

I wanted to express my concerns about the Page Amendment. The intent is great and I can see why so many people are jumping onboard, plus there is quite a growing lobby. I have immense respect for Justice Page and from the 'outside' it looks like just what we need to combat inequities and improve our Minnesota educational outcomes. However, I do not agree that we should eliminate "a uniform system of public schools". We need solutions that make it a key duty of the state to provide each and every child a quality education with the skills to succeed in our economy. I worry that this legislation could result in privatization of public schools and lawsuits afforded only by the wealthy, which would create even bigger inequities than we have now. It sounds good on the outside but when researched - this could really backfire.

I would recommend that instead, the state commission a cross-state team to develop a proposal that works based on research and best practices from across the state and country. Thank you for accepting my input.

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