

EDUCATION POLICY MINUTES

Representative Laurie Pryor, Chair of the Committee on Education Policy, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM on March 13, 2024 in the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office Building.

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 Berg moved that the minutes from March 12, 2024, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3682 (Kotyza-Witthuhn); requiring state academic standards in health education; requiring rulemaking; appropriating money

Representative Berg moved that HF3682 be re-referred to the committee on education finance.

Representative Berg moved the H3682A4 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn presented HF3682 as amended.

Testimony on HF3682 as amended:

- Janett Jimenez, Intern, Women's Foundation of Minnesota
- Pogi del Rosario, Prevention Program Coordinator, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

- Sheldon Berkowitz MD, Pediatrics Specialist, Children's Minnesota
- Aila, Student, Minneapolis

Representative Berg renewed the motion that HF3682 as amended be re-referred to the committee on education finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4363 (Rep. Hassan) - requiring mental health instruction starting in the 2026-2027 school year

Representative Frazier moved that HF4363 be laid over for further consideration.

Representative Hassan presented HF4363.

Testimony on HF4363:

- Student

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF4363 be laid over for further consideration. The bill was laid over

HF4008 (Huot); requiring cardiac emergency response plans; appropriating money.

Representative Lee moved that HF4008 be re-referred to the committee on education finance.

Representative Lee moved the H4008A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Huot presented HF4008 as amended.

Testimony on HF4008 as amended:

- Paul Weirtz, State Government Relations Director, Minnesota American Heart Association
- Dale Wakasugi, Cardiac Arrest Survivor, Minnesota

Representative Lee renewed the motion that HF4008 as amended be re-referred to the committee on education finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3372 as amended (Clardy); increasing and indexing English learner program revenue; supporting innovative English learner program revenue; supporting innovative English learner programs; creating a statewide English learner parent and community advisory council; encouraging local advisory councils; establishing micro-credentials for teachers and administrators of English learners; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money.

Chair Pryor moved that HF3372 as amended be re-referred to the committee on education finance.

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF3372 as amended be re-referred to the committee on education finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Hill assumed the gavel at 4:18

HF4611 as amended (Pryor); directing the commissioner of education to amend rules relating to regional libraries.

Chair Pryor moved that HF4611 as amended be laid over for further consideration.

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF4611 as amended be laid over for further consideration. The bill as amended was laid over.

Vice Chair Hill recessed the meeting at 4:27 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:02 pm.

HF4083 (Youakim); clarifying speech and press rights of student journalists in grades 6 through 12.

Representative Youakim moved that HF4083 be re-referred to the general register.

Representative Youakim moved the H4083A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Youakim presented HF4083 as amended.

Testimony on HF4083 as amended:

- Jeff Kocur, Publications Advisor, Hopkins High School
- Jessica Wagner, Publications Advisor, Owatonna High School
- Stella McHugh, Pony Express Editor-in-Chief, Stillwater High School
- Bella Lapos, Pony Express Editor-in-Chief, Stillwater High School
- Yoni Zacks, The Spectrum Managing Editor, The Blake School
- Dr. Terence Morrow, Director of Legal and Policy Services, Minnesota School Boards Association
- Roger Aronson, Lobbyist, Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF4083 as amended be re-referred to the general register. The bill as amended was laid over.

HF4373 (Rep. Frazier); prohibiting book banning by public libraries and school libraries; creating a private right of action and providing for attorney general enforcement

Representative Frazier moved that HF4373 be re-referred to the committee on judiciary finance and civil law.

Representative Frazier moved the H4373DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Frazier presented HF4373 as amended.

Testimony on HF4373 as amended:

- Karlton Laster, OutFront, Minnesota
- Kendra Redmond, OutFront, Minnesota
- Jay Belsito, Organizer, Gender Justice
- Dr. Terence Morrow, Director of Legal and Policy Services, Minnesota School Boards Association
- Megan Arriola, Legislative Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Education

Representative Frazier renewed the motion that HF4373 as amended be re-referred to the committee on judiciary finance and civil law. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3546 (Berg); modifying sexually transmitted infections and diseases program requirements.

Representative Berg moved that HF3546 be laid over for further consideration.

Representative Berg moved the H3546A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Berg presented HF3546 as amended.

Testimony on HF3546 as amended:

- Dr. Elizabeth Bard-Henke, Obstetrician-gynecologist, Abbott Northwestern Hospital

Chair Pryor renewed the motion that HF3546 as amended be laid over for further consideration. The bill as amended was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Representative Laurie Pryor, Chair

Isabel Anderson, Committee Legislative Assistant