

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the forty-third meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2006, 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  
Lourey  
LeClair  
Rosen

A quorum was present.

The first item on the agenda was a continuation of the presentation from the Department of Human Services regarding the Governor's Budget Recommendation as follows:

Chuck Johnson, Assistant Commissioner, Children and Family Services.

Senator Solon chaired at 10:10 a.m.

The first bill on the agenda was S.F. 3095, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

**S.F. 3095 (BERGLIN):** A bill for an act relating to human services; delaying implementation of certain personal care assistant documentation and reporting requirements.

The following persons responded to questions:

1. Vicki Kunnerth, Department of Human Services.
2. Katie Lindey, Department of Human Services.

Senate File 3095 was laid over.

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 3346, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

**S.F. 3346 (BERGLIN):** A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying the food stamp asset limit.

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 3346 as follows:

**(SEE ATTACHMENT "A" – SCS3346A-2)**

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

The following Proponents testified regarding S.F. 3346:

1. Mike Gruye, Food Stamp Recipient.
2. Joel Ulland, Vice President Public Affairs, Multiple Sclerosis Society.
3. Pastor Mark Peters, Executive Director, Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy.
4. Colleen Moriarity, Executive Director, Hunger Solutions of MN.
5. Maureen O'Connel, Advocacy Director, Legal Services Advocacy Project.
6. Steve Larson, Executive Director, ARC of MN.
7. Manny Steinman, Advocating Change Together, Food Stamp Recipient.

Senate File 3346 was laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill.

The next item on the agenda was testimony on the importance of Community Action Grants. The following persons testified:

1. Joe Peterson, Lakes and Prairie Community Action Program.
2. Stan Kaitfors, Community Action Program—Duluth.
3. Paula Erdmann, Tri-CAP, St. Cloud, MN.
4. William Davis, President and CEO, Community Action Program of Minneapolis.

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 3103, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

**S.F. 3103 (BERGLIN):** A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing the work participation rate enhancement program.

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 3103 as follows:

**(SEE ATTACHMENT "B" – SCS3103A-1)**

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

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 3103 as follows:

**(SEE ATTACHMENT "C" – SCS3103A-2)**

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

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 3103 as follows:

**(SEE ATTACHMENT "D" – SCS3103A-3)**

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

The following Proponents testified regarding S.F. 3103:

1. Deborah Schlick, Executive Director, Affirmative Options.
2. Lee Berger, Hennepin County, Manager, Human Services and Public Health Department.
3. Raland Mason, Staff Attorney, St. Cloud Area Legal Services.
4. Renee Schissel, Program Manager, HIRED (Employment Service Agency).

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. 3103 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

  
Senator Linda Berglin  
Chair

  
Rochelle M. Polansky  
Legislative Assistant

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION**

**Senator Linda Berglin, Chair**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 123 Capitol**

**A G E N D A**

- I. Call to Order.
  
- II. Continuation of Governor's Budget Recommendations:
  - Department of Human Services:**
    - Chuck Johnson, Assistant Commissioner, Children and Family Services.
  
- III. **S.F. 3095 (Berglin): PCA services.**
  - A. Author's Presentation.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Division Action.
  
- IV. **S.F. 3346 (Berglin): Food stamp asset test.**
  - A. Author's Presentation.
    - Testimony:
      - 1. Mike Gruye, Food Stamp Recipient.
      - 2. Joel Ulland, Vice President, Public Affairs, Multiple Sclerosis Society.
      - 3. Colleen Moriarty, Executive Director, Hunger Solutions.
      - 4. Pastor Mark Peters, Executive Director, Lutheran Coalition.
      - 5. Maureen O'Connel, Advocacy Director, Legal Services Advocacy Project.
      - 6. Manny Steinman, Food Stamp Recipient.
      - 7. Steve Larson, Executive Director, ARC of MN.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Division Action.

**V. S.F. 3103 (Berglin): TANF compliance.**

**A. Author's Presentation.**

**Testimony:**

1. Deborah Schlick, Director, Affirmative Options.
2. Lee Berger, Manager, Human Services and Public Health, Hennepin County.
3. Ralonda Mason, Staff Attorney, St. Cloud Area Legal Services.
4. Renee Schissel, Program Manager, HIRED (employment service agency).

**B. Consideration of Amendment(s).**

**C. Division Action.**

**VI. Testimony on Minnesota Community Action Grants:**

1. Dale Anderson, MN Community Action Association.
2. Stan Kaitfors, Community Action Duluth.
3. Mike Thorstenstein, Three Rivers Community Action.
4. William Davis, Community Action of Minneapolis.
5. Mary Sullivan, Scott, Carver and Dakota CAP Agency.

**VII. Testimony on AIDS Prevention Line:**

Lorraine Teel, Executive Director, MN AIDS Project.

**VIII. Adjournment.**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday, March 30, 2006**

**Health and Human Services Budget Division  
Senator Linda Berglin, Chair  
Immediately After Session – Room 123 Capitol  
Agenda: Testimony on Heating Assistance Issues.  
S.F. 3290-Berglin: Governor's Mental Health bill.  
S.F. 2888-Berglin: Assisted living definition.**