mayes:** Counselor at Spectrum High School
     6. **Jamie Stucky:** Director of Learning and Development, Sandford Health
     7. **Taylor Sautbine:** Trainee, Sandford Health
     8. **Carmen Sandman:** Lead RN Educator, Sandford Health
     9. **Anne McCully:** Executive Director, Child Care Aware Minnesota
     10. **Robert Trewartha:** Director of Continuing Education and Customized Training, Dakota County Tech. and Inver Hills Comm. Colleges
     11. **Dave Lamb:** Aagard Group
     12. **Nathan Zierden:** Trainee, Aagard
     13. **Tavia Paredes:** Parent and Raise the Barr Scholar
     14. **Susan Warfield:** Director of the University of MN Student Parent HELP Center
     15. **Jennifer Mueller:** Dean of the College of Education and Learning Design at St. Cloud State University.
     16. **Lisa Thimjon:** Department of Health
2. **HF3917 (Keeler) -** Increase Teachers of Color Act strengthened, supplemental financing provided for grants to underrepresented student teachers of color scholarship pilot program, and money appropriated.
   * Testifiers:
     1. **Paul Spies:** Legislative Action Lead, Coalition to Increase Teachers of Color and American Indian Teachers in Minnesota
     2. **Jessica Garraway:** Teacher Candidate, Metro State University
     3. **Friday Gora:** Teacher Candidate, University of MN-Duluth
     4. **Francisco Duran-Enriquez:** Teacher Candidate, University of MN-Twin Cities
     5. **Acacia Ward:** Teacher Candidate, Southwest MN State University
     6. **Naima Hashi:** Teacher Candidate, St. Cloud State University