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ACTION ITEM – Number: 13

Must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2025

Action items are specific directives to Education Minnesota that require a specific action. Action items are terminal in application and generally expire at the next Representative Convention. The Action Item Form should be used for these actions.

Wording of Motion:

Therefore, be it resolved, Education MN shall create a task force to investigate the investment of Education MN member pensions in violation of human rights and civil liberties; as well as it's involvement in the desecration of cultural and ethnic identities, war, illegal occupation, land theft and military conflicts;

Be it further resolved, within 6 months the task force will publish a report of their findings that will be sent directly to members and be published online;

Be it further resolved, Education MN will host a member meeting to discuss the results of the task force investigation, the purpose of this meeting is to explore strategies to bring investments into congruence with humanitarian values and humanitarian law;

Be it further resolved, based on the findings from the task force and the resulting member meeting, Education MN will send a letter to the State Board of Investment (SBI) who manages our pensions, detailing the investments that violate human rights, civil liberties, cultural and ethnic identities, and contribute to war, illegal occupation, land theft and military conflicts. The letter will advocate for the divestment from these investments.

Rationale:

Whereas educator pensions is a top priority for Education MN,

Whereas Education MN is committed to racial equity and social justice;

Whereas a commitment to social justice implies respect for human rights, civil liberties, and a respect for cultural and ethnic identities,

Whereas a commitment to social justice would place Education MN squarely in opposition to war and military conflicts;

Whereas our pensions are invested in state bonds, companies and businesses that are known to violate human rights, civil liberties, and who contribute and profit from war, illegal occupation, land theft, and military conflicts;

Budget Impact (to be completed by Education Minnesota secretary-treasurer):

The budget impact of this action item is between \$8,000-\$12,000 which allows for the reimbursement of mileage, meals, and hotel costs for members to serve on the committee.

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