



# Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee

Tuesday, March 26th, 2026

G-23 Capitol – 1:00pm

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## Agenda:

### ***I. Call to order***

### ***II. Approval of the Minutes***

### ***III. Chair Remarks***

***IV. HF1323 (Schultz) - Undocumented noncitizens made ineligible for state financial aid programs.***

#### ***a. NO TESTIFIERS***

***V. HF4266 (Allen) - Lowest recognized family responsibility amount modified for purposes of determining state grant awards.***

#### ***a. NO TESTIFIERS***

***VI. HF4413 (Allen) - Governor's appointment power to fill vacancies on the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota limited.***

- a.*** James Farnsworth, University of Minnesota Regent – 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District
- b.*** William Luthor, Director of State Affairs – UMN Undergraduate Student Government

***VII. HF3101 (Rymer) - Intellectual Freedom Protection Act regulated public postsecondary institutions created, private right of action created, and attorney general enforcement provided.***

- a.*** Tyler Coward, Lead Council – FIRE Government Affairs
- b.*** Brandon Beyer, Attorney – Pacific Legal foundation
- c.*** Kileen Lindgren, Senior State policy manager – Pacific Legal Foundation

***VIII. HF4698 (Duran) - Minnesota State Colleges and Universities funding provided for identity verification software to combat enrollment fraud, and money appropriated.***

***IX. HF 4572 (Duran) - Prohibiting the Office of Higher Education from using public funds to support low-earning degree programs (Bill to be introduced this week)***

- a.*** Christian Barnard – FGA (By Zoom)

### ***XI. Adjournment***

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