

Senate Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for EDUCATION

Date: *March 1, 2017*

Location: *RM 22*

Convened: *10:15 AM*

Recessed: *10:55 AM*

Reconvened: *1:05 PM*

Adjourned: *2:25 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Sinclair-CH, Edler-VC, Quirmbach-RM, Behn, Bowman, Chelgren, Danielson, Dvorsky, Greene, Hart, Johnson, C., Kraayenbrink, Lofgren, Mathis, Rozenboom

Absent:

Excused:

The meeting came to order at 10:14.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Democrats and Republicans went to caucus.

Committee reconvened at 10:50

Senator Rozenboom moved to recess until 1pm at 10:55.

Committee reconvened at 1:05.

Senator Sinclair recognized Senator Behn for opening comments on [SF 150](#).

Senator Behn supplied the subcommittee report and gave opening remarks.

Senator Sinclair recognized Senator Quirmbach.

Senator Quirmbach gave remarks on the bill clarifying some points.

Senator Behn moved the passage of [SF 150](#) on short form.

Passed unanimously and was moved to the calendar as an individual bill.

Senator Quirmbach called for a point of information wondering if the bill could be moved instead as a committee bill.

The point of information was accepted, [SF 150](#) was moved to the calendar as a committee bill.

Senator Sinclair relinquished the chair to Senator Edler.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Sinclair for opening remarks on [SSB 1137](#).

Senator Sinclair provided the subcommittee report and gave an overview of the bill.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Sinclair on amendment 1137.938

Senator Sinclair gave opening remarks on amendment 1137.938 and clarified the changes being made to each division.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Hart.

Senator Hart spoke on the amendment regarding concerns with certain divisions.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Quirmbach.

Senator Quirmbach had multiple questions and asked Senator Sinclair to yield to discuss.

Senator Sinclair accepted.

Senator Quirmbach asked about Division three.

Senator Sinclair clarified where the changes came from and why it was important to include.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Chelgren.

Senator Chelgren expressed his disappointment over division 7 being removed.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Danielson

Senator Danielson welcomed students from the University of Northern Iowa and thanked them for attending.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Quirmbach

Senator Quirmbach had questions regarding the online courses that were affected.

Senator Sinclair responded with some clarification and her views regarding limited certain aspects.

Senator Sinclair gave closing remarks on amendment 1137.938 and moved the amendment.

Amendment passed 15-0 on a roll call vote.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Bowman

Senator Bowman had questions on the bill.

Senator Sinclair responded to Senator Bowman and gave further clarification.

Senator Bowman addressed the committee regarding his vote and hopes regarding future amendments.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Chelgren.

Senator Chelgren spoke on the bill regarding the addition of 6 more members to the task force and addressed some of the concerns that resulted in this bill. He also expressed his willingness to work with both sides on changes.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Quirmbach.

Senator Quirmbach had questions regarding division 6 and asked Senator Sinclair for examples related to division 6.

Senator Sinclair responded and recommended that the committee allow staffer Gannon Hendrick to clarify.

The committee gave unanimous consent.

Republican staffer Gannon Hendrick gave clarification.

Senator Quirmbach responded to the clarification and expressed to the committee his thoughts regarding division 6.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Mathis

Senator Mathis expressed concerns regarding private and public schools and the independent accreditation process.

Senator Sinclair responded explaining the purpose of the independent accreditation.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Bowman

Senator Bowman expressed his excitement regarding the biliteracy seal.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Sinclair for closing remarks on the bill.

Senator Sinclair gave closing remarks on the bill and moved the bill.

[SSB 1137](#) passed 9-5 as a committee bill and was moved to the calendar.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Sinclair for opening remarks on [SSB 1124](#).

Senator Sinclair provided the subcommittee report and gave opening remarks on [SSB 1124](#).

Senator Edler recognized Senator Sinclair on an amendment to [SSB 1124](#).

Senator Sinclair gave opening remarks on amendment 1124.935

Senator Sinclair moved the amendment.

The amendment passed on short form unanimously.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Quirmbach.

Senator Quirmbach asked if Senator Sinclair would yield for discussion.

Senator Sinclair accepted.

Senator Sinclair and Senator Quirnbach discussed concerns regarding [SSB 1124](#).

Senator Edler recognized Senator Chelgren.

Senator Chelgren expressed his appreciation and concerns regarding the bill.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Bowman.

Senator Bowman made a point regarding the financing aspects of the bill.

Senator Edler recognized Senator Sinclair for closing remarks.

Senator Sinclair gave closing remarks on [SSB 1124](#) and moved the bill.

[SSB 1124](#) passed 14-0 with 1 excused as a committee bill and was moved to the calendar.

Senator Edler relinquished the chair to Senator Sinclair.

Senator Sinclair recognized Senator Kraayenbrink on [SSB 1114](#).

Senator Kraayenbrink gave opening remarks on the bill and brought up amendment 1114.939.

Senator Sinclair recognized Senator Quirnbach on amendment 1114.939.981 to amendment 1114.939.

Senator Quirnbach gave opening remarks on amendment 1114.939.981.

Senator Kraayenbrink was recognized and urged his colleagues to vote against the amendment.

Senator Sinclair recognized Senator Quirnbach for closing remarks.

Senator Quirnbach asked Senator Kraayenbrink to yield.

Senator Kraayenbrink accepted.

Senator Quirnbach and Senator Kraayenbrink discussed the amendment.

Senator Quirnbach gave closing remarks, moved the amendment to the amendment and requested a record roll call.

Amendment 1114.939.981 failed 8-5 with two excused.

Senator Sinclair recognized Senator Bowman on an amendment to amendment 114.939.

Senator Bowman gave opening remarks on amendment 1114.939.998.

Senator Kraayenbrink recommended passage of the amendment.

Senator Bowman moved the amendment on short form.

Amendment passed unanimously on short form.

Senator Sinclair recognized Senator Kraayenbrink on amendment 1114.939 as amended.

Senator Kraayenbrink moved the amendment.

A record roll call vote was requested.

Amendment 1114.939 as amended passed 9-5 with one excused.

Senator Sinclair recognized Senator Mathis.

Senator Mathis expressed concerns over [SSB 1114](#) as amended.

Senator Sinclair recognized Senator Dvorsky.

Senator Dvorsky gave an example to the committee and expressed his displeasure over the bill.

Senator Sinclair recognized Senator Kraayenbrink for closing comments.

[SSB 1114](#) as amended was passed 9-5 with one excused as a committee bill and was moved to the calendar.

Committee adjourned at 2:25.

Senator Amy Sinclair

Casey Nickel, Committee Secretary