

MINUTES  
**HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW41

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Yamamoto, Vice Chairman McCann, Representatives Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Lanting, Nelsen, Price, Sauter, Berch, Galaviz, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman McCann

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chair Yamamoto** called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**H 105:** **Rep. Cornilles** introduced **H 105**, legislation which would add to existing law, to provide for the display of the National Motto in schools. He said donated plaques with the National Motto must be displayed in a conspicuous location.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to send **H 105** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** **Rep. Berch** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 105** in committee.

**American Atheists** testified in opposition to **H 105**, stating it is a violation of rights.

**Victoria Young** testified in opposition to **H 105**. She said having a stand-alone plaque of "In God We Trust" would serve to perpetuate the myth of being a Christian nation.

**Reps. Boyle, Clow, Ehardt** and **Hawkins** spoke in support of **H 105**. They said schools should use discretion when accepting donations.

**Reps. Berch, Lanting, Nelsen** and **Mathias** spoke in opposition of **H 105**. They said the wording of **H 105** should have more clarity and schools should have leeway.

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE ON  
SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 5 AYE, 11 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Lanting, Nelsen, Berch, Mathias, and Galaviz.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Price, Sauter, and Yamamoto.** **Rep. McCann was absent/excused.**

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE ON  
ORIGINAL  
MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE, 5 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Hawkins, Hill, Price, Sauter, and Yamamoto.** Voting in opposition of the motion: **Reps. Lanting, Nelsen, Berch, Mathias, and Galaviz.** **Rep. McCann was absent/excused.** **Rep. Cornilles** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Robert Gwyn**, Principal, Ridgevue High School, spoke about giving students opportunities to enter either the workforce or college. He spoke about career readiness and investing in the future. He said allowing several options allows students the ability to decide their own path.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 am.

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Representative Yamamoto  
Chair

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Amy Bengtzen  
Secretary