

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB962**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 20, 2024  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Wayne  
**One Liner:** Prohibit the use of certain projection maps in public schools and require each school board to adopt a policy relating to projection maps

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Conrad, Linehan, Meyer, Murman, Sanders, Walz, Wayne
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Albrecht
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Justin Wayne  
Linda Vermooten

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Self

**Opponents:**

Charles Riedesel

**Representing:**

Self

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Bill Summary:

Starting from the 2024-25 school year, public schools are prohibited from using Mercator projection maps, and instead, they are required to use Gall-Peters projection maps or AuthaGraph projection maps for display or classroom use. However, there's an exception: Mercator projection maps may be used in conjunction with other projection maps in teaching exercises to illustrate that all maps have flaws and that different projections serve different functions, impacting individuals' perspectives on the world. Each public school district's school board is responsible for adopting a policy to implement these requirements.

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