

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 24, 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 9:01 am.

H 111: **Rep. Lanting** presented **H 111**, legislation which would close schools to learning on election days. He said schools are the most common polling locations. He spoke about the difficulty to find locations that meet ADA standards, especially in rural areas. **Phil McGrane**, Secretary of State, spoke about the importance of student safety. He said most schools are locked down during the day but on election day doors would be open for thousands of people to enter. He said this bill has a delayed effective date of January 2024, to allow for the necessary adjustments.

Jason Richardson testified in **opposition** of **H 111**, voicing his concern for taking more days off when many schools are already on a four day instruction week. He spoke about the added responsibilities for parents to find day care for students while they are out of school.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to send **H 111** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Reps. Hill, Ehardt, and Yamamoto spoke in **support** of **H 111**. They spoke about the need for this bill and how it is pro-active legislation.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chair Yamamoto** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 111** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Mendive and Price** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Lanting** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 30412: **Rep. Petzke** presented **RS 30412**, proposed legislation which would add to existing law, to allow students to earn bachelor's degrees from Community Colleges. In response to questions, **Rep. Petzke** said local board of trustees will determine which three bachelor's degrees are made available at the Community College. He spoke about the applied degrees requirements and clarified the fiscal note.

MOTION: **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to introduce **RS 30412. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30390: **Rep. Erickson** presented **RS 30390**, proposed legislation which would prohibit corporal punishment in classrooms. He spoke about training teachers to manage classrooms appropriately and use proper intervention at the proper time.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to introduce **RS 30390. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30416: **Rep. Mathias** presented **RS 30416**, proposed legislation which would amend existing law for Armed Forces and public safety officer scholarships. He spoke about the programs created and made available for children who's parent died in combat. He said this legislation would make the scholarship available to children who's parent died in any type of military death. He said the current window of eligibility for the scholarship is ten years and this legislation would increase eligibility to nineteen years.

MOTION: **Rep. Price** made a motion to introduce **RS 30416**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 am.

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary