



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND
COMMUNITY COLLEGES
REP. SAMANTHA STECKLOFF
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 20, 2023 9:00 AM Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol Building

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

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Steckloff, Morgan, Weiss, Price, Skaggs, Kuhn, DeBoer.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Morgan moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 23, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4303 before the committee:

HB 4303 (Rep. Steckloff)

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 2022 PA 144.

Representative Weiss moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4303. The motion prevailed 5-1-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Morgan, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Nays: Rep. Kuhn.

Pass: Rep. DeBoer.

Perry Zielak, Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency, gave a presentation to the subcommittee on House Bill 4303 (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Kuhn offered the following amendment to HB 4303:

1. Amend page 21, following line 17, by inserting:

" Sec. 217c. (1) A task force must be formed by September 1, 2023 to review, evaluate, discuss, and make recommendations regarding community college operations funding, with a focus on addressing disparities and ensuring that funding levels are equitable across tuition, state support, and local tax revenue. All of the following apply to this task force:

(a) The task force must consist of the following members:

(i) The chairs and minority vice chairs of the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education and community colleges.

(ii) The state budget director or designee.

(iii) The director of the Michigan Community Colleges Association.

(iv) Three members from Michigan public community colleges, designated by the Michigan Community College Association, that represent various-sized colleges and geographical distribution.

(b) The task force may engage legislative staff, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the state budget office, the department of treasury, former state officials, and other stakeholders with relevant technical expertise to support its work.

(c) The task force shall review whether the current performance metrics used for the performance funding formula are the most appropriate and reliable performance indicators available and determine the most efficient methodology for connecting state funding to those indicators. The task force shall also review, examine, and suggest methodology concerning equitable and appropriate funding levels to community colleges.

(d) The task force shall publish a report containing its findings and recommendations by January 15, 2024".

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4303. The motion did not prevail 2-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kuhn, DeBoer.

Nays: Reps. Steckloff, Morgan, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Pass: None.

Representative Steckloff moved to refer House Bill No. 4303 to the Committee on Appropriations, with recommendation as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 5-1-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Morgan, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Nays: Rep. Kuhn.

Pass: Rep. DeBoer.

The Chair laid HB 4304 before the committee:

HB 4304 (Rep. Steckloff)

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), section 236 as amended by 2022 PA 212 and section 241 as amended by 2022 PA 144.

Representative Skaggs moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4304. The motion prevailed 5-

1-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Morgan, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Nays: Rep. Kuhn.

Pass: Rep. DeBoer.

Perry Zielak, Senior Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency, gave a presentation to the subcommittee on House Bill 4304 (H-1). Questions and discussion followed.

Representative DeBoer offered the following amendment to HB 4304:

1. Amend page 27, following line 17, by inserting:

"Sec. 241d. (1) A task force must be formed by September 1, 2023 to review, evaluate, discuss, and make recommendations regarding public university operations funding, with a focus on addressing disparities and ensuring that funding levels are equitable across tuition and state support. All of the following apply to this task force:

(a) The task force must consist of the following members:

(i) The chairs and minority vice chairs of the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education and community colleges.

(ii) The state budget director or designee.

(iii) The director of the Michigan Association of State Universities or designee.

(iv) Three members from Michigan public universities, designated by the Association of State Universities, that represent various-sized universities and geographical distribution.

(b) The task force may engage legislative staff, the house and senate fiscal agencies, the state budget office, the department of treasury, former state officials, and other stakeholders with relevant technical expertise to support its work.

(c) The task force shall review whether the current performance metrics used for the performance funding formula are the most appropriate and reliable performance indicators available and determine the most efficient methodology for connecting state funding to those indicators. The task force shall also review, examine, and suggest methodology concerning equitable and appropriate funding levels to public universities.

(d) The task force shall publish a report containing its findings and recommendations by January 15, 2024."

Representative DeBoer moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4304. The motion did not prevail 2-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kuhn, DeBoer.

Nays: Reps. Steckloff, Morgan, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Pass: None.

Representative Kuhn offered the following amendment to HB 4304:

1. Amend page 58, following line 5, by inserting:

"Sec. 275k. By September 30, 2024, each public university receiving an appropriation in section 236 shall submit a report to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director

describing all funds the university received from foreign governments, including the amounts, the sources, and the purposes of each foreign contribution received."

Representative Kuhn moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4304. The motion did not prevail 2-5-0:

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Kuhn, DeBoer.

Nays: Reps. Steckloff, Morgan, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Pass: None.

Representative Price moved to refer House Bill No. 4304 to the Committee on Appropriations, with recommendation as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 5-1-1:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Steckloff, Morgan, Weiss, Price, Skaggs.

Nays: Rep. Kuhn.

Pass: Rep. DeBoer.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Chair Steckloff adjourned the meeting at 9:47 AM.

Representative Samantha Steckloff, Chair

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