

Education Finance Committee

MINUTES

Representative Kresha, Chair of the Education Finance Committee, began the meeting at 1:00PM, on February 20, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

KRESHA, Ron, Chair
BAKEBERG, Ben, Vice Chair
ALTENDORF, Pam
BAHNER, Kristin
BENNETT, Peggy
CLARDY, Mary Frances
DIPPEL, Tom
ENGEN, Elliot
GREENE, Julie
HILL, Josiah
HUDSON, Walter
JOHNSON, Pete
LEE, Liz
KNUDSEN, Krista
LAWRENCE, Bryan
MUELLER, Patricia
PEREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
QUAM, Duane
REHM, Lucy
REHRAUER, Kari
RYMER, Max
SENCER-MURA, Samantha
VIRNIG, Bianca

Non-Voting Member Present:

YOUAKIM, Cheryl, Lead

Representative Bakeberg moved the minutes of February 18, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF56 (Lawrence) Safe Schools Aid Created, Student Support Personnel Aid Repealed

Representative Lawrence moved HF56 before the committee.

Representative Lawrence moved the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

The House Research Department presented an overview of HF56:

Tim Strom, Research Analyst, House Research Department

Representative Lawrence presented on HF56.

Presenters:

Ben Barton, Superintendent, Princeton School District
Dr. Nate Rudolph, Superintendent, Cambridge Isanti School District

Public Testifiers:

Kate Lynne Snyder, Education Minnesota
Suhana, High School Student

Regina, High School Student
Hannah, High School Student
Solvej, College Student, Minnesota Youth Council
Sami Rajab, Minnesota Department of Education
Megan Reyes, Rochester Public Schools (Remote)
Abby Refsland, Minnesota School Social Workers Association (Remote)
Katie Heisel, Minnesota School Social Workers Association

Chair Kresha laid over HF56, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

Representative Bakeberg assumed the gavel at 2:17PM.

HF780 (Kresha) Forecast Adjustments to Prekindergarten through Grade 12 Education Programs

Representative Kresha moved that HF780 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

The House Research Department presented an overview of HF780:
Tim Strom, Research Analyst, House Research Department

Representative Kresha presented on HF780.

Representative Kresha renewed his motion that HF780 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED**

The House Fiscal Analysis Department presented an overview of the Non-Profit Organization Funding:
Solveig Beckel, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Department

Testifier:
Adosh Unni, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43PM.


Representative Ron Kresha, Chair


Jynell Bouika, Committee Legislative Assistant