

## **Business & HR Committee - Legislative Update ~ April 14, 2020**

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Representative Mary Murphy and Senator Erik Simonson are the chief authors of a bill to allow for extended use of the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) revenue authority to build or purchase sites that would allow for the sale of Historic Old Central High School and the relocation from our transportation building to better use limited financial resources.

Our bill was heard in the House Education Policy Committee on March 11, and referred to House Education Finance. Much work was done to prepare to gain support for our bill, but things changed quickly with the emergence of Covid-19. On March 18 & 19, we were able to share information about our bill via conference calls with several legislators, focusing on the critical timing element of our bill. All of the meetings were positive and I think everyone we talked with now has a good understanding of our needs.

We are hearing that the Legislature plans to come back into session, or may have been in session between the time I'm writing this and presenting this. Our intention is to keep connecting with our regional legislative delegation and key committee leaders through our lobbyists to make sure our bill might be considered for inclusion into a supplemental bill that has support in both legislative bodies and carries bi-partisan support within both the House and Senate.