

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 23, 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:** None

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.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to approve the minutes for February 10, February 17, and February 20, 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30341: **Rep. Furniss** presented **RS 30341**, proposed legislation which would amend existing law concerning the Public School Health Fund.

MOTION: **Rep. Lanting** made a motion to introduce **RS 30341**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30400: **Rep. McCann** presented **RS 30400**, proposed legislation which would require public schools and public charter schools to provide feminine hygiene products, free of charge, to all female students in sixth through twelfth grades. She said if products are provided, local control can utilize distribution. **Rep. Furniss** spoke about female students who are embarrassed to ask for supplies from the office. He said providing hygiene products in restrooms, can help alleviate this fear.

Rep. Ehardt said she would like to see "male restrooms excluded," added to the legislation.

Rep. Boyle said she would like to see "school facilities" added to the legislation. She voiced her concerns about the Department of Education overseeing and monitoring hygiene products.

Reps. Nelsen and **Garner** spoke in support of **RS 30400**. They are in support of local school board control and do not think legislation should be so technical.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to introduce **RS 30400**.

Rep. Hawkins spoke about the safety of female hygiene products and his worry over the possible risks associated with imposing all school districts to provide these products.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 30400** with the exception of Subsection 2 a and b to read as follows: "To provide feminine hygiene products, free of charge, only in female and unisex restrooms within all public school buildings and public charter school buildings and facilities students use."

**AMENDED
SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:**

Rep. Ehardt made an amended substitute motion to return **RS 30400** to the sponsor.

Rep. Berch spoke in favor of the substitute motion but does not support the amended substitute motion. He said he trusts school boards to work out issues if they arise.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:**

Roll call vote requested. **Amended substitute motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE, 8 NAY. Voting in favor** of the amended substitute motion: **Reps. Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Hawkins, Hill, Price and Yamamoto. Voting in opposition** to the amended substitute motion: **Reps. McCann, Garner, Lanting, Nelsen, Sauter, Berch, Galaviz and Mathias.**

RS 30423:

Rep. Ehardt presented **RS 30423**, proposed legislation which would add the definition of abstinence to existing law. She said this would give clarity to parents when they are told abstinence is being taught.

Reps. McCann, Boyle, Mathias and Wisniewski would like to change "sex education defined" to "sex education and other definitions." They said abstinence is not a course, sex education is the course taught. **Rep. Ehardt** said LSO worked hard on the wording for this legislation and she prefers not to make requested changes.

MOTION:

Rep. Mathias made a motion to introduce **RS 30423**, with the following amendment: Switch the order of sections 1 and 2.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:**

Roll call vote requested. **Motion failed by a vote of 8 AYE, 9 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. McCann, Garner, Lanting, Nelsen, Sauter, Galaviz, Mathias, and Yamamoto. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Hawkins, Hill, Price, and Berch.**

MOTION:

Rep. McCann made a motion to return **RS 30423** to the sponsor.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:**

Roll call vote requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 11 AYE, 6 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. McCann, Clow, Mendive, Garner, Lanting, Nelsen, Sauter, Berch, Galaviz, Mathias, and Yamamoto. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Boyle, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Hawkins, Hill, and Price.**

Chair Yamamoto turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair McCann.**

RS 30457:

Chair Yamamoto presented **RS 30457**, proposed legislation which would require the National Motto be displayed in public school buildings. This legislation replaces **H 195** with the following amendment: The word "permitted" was changed to "required" on line 22. **Chair Yamamoto** requested **RS 30457** go to the second reading calendar.

MOTION:

Rep. Hawkins made a motion to introduce **RS 30457** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Cornilles** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chair McCann turned the gavel back over to **Chair Yamamoto.**

H 112:

Rep. Sauter presented **H 112**, legislation which would amend existing law to revise the Education Opportunity Resource Committee Members, to allow for certain distributions of appropriated money, to require certain distributions and to authorize certain funding increases. He said this is an agency bill in need of technical adjustments.

MOTION:

Rep. Nelsen made a motion to send **H 112** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Sauter** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary