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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Education Subcommittee

Re: HB 5038 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

Senator Thomsen: “HB 5038 is the budget bill for the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission. The Commission is responsible for licensing teachers and other educators, accrediting educator preparation programs, and monitoring the conduct of its licensees.

The Education Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$7,746,138 Other Funds for the Commission. This continues three limited duration positions to respond to backlogs in investigations, licensing, and responding to requests for documents, technical assistance and information via emails and phone calls. While these limited duration positions assisted in reducing backlogs in 2015-17, they are required for the next biennium to eliminate the backlogs entirely. A position was added to address information technology needs across the agency including development of a professional practices tracking system and an on-line Higher Education program approval system.

The KPMs were discussed by the Subcommittee, which recommended changes to two existing measures to better reflect the functions of the agency as well as to measure what is under its control. The Subcommittee recognized the agency has a long way to go in improving its performance which is a primary reason for continuing the limited duration positions.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 5038 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”