

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING
**HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 2023

TIME: Upon Adjournment of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS: Chairman Horman, Vice Chairman Miller, Representatives Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Handy, Lambert, Petzke, Tanner, Nash
Chairman Grow, Vice Chairman Bjerke, Senators Burtenshaw, Lent, Cook, VanOrden, Adams, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, Just

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Petzke

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.

Chairman Horman called the meeting to order at 8:56 a.m.

Chairman Horman stated Senators would be able to ask questions during this meeting.

H 296: **Mr. Keith Bybee**, Division Manager, LSO Budget & Policy Analysis, presented **H 296**, legislation which amends existing law to provide monies in the Public School Income Fund and the In-Demand Careers Fund shall be treated as monies from the General Fund.

The committee discussed the bill. **Sen. Grow** stated the Co-Chairs of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) are focused on the ending dollar balance of agency budgets, not the percentage change from previous years. The JFAC Co-Chairs are encouraging the Public Schools Support Program to move supplemental appropriation requests to line items in the following year's budget. This realignment will reflect the true amount of funds in the budget; however, this means the percentage of change will not align with prior years. **Sen. Grow** stated they are starting with this budget and intend to do the same with other budgets in the future.

Rep. Handy encouraged the committee to make these changes as soon as possible so the new data set can begin immediately.

The committee further discussed the bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to send **H 296** to the House floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT/EXCUSED.**
Voting in favor of the motion: **Horman, Miller, Bundy, Raybould, Furniss, Handy, Lambert, Tanner, Nash.** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **None.**
Absent/excused: **Petzke.**

Chairman Horman will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Representative Horman
Chair

Alyson Jackson
Secretary