

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 15, 2024

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Hill

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 8:42 am.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to approve the meetings of March 8 and 11, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31637C1: **Sen. Den Hartog** presented **RS 31637C1**, proposed legislation regarding school funding. She explained proposed changes to the way school funds would be distributed.

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Education, State Department of Education, explained how proposed legislation would better align with education priorities and student characteristics.

Gideon Tolman, Chief Financial Officer, State Department of Education, spoke about discretionary funds, support units, student enrollment and a "hold harmless" clause.

MOTION: **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to introduce **RS 31637C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

Representative Yamamoto
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary