HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

REP. GREG MARKKANEN

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 | 9:30 AM | Room 327, 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 Roth moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 21, 2025. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4578 before the committee:

HB 4578	(Rep. Markkanen)	A bill to make appropriations for the department of lifelong education, advancement, and potential for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Representative Jenkins-Arno moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4578. The motion prevailed 5-1-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Markkanen, Roth, Jenkins-Arno, Mueller and Kuhn.
Nays: Rep. Rogers.
Pass: Rep. Longjohn.

Noel Benson, Fiscal Analyst, and Perry Zielak, Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency, gave a presentation to the subcommittee on House Bill 4578 (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Kuhn moved to refer House Bill No. 4578 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.

The Chair laid HB 4579 before the committee:

HB 4579	(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 2024 PA 120.

Representative Roth moved to adopt the (H-1) substitute for HB 4579. 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.

Perry Zielak, Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency, gave a presentation to the subcommittee on House Bill 4579 (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Kuhn moved to refer House Bill No. 4579 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.

The Chair laid HB 4580 before the committee:

HB 4580	(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 2024 PA 120.

Representative Jenkins-Arno moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4580. 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.

Perry Zielak, Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency, gave a presentation to the subcommittee on House Bill 4580 (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Jenkins-Arno moved to refer House Bill No. 4580 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.

Sean Hammond, representing the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, submitted a card not wishing to speak but in opposition of HB 4580 (H-1).

Katie John, representing Michigan State University, submitted a card not wishing to speak but in opposition of HB 4580 (H-1).

Katie John, representing Michigan State University's AgBioResearch and Extension programs, submitted a card not wishing to speak but in opposition of HB 4580 (H-1).

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Markkanen adjourned the meeting at 10:08 AM.

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Representative Greg Markkanen, Chair

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