

MINUTES  
**HOUSE REVENUE & TAXATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023

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

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Monks, Vice Chairman Cannon, Representatives Dixon(1), Manwaring, Weber, Shepherd, Cheatum, Cornilles, Durrant, Ehlers, Mickelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Wroten, Necochea, Burns

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Cornilles

**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 Monks** called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 28th and March 1st of 2023. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 30685:** **Senator Adams** introduced **RS 30685** to provide for a school choice tax credit.

In response to committee questions regarding if this bill can get through so late in the session when the Senate committees are closing, **Sen. Adams** responded by stating if this chamber is determined to see this legislation pass, it will get passed.

**ORIGINAL MOTION:** **Rep. Mickelsen** made a motion to return **RS 30685** to the sponsor.

In answer to committee questions about how the tax credit would work and accountability, **Sen. Adams** said several states have this and there is accountability regarding how the credit would be tracked. This is different than the federal program.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Shepherd** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 30685**.

**Rep. Shepherd** speaking to the substitute motion said this is a new idea for school choice and he would like to have a hearing on the subject.

In answering the committee questions regarding the language "JFAC shall appropriate", and possibly needing intent language, **Sen. Adams** said the language is fine because it says, "shall appropriate no less than \$30 million", creates a floor for what it will cost. He continued to answer questions regarding cost and accountability.

**Rep. Wroten** and **Weber** spoke **in support** of the original motion because it would be too late in the session to bring such a big topic to discussion. **Rep. Manwaring** spoke **in support** of the substitute motion saying, it is a big topic and has been discussed throughout the session, but he believed this is a serious attempt by the sponsor to take an alternative path and the legislation should be introduced.

**Rep. Cheatum** spoke **in support** of the original motion saying it has been clear the public does not want to spend public money on private education. **Rep. Ehlers** spoke **in support** of the substitute motion, saying he was not sure if there was a path forward for this legislation, but it's an idea that should be put forward to the public to have a discussion on it.

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE ON  
SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by vote of 9 AYE, 6 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Monks, Reps. Cannon, Dixon(1), Manwaring, Shepherd, Durrant, Ehlers, Pickett, Raymond. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Weber, Cheatum, Mickelsen, Wroten, Necochea, Burns. Rep. Cornilles was Absent/Excused.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:37am.

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Representative Monks  
Chair

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Jazz Alexis  
Secretary