

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISIONMINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the twenty-seventh meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 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. 1836, authored and explained by Senator Hottinger, as follows:

**S.F. 1836 (HOTTINGER):** A bill for an act relating to human services; creating a program for individuals with HIV; appropriating money.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1836:

Bob Tracy, Minnesota AIDS Project, Minneapolis

Senator Rosen moved to amend S.F. 1836 as follows:

**(See Attachment "A" - SCS1836A-1)**

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

Senate File 1836 was laid over temporarily.

The second bill up for consideration was S.F. 1204, authored and explained by Senator Kiscaden, as follows:

**S.F. 1204 (KISCADEN):** A bill for an act relating to health; recodifying statutes and rules relating to social work; authorizing rulemaking; providing penalties; modifying provisions relating to physical therapists; providing penalties; modifying the Psychology Practice Act; phasing out licensure as a licensed psychological practitioner; modifying dental licensure provisions; establishing fees; modifying provisions for licensed professional counselors; authorizing certain rulemaking; modifying physician review; modifying information contained on prescriptions; providing recognition for the practice of respiratory therapy in emergency situations; providing that audiologists need not obtain hearing instrument dispenser certification; providing penalties; transferring oversight authority

**S.F. 1204 (Continued):** for the Office of Mental Health Practice; requiring a report; establishing penalty fees for certain credentialed health occupations; providing criminal penalties; appropriating money.

The following persons testified regarding S.F. 1204:

1. Kate Zacker-Pate, MN Board of Social Work, 2829 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55414.
2. Judy Hawley, MN Chapter of American Physical Therapy Association, 1711 West County Road B, Suite 102 South, Roseville, MN 55113 (OPPOSED).
3. Kathleen Picard, MN Association of Physical Therapists (OPPOSED).

Senator Berglin explained the hearing on this bill was informational only and action would be taken on Thursday, April 21, 2005.

The third bill up for consideration was S.F. 1115, authored and explained by Senator Fischbach, as follows:

**S.F. 1115 (FISCHBACH):** A bill for an act relating occupations; requiring plumbers to be licensed; establishing inspection requirements for new plumbing installations; allowing the commissioner to charge fees to hire staff; licensing restricted plumbing contractors; requiring rulemaking.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1115:

Randy Ellingboe, Department of Human Services.

Senator Berglin explained the hearing on this bill was informational only and action would be taken on Thursday, April 21, 2005.

The committee returned to S.F. 1836:

**S.F. 1836 (HOTTINGER):** A bill for an act relating to human services; creating a program for individuals with HIV; appropriating money.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1836:

Robert Myer, Continuing Care Division, Department of Human Services.

Senator Solon moved that S.F. 1836 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The fourth bill up for consideration was S.F. 1706, authored and explained by Senator Higgins, as follows:

**S.F. 1706 (HIGGINS):** A bill for an act relating to human services; creating a task force to discuss collaboration between schools and mental health providers.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1706:

Sue Abderholden, Executive Director, NAMI, 800 Transfer Road, Suite 7A, St. Paul, MN.

Senate File 1706 was laid over.

The fifth bill up for consideration was S.F. 1837, authored and explained by Senator Foley, as follows:

**S.F. 1837 (FOLEY):** A bill for an act relating to human services; changing medical assistance, general assistance, and MinnesotaCare provisions to align with practice; allowing military enrollees and military families to reenroll at certain times; modifying the Consumer-Directed Community Supports methodology; establishing a clinical trial work group.

Senator Foley moved to amend S.F. 1837 as follows:

Page 20, delete lines 15 to 34

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

Senator Lourey moved to amend S.F. 1837 as follows:

**(See Attachment "B" - SCS1837A-8)**

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

The following persons testified on S.F. 1837:

1. Char Sadlack, Department of Human Services.
2. Laura Doyle, Department of Human Services.

Senator Lourey moved that S.F. 1837 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED**.

Senator Solon assumed the chair at 11:15 a.m.

The sixth bill up for consideration was S.F. 109, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

**S.F. 109 (BERGLIN):** A bill for an act relating to human services; Modifying the provider tax paid by federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics; appropriating money.

The following persons testified regarding S.F. 109:

1. Phil Griffin, Association of Community Health Centers, 1113 E. Franklin Ave., #211, Minneapolis, MN (PROPONENT).
2. Rhonda Degelau, MN Association of Community Health Centers, 1113 E. Franklin Ave., #211, Minneapolis, MN (PROPONENT).
3. Ann Berg, Department of Human Services.
4. Paul Olson, Department of Human Services.

Senate File 109 was laid over.

The committee recessed at 11:30 a.m.

The committee reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

Senator Koering assumed the chair at 1:51 p.m.

The seventh and final bill up for consideration was S.F. 65, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

**S.F. 65 (BERGLIN):** A bill for an act relating to health care; modifying premium rate restrictions; establishing expenditure limits; modifying cost containment provisions; modifying certain loan forgiveness programs; modifying medical assistance, general assistance medical care, and MinnesotaCare programs; requiring reports; appropriating money.

Senator Berglin moved to amend the SCS0065A10 amendment to S.F. 65 as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 25 to 36

Page 2, delete lines 1 to 28

Page 4, delete lines 14 to 16

Page 5, delete lines 22 to 33

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

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 65 as follows:

**(See Attachment "C" - SC0065A19)**

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

The following person testified regarding the previous amendment:

Kathleen Cota, Department of Human Services

Senator Higgins moved to amend the SCS0065A19 amendment to S.F. 65 as follows:

Page 1, line 21, delete "a pro-like"

Page 1, delete line 22 and insert "an entity like a peer review organization eligible to operate in Minnesota"

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

Senator Higgins moved to amend S.F. 65 as follows:

**(See Attachment "D" - SC0065A11)**

The following person testified in favor of the previous amendment to S.F. 65:

Elizabeth Dickinson, MN AIDS Project.

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

Senator Lourey moved to amend S.F. 65 as follows:

**(See Attachment "E" - SC0065A16)**

The following person testified in favor of the previous amendment to S.F. 65:

Julie Johnson, Executive Director, MN Pharmacists Association.

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

Senator Lourey moved to amend S.F. 65 as follows:

**(See Attachment "F" - SC0065A17)**

Senator Lourey withdrew the amendment.

The following persons testified regarding S.F. 65, as amended:

1. Mary Jo George, MN Nurses Association (PROPONENT).
2. Tara Garman, SEIU MN State Council (PROPONENT).
3. Ann Henry, MN Disability Law Center (OPPOSED TO CERTAIN SECTIONS).

Senator Solon assumed the chair at 2:45 p.m.

4. Pam Gonnella, ARC of MN (Parent of Disabled Child).
5. Danette Coleman, MEDICA (PROPONENT).

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. 65 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED**.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

  
Senator Linda Berglin  
Chair

  
Rochelle M. Polansky  
Legislative Assistant

**Health and Human Services Budget Division**

**Senator Linda Berglin, Chair**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2005 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Room 123 State Capitol**

**A G E N D A**

- I. **Call to Order.**
  
- II. **S.F. 1836 (Hottinger): Creating a program for individuals with HIV.**
  - A. **Author's Presentation.**
  - B. **Amendment(s).**
  - C. **Division Action.**
  
- III. **S.F. 1204 (Kiscaden): Occupational licensure bill.**

**Author's Presentation (Informational Hearing).**

**Testimony:**

**Judy Hawley, MN Chapter of American Physical Therapy Assn., 1711 West County Rd. B – Suite 102 South, Roseville, MN 55113.**
  
- IV. **S.F. 1115 (Fischbach): Plumbing.**

**Author's Presentation (Informational Hearing).**
  
- V. **S.F. 109 (Berglin): Federally qualified health centers and rural clinics.**
  - A. **Author's Presentation.**
  - B. **Amendment(s).**
  - C. **Division Action.**
  
- VI. **S.F. 1837 (Lourey): MnCARE change to align with practice.**
  - A. **Author's Presentation.**
  - B. **Amendment(s).**
  - C. **Division Action.**

**VII. S.F. 65 (Berglin): Health care bill.**

**A. Author's Presentation.**

**Testimony:**

- 1. Tara Garman, SEIU MN State Council.**
- 2. Erin Murphy, MN Nurses Assn.**
- 3. Ann Henry, MN Disability Law Center.**

**B. Amendment(s).**

**C. Division Action.**

**VIII. S.F. 1706 (Higgins): Task force collaboration between schools and mental health professionals.**

**A. Author's Presentation.**

**Testimony:**

**Sue Abderholden, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of MN (NAMI), 800 Transfer Road, Suite 7A, St. Paul, MN.**

**B. Amendment(s).**

**C. Division Action.**

**IX. Adjournment.**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday, April 21, 2005**

**Health and Human Services Budget Division  
Noon or Immediately After Session – Room 15 Capitol**

**Agenda:**

**S.F. 1204 (Kiscaden): Occupational licensure bill.**

**S.F. 1115 (Fischbach): Plumbing.**

**S.F. 1840 (Limmer): Maple Grove Hospital bill.**

Health and Human Services Budget Division  
Chaired by: Senator Linda Berglin

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

10:00am Room 123 Capitol

CALL TO ORDER:

1. S.F. 1836 (Hottinger) – Creating a program for individuals with HIV
2. S.F. 1706 (Higgins) – Task Force Collaboration between Schools and MH professionals
3. S.F. 1837 (Lourey) – MinnesotaCare change to align with practice
4. S.F. 109 (Berglin) – Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Clinics
5. S.F. 65 (Berglin) – Health Care Bill

11:30 - Recess - 2pm

ADJOURNMENT