HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

REP. GREG MARKKANEN

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 16, 2026 | 9:00 AM | Room 307, House Office Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education and Community Colleges was called to order by Chair Markkanen.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. Markkanen, Roth, Jenkins-Arno, Mueller, Kuhn, Longjohn and Rogers.
Absent: None.
Excused: None.

Representative Mueller moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 11, 2026. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5611 before the committee:

HB 5611	(Rep. Markkanen)	A bill to make appropriations for the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Noel Benson, Fiscal Analyst, and Perry Zielak, Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency, gave a presentation to the subcommittee on House Bill 5611 (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid HB 5617 before the committee:

HB 5617	(Rep. Markkanen)	A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 201 and 206 (MCL 388.1801 and 388.1806), as amended by 2025 PA 15.

Perry Zielak, Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency, gave a presentation to the subcommittee on House Bill 5617 (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid HB 5618 before the committee:

HB 5618	(Rep. Markkanen)	A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending sections 236 and 241 (MCL 388.1836 and 388.1841), as amended by 2025 PA 15.

Perry Zielak, Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency, gave a presentation to the subcommittee on House Bill 5618 (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Roth moved to adopt the (H-1) substitute for HB 5611. The motion prevailed 5-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL
Yeas: Reps. Markkanen, Roth, Jenkins-Arno, Mueller and Kuhn.
Nays: Reps. Longjohn and Rogers.
Pass: None.

Representative Roth moved to refer House Bill 5611 to the Committee on Appropriations, with recommendation as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 5-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL
Yeas: Reps. Markkanen, Roth, Jenkins-Arno, Mueller and Kuhn.
Nays: Reps. Longjohn and Rogers.
Pass: None.

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the (H-1) substitute for HB 5617. The motion prevailed 5-0-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL
Yeas: Reps. Markkanen, Roth, Jenkins-Arno, Mueller and Kuhn.
Nays: None.
Pass: Reps. Longjohn and Rogers.

Representative Kuhn moved to refer House Bill 5617 to the Committee on Appropriations, with recommendation as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 5-0-2:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL
Yeas: Reps. Markkanen, Roth, Jenkins-Arno, Mueller and Kuhn.
Nays: None.
Pass: Reps. Longjohn and Rogers.

Representative Mueller moved to adopt the (H-1) substitute for HB 5618. The motion prevailed 5-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL
Yeas: Reps. Markkanen, Roth, Jenkins-Arno, Mueller and Kuhn.
Nays: Reps. Longjohn and Rogers.
Pass: None.

Representative Mueller moved to refer House Bill 5618 to the Committee on Appropriations, with recommendation as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 5-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Markkanen, Roth, Jenkins-Arno, Mueller and Kuhn.

Nays: Reps. Longjohn and Rogers.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Markkanen adjourned the meeting at 9:37 AM.

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Representative Greg Markkanen, Chair

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