

MINUTES  
**SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 14, 2024

**TIME:** 2:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW55

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Lent, Vice Chairman Toews, Senators Den Hartog, Nichols, Carlson, Herndon, Lenney, Ward-Engelking, and Semmelroth

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies, and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Lent** called the meeting of the Senate Education Committee (Committee) to order at 2:03 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Herndon** moved to approve the Minutes of February 28, 2024. **Senator Nichols** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Den Hartog** moved to approve the Minutes of February 29, 2024. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Semmelroth** moved to approve the Minutes of March 4, 2024. **Senator Carlson** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Ward-Engelking** moved to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2024. **Senator Lenney** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**H 684** **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - Adds to existing law to allow for telehealth behavioral health services on public school premises.** Due to an emergency, **H 684** was not heard. The hearing for **H 684** was rescheduled.

**H 634** **BROADBAND - Amends existing law to provide that the State Board of Education shall have certain authority.** **Senator Semmelroth** explained that **H 634** changed the State agency that oversaw the Broadband Infrastructure Fund from the Department of Education to the Office of the State Board of Education. She stated that **H 634** completed the transition of IT support from the Department of Education to the Office of the State Board of Education and allowed for appropriations.

**MOTION:** **Senator Herndon** moved to send **H 634** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Lent** adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

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Senator Lent  
Chair

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Lisa Stein  
Secretary