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HB 754 MUS 2-Year Commission

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MINUTES LOG

September 28, 2020
3:00 PM
Helena Via Zoom

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ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Sue Vinton, Chair
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier
Joe Billion, Public Member
Taylor Blossom, Public Member
Dr. Sandra Boham, Public Member

Rep. John Fuller
Rep. Bradley Hamlett
Rep. Llew Jones
Casey Lozar, Public Member
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald
Madalyn Quinlan, Public Member
Paul Tuss, Public Member

Members Excused:

Sen. Dee Brown
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair
Sen. Fred Thomas
John Mercer, Public Member

Members Absent:**Staff Present:**

Pad McCracken, Research
Analyst
Laura Sankey, Attorney
Brianon Nordhagen, Secretary

Committee Business Summary

- **The commission made minor revisions to and adopted its final report of findings and recommendations to the 68th Legislature, concluding the commission's business under HB 754.**

Call to order – roll call

15:01:00 Chair Vinton called the MUS 2 Year Education Commission Interim Committee to order. The committee secretary took roll.

OCHE updates

15:03:17 Tyler Trevor, Deputy Commissioner (OCHE) began his review regarding updates on OCHE's monitoring of COVID and how that related to the campus's/students.
15:03:51 Brock Tessman, Deputy Commissioner (OCHE) began his review regarding the fall reopening of campuses, 2- year enrollment and other updates.
15:13:34 Mr. Tessman began his review of the GEER funds 2-year workforce programs website. ([Exhibit 1](#))

Questions and discussion from the committee

15:21:12 Commissioner Quinlan asked Mr. Tessman about the micro credential program and what that concept was.
15:24:01 Sen. MacDonald asked Mr. Tessman for clarification regarding the small amount of funds going to colleges and if he could reflect on that and indicate what might be going on there.
15:28:18 Rep. Hamlett asked if enrollment is down 6%, how many students currently enrolled in higher education are working off campus and can he get that number from 2 years ago.

Public comment related to commission work and revised draft final report

15:30:31 None

Commission work session: discussion/revision of draft final report: direction to staff

15:30:50 Pad McCracken, staff research analyst, LSD, began his review regarding the commission work session and the "MUS 2-year commission: DRAFT report to the 2021 legislature" handout. [\(Exhibit 2\)](#)

15:34:17 Chair Vinton asked Commissioner Quinlan if she would like to spearhead the change they had discussed regarding recommendation "A" and removing that language in the draft report.

15:38:10 Sen. Brown joined the meeting.

15:38:12 Sen. Brown asked if the committee would be using replacement language.

15:38:58 Commissioner Lozar discussed the goal of the commission which was to open the pathway for students in the 2-year programs.

15:40:13 Chair Vinton stated with no objection from the committee Mr. McCracken could strike the language in section 4: part A, of the draft report.

15:40:53 Sen. Brown stated the report was going to be easily read by others and commended staff on their hard work.

15:41:26 ~~Chair Vinton~~ Commissioner Russ stated the document was digestible/readable and contained ~~all points needed~~

Motion

15:42:36 Rep. Jones made a motion to adopt the committee final report with the change made at Commissioner Quinlan's input.

Vote

15:43:00 The motion to adopt the committee final report passed unanimously on a voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

15:49:22 Madam Chair Vinton adjourned the HB 754 MUS 2-Year Commission Interim Committee at 5:49pm.