

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2014

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Goedde, Vice Chairman Mortimer, Senators Pearce, Fulcher, Nonini, Thayn, Patrick, Buckner-Webb and Ward-Engelking

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Goedde** called the Senate Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:03 p.m., and a silent roll was taken.

HCR 53 **Representative John Rusche** explained that **HCR 53** was developed to address the importance of building a pipeline of students to the workforce. It recognizes the intense tie between education, workforce development, and business growth and success. **HCR 53** requests that the Directors of Departments of Commerce and Labor work with the State Board of Education to develop policy recommendations and legislation, if needed, to provide improved work opportunities.

MOTION: **Senator Nonini** made a motion to send **HCR 53** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Vice Chairman Mortimer** seconded the motion. The motion carried by voice vote. Senator Nonini will carry the bill on the floor.

HCR 54 **Chairman Reed DeMourant**, House Education Committee, explained that **HCR 54** deals with the Department of Education's pending rule, **Docket No. 08-0203-1306**. That rule would require that 60 minutes per week of physical education be provided in elementary schools, and 200 bi-weekly minutes be provided in middle school, accelerating to 225 minutes in 2018. Both the House and Senate education committees rejected this rule. **Chairman DeMourant** asked that the Committee approve the concurrent resolution.

Vice Chairman Mortimer made a motion to send **HCR 54** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Chairman Goedde will carry the bill on the floor.

HCR 55 **Chairman DeMourant** explained that **HCR 55** deals with the Department of Education's pending rule, **Docket No. 08-0203-1308**. That rule would require pre-service educators to complete 45 semester credits for a teaching endorsement in English. **Chairman DeMourant** explained that the House could not justify the increase from 20 to 45 credit hours.

Vice Chairman Mortimer made a motion to send **HCR 55** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Chairman Goedde will carry the bill on the floor.

S 1396 **Vice Chairman Mortimer** explained that **S 1396** creates an assessment review committee to review summative computer adaptive test questions for bias or sensitivity, and to make recommendations to the State Board of Education (Board) for revision or removal. **Vice Chairman Mortimer** said that the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) had assured him that 20 percent of SBAC test questions could be removed without compromising the integrity of the assessment. The committee would be comprised of parents, teachers and administrators representing public and charter schools in all six regions of the state. The committee would serve in staggered four year terms.

MOTION: **Senator Fulcher** made a motion to send **S 1396** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Nonini** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Vice Chairman Mortimer will carry the bill on the floor.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Goedde passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Mortimer.

RS 23128 **Chairman Goedde** explained that **RS 23128** concerns wireless technology. The current wireless appropriation for education refers to standards which local districts must meet to obtain funding. This bill sets forth those standards.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT: **Chairman Goedde** asked for unanimous consent to send **RS 23128** to the Finance Committee for a print hearing. There were no objections.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Vice Chairman Mortimer passed the gavel back to Chairman Goedde.

MOTION: **Senator Pearce** made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 27, 2014. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: Having no further business before the Committee, **Chairman Goedde** adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Senator Goedde
Chair

Elaine Leedy
Secretary