

EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Laurie Pryor, Chair of the Committee on Education Policy, called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM on March 1, 2023 in Room 120 of the Capitol.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

PRYOR, Laurie, Chair
HILL, Josiah, Vice Chair
BENNETT, Peggy, Republican Lead
BAKEBERG, Ben
BERG, Kaela
FEIST, Sandra
FRAZIER, Cedrick
KEELER, Heather
KNUDSEN, Krista
LEE, Liz
MUELLER, Patricia
URDAHL, Dean
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

A quorum was present.

Representative Lee moved to approve the minutes from February 28, 2023. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1773 (Clardy); Indexing of English learner programs revenue to basic education revenue required, microcredentials of teachers and administrators of English learners established, rulemaking authorized, and money appropriated.

Chair Pryor moved that HF1773 be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance.

Representative Clardy presented HF1773.

The following testified on HF1773:

- Dr. Rev PM Crowley Hillstrom, Senior Director of Research, Minnesota Education Equity Partnership (MnEEP)
- Heather Nyseth, English Learners Department (ELD) Program Facilitator, District 196
- Rachel Higgins, EL Teacher, Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools
- Dr. Robert Jon Peterson, Long Term Consultant, MnEEP

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF1773 be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1348 (Tabke); Employee health insurance provided, minimum starting salary for nonlicensed school personnel increased, paid orientation and professional development for paraprofessionals provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Pryor moved that HF1348 be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance.

Chair Pryor moved to adopt the A3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Tabke presented HF1348 as amended.

The following testified on HF1348 as amended:

- Abby Schuft, Administrative Assistant, Westwood Elementary, St. Cloud
- Jessica Gleason, Education Support Professional, Robbinsdale Public Schools
- Tina Burkholder, Director of Business Services, Monticello Public Schools
- Kirk Schneidawind, Executive Director, Minnesota School Boards Association
- MaryAnn Thomas, Director of Human Resources, Farmington Area Public Schools

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF1348 as amended be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1691 (Jordan); Public labor relations modified, and teacher probationary period requirements modified.

Chair Pryor moved that HF1691 be re-referred to the committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Representative Jordan presented HF1691.

The following testified on HF1691:

- Megan Arriola, Government Relations Staff, Minnesota Department of Education
- MaryAnn Thomas, Director of Human Resources, Farmington Public Schools
- Kirk Schneidawind, Executive Director, Minnesota School Boards Association
- Greta Callahan, Kindergarten Teacher, Minneapolis Public Schools & President, Minneapolis Federation of Teachers

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF1691 be re-referred to the committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1589 (Bennett); Special education teacher pipeline program established, report required, and money appropriated.

Rep. Bennett moved that HF1589 be laid over for further consideration or possible inclusion in a future Education Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Bennett moved to adopt the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Bennett presented HF1589 as amended.

The following testified on HF1589 as amended:

- Dan Armagost, Executive Director, Southern Minnesota Education Consortium
- Brie Bednar, High School Special Education Teacher, Lyle Public School
- Shana Morse, Government Relations Staff, Minnesota Department of Education
- Laura Mogelson, Legislative Liaison, Minnesota Association of Colleges of Teacher Education
- Matt Shaver, Policy Director, EdAllies

Rep. Bennett renewed the motion that HF1589 as amended be laid over for further consideration or possible inclusion in a future Education Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Vice Chair Hill assumed the gavel at 12:23 PM.

HF1313 (Pryor); Obsolete language pertaining to administration of Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board stricken.

Chair Pryor moved that HF1313 be re-referred to the General Register.

Chair Pryor presented HF1313.

The following testified on HF1313:

- None

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF1313 be re-referred to the general register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Hill recessed the meeting at 12:24 PM.

Chair Pryor reconvened the meeting at 3:01 PM.

A quorum was present.

HF59 (Richardson); Charter school admission requirements modified.

Chair Pryor moved that HF59 be laid over for further consideration or possible inclusion in a future Education Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Pryor moved to adopt the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Richardson presented HF59 as amended.

The following testified on HF59 as amended:

- Dr. Susan Outlaw, Executive Director, Metro Deaf School
- Holly Barnett, Parent of Daughters, Metro Deaf School

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF59 as amended be laid over for further consideration or possible inclusion in a future Education Policy Committee omnibus bill. The motion prevailed. The bill was laid over.

HF980 (Newton); School trust lands director duties and powers modified.

Chair Pryor moved that HF980 be re-referred to the general register.

Representative Newton presented HF980.

The following testified on HF980:

- Aaron Vane-Linde, Director, School Trust Lands

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF980 be re-referred to the general register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Pryor recessed the meeting at 3:19 PM.

Chair Pryor reconvened the meeting at 3:26 PM.

HF995 (Berg); Student admission provisions modified.

Representative Berg moved that HF995 be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance.

Representative Berg presented HF995.

The following testified on HF995:

- Eric Cameron
- Nate Christen
- Wendy Smith, Director, Volunteers of America

Representative Berg renewed the motion that HF995 be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF345 (Hussein); Educational outcome and accountability improvement pilot program established, reports required, and money appropriated.

Chair Pryor moved that HF345 be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance.

Chair Pryor moved to adopt the A3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hussein presented HF345 as amended.

The following testified on HF345 as amended:

- Kiara Bryant, 12th Grade Student, Minnesota Internship Center
- Larry McKenzie, Authorizer Liaison, Pillsbury United Communities – Office of Public Charter
- Matt Shaver, Policy Director, EdAllies

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF345 be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF827 (Keeler); Teacher preparation time provisions modified.

Representative Keeler moved that HF827 be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance.

Representative Keeler moved to adopt the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Keeler presented HF827 as amended.

The following testified on HF827 as amended:

- Ginger Williams, Language Arts Teacher, Horizon Middle School, Moorhead Public Schools
- Chuck Ochocki, Principal, South St. Paul High School
- Jordan Hickman, Director of Human Resources, Bemidji Area Schools
- Erick Norby, Principal, Robbinsdale Armstrong High School

Representative Keeler renewed the motion that HF827 as amended be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF562 (Edelson); Due process special education aid created for school districts, and money appropriated.

Chair Pryor moved that HF562 be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance.

Representative Edelson presented HF562.

The following testified on HF562:

- Jason Ortiz-Crespin, Special Education Teacher, Burnsville
- Jana Hedlund, Special Education Teacher, North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale, North High School

- Laura Pringry-Kile, Director of Specialized Services, Eastern Carver County Schools

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF562 be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF629 (Edelson); Schools required to use approved literacy curriculum, literacy specialists required, report required, and money appropriated.

Chair Pryor moved that HF629 be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance.

Chair Pryor moved to adopt the DE5 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Edelson presented HF629 as amended.

The following testified on HF629:

- None

Representative Feist request a roll call vote.

Representative Feist withdrew the request for a roll call vote.

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF629 as amended be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1187 (Gillman); Postsecondary institution required to notify school of student withdrawal, and student required to provide school with copy of grades taken for secondary credit.

Representative Bennett moved that HF1187 be laid over for further consideration or possible inclusion in a future Education Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Gillman presented HF1187.

The following testified on HF1187:

- Brittany Schmidt
- Matt Foss, Principal, Glencoe Silver Lake

Representative Bennett renewed the motion that HF1187 be laid over for further consideration or possible inclusion in a future Education Policy Committee omnibus bill. The motion prevailed. The bill was laid over.

Chair Pryor adjourned the meeting at 5:34 pm.

Representative Laurie Pryor, Chair

Isabel Anderson, Committee Legislative Assistant