

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISIONMINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the twenty-second meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, in Room 123 of the State Capitol, St. Paul Minnesota.

The secretary noted the roll.

Members Present:

Berglin, Chair
Solon, Vice Chair
Foley
Higgins
Koering
LeClair
Lourey
Rosen

A quorum was present.

The first bill on the agenda was S.F. 1459, authored and explained by Senator Betzold, as follows:

S.F. 1459 (BETZOLD): A bill for an act relating to insurance; creating a statewide health insurance pool for school district employees; appropriating money.

Senator Solon moved to amend S.F. 1459 as follows:

Page 2, after line 35, insert:

“(b) If an eligible employer provides health coverage or money to purchase health coverage to eligible employees, the coverage must be provided or purchased only through the health plans offered by the board.”

Page 3, line 1, delete “(b)” and insert “(c)”

Page 3, line 9, delete “(c)” and insert “(d)”

Page 3, line 13, delete “(d)” and insert “(e)”

Page 3, line 16, delete “(e)” and insert “(f)”

Page 3, line 23, delete “(f)” and insert “(g)”

Page 3, line 27, delete “(g)” and insert “(h)”

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

The following persons testified regarding S.F. 1459:

1. Jan Alsweger, Education MN, 41 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103 (PROPONENT).
2. Janelle Rau Clauson, Political Director, SEIU Local 284 (PROPONENT).
3. Bill Struzinski, MN Regional Service Agencies (OPPONENT).
4. Grace Schwab, MN School Boards Association, 1900 West Jefferson, St. Peter, MN 56082 (OPPONENT).
5. Lee Johanson, Education MN (PROPONENT).

Senator Lourey moved to amend S.F. 1459 as follows:

Page 3, after line 35, insert:

“(i) Effective July 1, 2005, no contract entered into between an eligible employer or an eligible employee or the exclusive representative of an eligible employee shall contain provisions that establish cash payment in lieu of health insurance to an eligible employee if the employee is not receiving such payment on or before June 30, 2005. Nothing in this section shall prevent any eligible employee who otherwise qualifies for payment of cash in lieu of insurance on June 30, 2005, to continue to receive this payment.”

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

Senator Higgins moved that S.F. 1459, as amended, be recommended to pass to the Finance Committee. The **MOTION PREVAILED**.

The second bill up for consideration was S.F. 1567, authored and explained by Senator Kubly, as follows:

S.F. 1567 (KUBLY): A bill for an act relating to health; providing for rural pharmacy preservation; establishing a rural pharmacy grant program; modifying the rural loan forgiveness program; appropriating money.

Senator Lourey moved to amend S.F. 1567 as follows:

(See Attachment “A” - SCS1567A-1)

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 1567:

1. Todd Sorenson, University of MN.
2. Abby Laugtug, MN Pharmacists Association, 1935 West County Road B-2, Suite 165, Roseville, MN 55113.

Senator Rosen moved that S.F. 1567, as amended, be recommended to pass to the Finance Committee. The **MOTION PREVAILED**.

The third bill up for consideration was S.F. 836, authored and explained by Senator Fischbach, as follows:

S.F. 836 (FISCHBACH): A bill for an act relating to health; establishing the Health Information Technology and Infrastructure Advisory Committee; modifying hospital and clinic grant programs; eliminating community health center program.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 836:

Mark Schoenbaum, MN Department of Health, 85 E. 7th Place, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN 55164.

Senator Lourey moved that S.F. 836 be recommended to pass to the Finance Committee. The **MOTION PREVAILED**.

The fourth bill up for consideration was S.F. 1445, authored and explained by Senator Dille, as follows:

S.F. 1445 (DILLE): A bill for an act relating to health; requiring information about postpartum depression to be given to mothers and their families.

Senator Lourey moved to amend S.F. 1445 as follows:

(See Attachment "B" - SCS1445A-1)

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1445:

Ruth Ener, NAMI.

Senator Koering moved that S.F. 1445, as amended, be recommended to pass to the Finance Committee. The **MOTION PREVAILED**.

The fifth bill up for consideration was S.F. 1266, authored and explained by Senator Rosen, as follows:

S.F. 1266 (ROSEN): A bill for an act relating to health; modifying certain critical access hospital provisions; requiring a report.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1266:

Mark Schoenbaum, MN Department of Health.

Senator Rosen moved to amend S.F. 1266 as follows:

(See Attachment "C" - SCS1266A-1)

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

Senator Rosen moved that S.F. 1266, as amended, be recommended to pass to the Finance Committee. The **MOTION PREVAILED**.

The sixth bill up for consideration was S.F. 828, authored and explained by Senator Lourey, as follows:

S.F. 828 (LOUREY): A bill for an act relating to health; requiring disclosure of employers of applicants for publicly funded health programs.

Senator Lourey moved to amend S.F. 828 as follows:

(See Attachment "D" - SCS828A-4)

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

Senator Solon assumed the chair at 10:30 a.m.

The following persons testified regarding S.F. 828:

1. Karen Gibson, Department of Human Services (Responded to Questions).
2. Janelle Rau Clauson, SEIU Employees Local 284.
3. Jim Vossen, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 653, 505 North Highway 169, Suite 755, Plymouth, MN 55441.
4. Carolyn Jones, MN Chamber of Commerce.

Senator Berglin returned to the chair at 10:40 a.m.

Senator LeClair moved to amend the SCS828A-4 amendment to S.F. 828 as follows:

Page 1, line 15, after "employers" insert ", including public sector employers,"

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

Senate File 828 was laid over.

Senator Solon assumed the chair at 10:50 a.m.

The seventh and final bill up for consideration was S.F. 1979, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

S.F. 1979 (BERGLIN): A bill for an act relating to human services; creating a hospital disproportionate population adjustment; designating certified public expenditures; increasing the surcharges on criminal and traffic offenders.

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 1979 as follows:

(See Attachment "E" - SCS1979A-4)

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1979:

Mary Krinkie, MN Hospital Association.

Senate File 1979 was laid over.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Senator Linda Berglin
Chair



Rochelle M. Polansky
Legislative Assistant

Health and Human Services Budget Division

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.

Room 123 State Capitol

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order.

- II. **S.F. 836 (Fischbach):** Hospital and clinic grant programs, eliminate community health center programs.
 - A. Author's Presentation.
 - B. Amendment(s).
 - C. Division Action.

- III. **S.F. 1567 (Kubly):** Rural pharmacy grant and loan forgiveness.
 - A. Author's Presentation.
 - B. Amendment(s).
 - C. Division Action.

- IV. **S.F. 1459 (Betzold):** Health insurance pool for school employees.
 - A. Author's Presentation.
 - Testimony:
 - 1. Janelle RauClauson, SEIU Local 284.
 - 2. Paul Brinkman, MN Regional Service Agencies.
 - 3. Grace Schwab, MN School Boards Assn.
 - B. Amendment(s).
 - C. Division Action.

- V. **S.F. 1445 (Dille):** Postpartum information to families.
 - A. Author's Presentation.
 - Testimony:
 - Ruth Ener, NAMI.
 - B. Amendment(s).
 - C. Division Action.

VI. S.F. 1266 (Rosen): Critical access hospitals.

- A. Author's Presentation.**
- B. Amendment(s).**
- C. Division Action.**

VII. S.F. 828 (Lourey): Disclosure of employers of applicants for publicly funded health programs.

- A. Author's Presentation.**

Testimony:

Janelle RauClauson, SEIU Local 284.

- B. Amendment(s).**
- C. Division Action.**

VIII. S.F. 1979 (Berglin): Hospital disproportionate population adjustment.

- A. Author's Presentation.**
- B. Amendment(s).**
- C. Division Action.**

IX. Adjournment.

NEXT MEETINGS:

**Wednesday, April 13, 2005
Health and Human Services Budget Division
Sen. Linda Berglin, Chair
9 a.m. Room 123 Capitol**

Agenda:

Maple Grove Hospital Proposals: (20 minutes each)

- 1. North Memorial**
- 2. Fairview**
- 3. Maple Grove TRI-CARE Partnership (Allina/Park Nicollet/Children's)**

S.F. 1520 (Dille): MFIP diversionary work program participation exemption.

S.F. 1955 (Berglin): MFIP work participation rate enhancement program.

S.F. 1344 (Lourey): MFIP cap repeal.

**Thursday, April 14, 2005
Health and Human Services Budget Division
Sen. Linda Berglin, Chair
9 a.m. Room 123 Capitol
Agenda: TBA**