

Education Finance Committee

MINUTES

Representative Kresha, Chair of the Education Finance Committee, began the meeting at 1:00PM, on February 18, 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 Bennett moved the minutes of February 13, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF53 (Hill) Transportation Sparsity Revenue Percent Amended

Representative Hill presented on HF53.

HF52 (Anderson, P.E.) Pupil Transportation Funding Increased

Representative Anderson, P.E. presented on HF52.

Testifiers on HF52 and HF53:

Dr. Jeremy Olson, Superintendent, Bemidji Area Schools
Steve Massey, Superintendent Forest Lake Area Schools
Mike Funk, Superintendent, Stillwater Area Public Schools

Representative Hill moved HF52 before the committee.

Chair Kresha laid over HF52 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

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HF6 (Bennett) Read Act Modified

Representative Bennett moved HF6 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Bennett moved the A2 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Bennett, Representative Mueller, and Representative Bakeberg presented on HF6, as amended.

Testifiers:

Denise Dittrich, Minnesota School Boards Association
Cat Briggs, School Bus Driver, Independent School District 196, SEIU 284
Kristen Scott, Elk River Area Public Schools, AFSCME Local 3331
Meg Luger-Nikolai, Attorney, Education Minnesota
Laura Carpenter, SEIU Local 284
Natasha Dockter, First Vice President, Minneapolis Federation of Teachers
Matt Dickhausen, Executive Director, Minnesota Community Education Association
Grace Fleming, AFSCME (read testimony on behalf of Teresa Greniger)
Catina Taylor, ESP Chapter President, Minneapolis Federation of Teachers
Kim Kaneakua, SEIU 284
Dr. Aqueelah Roberson, Policy Director, Education Evolving
Tiffany Dittrich, President, White Bear Lake Area Educators Local 7286
Adosh Unni, Minnesota Department of Education

Representative Sencer-Mura moved to amend the motion to re-refer HF6, as amended, to the Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Sencer-Mura requested a roll call vote on the motion to amend the motion to re-refer HF6, as amended.

The results are as follows:

AYES

BAHNER
CLARDY
GREENE
HILL
JOHNSON
LEE
PEREZ-VEGA
REHM
REHRAUER
SENCER-MURA
VIRNIG

NAYS

KRESHA
BAKEBERG
ALTENDORF
BENNETT
DIPPEL
ENGEN
HUDSON
KNUDSEN
LAWRENCE
MUELLER
QUAM
RYMER

On a vote of 11 AYES and 12 NAYS, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Representative Bahner moved that HF6, as amended, be laid on the table.

Representative Lee requested a roll call vote on the motion that HF6, as amended, be laid on the table.

Representative Lee withdrew the request for a roll call vote on the motion that HF6, as amended, be laid on the table.

Representative Bahner withdrew the motion that HF6, as amended, be laid on the table.

Representative Bahner moved to amend the motion to re-refer HF6, as amended, to the Ways and Means Committee.

Representative Lee requested a roll call vote on the motion that HF6, as amended, be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

The results are as follows:

AYES

BAHNER
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GREENE
HILL
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LEE
PEREZ-VEGA
REHM
REHRAUER
SENCER-MURA
VIRNIG

NAYS

KRESHA
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ENGEN
HUDSON
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LAWRENCE
MUELLER
QUAM
RYMER

On a vote of 11 AYES and 12 NAYS, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Testifier:

Sydney Spreck, MAPE

Representative Lee moved that HF6, as amended, be laid on the table.

Representative Lee requested a roll call vote on the motion that HF6, as amended, be laid on the table.

The results are as follows:

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BAHNER
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On a vote of 11 AYES and 12 NAYS, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Representative Bennett renewed the motion that HF6, as amended, be placed on the General Register.

Representative Lee requested a roll call vote on the motion that HF6, as amended, be placed on the General Register.

The results are as follows:

AYES

KRESHA
BAKEBERG
ALTENDORF
BENNETT
DIPPEL
ENGEN
HUDSON
KNUDSEN
LAWRENCE
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On a vote of 12 AYES and 11 NAYS, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57PM.



Representative Ron Kresha, Chair



Jynell Bouilka, Committee Legislative Assistant