

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the forty-sixth meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 6, 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 bill on the agenda was S.F. 2630, authored and explained by Senator Sams, as follows:

**S.F. 2630 (SAMS):** A bill for an act relating to health; providing an exception to the hospital construction moratorium for a facility in Cass County.

The following Proponent testified regarding S.F. 2630:

Robert Yochum, Cass County Administrator.

Senator Higgins moved that S.F. 2630 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 3307, authored and explained by Senator Ranum, as follows:

**S.F. 3307 (RANUM):** A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying chemical use assessments; imposing duties on the commissioner of human services related to chemical health.

The following Proponent testified regarding S.F. 3307:

Joel Alter, Legislative Auditor's Office.

Senate File 3307 was laid over.

The third bill up for consideration was S.F. 2675, authored and explained by Senator Dille, as follows:

**S.F. 2675 (DILLE):** A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing the rate reimbursement for a day training and habilitation provider.

The following persons testified regarding S.F. 2675:

1. Dale Miller, Director ProWorks (Proponent).
2. Gerald Nord, Manager, Disabilities Division, Department of Human Services (Responded to Questions).

Senator Koering moved that S.F. 2675 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 3208, authored and explained by Senator Rest, as follows:

**S.F. 3208 (REST):** A bill for an act relating to human services; developing training requirements for postadoption search services; directing the commissioner of human services to promulgate rules relating to postadoption search services.

Senator Koering moved to amend S.F. 3208 as follows:

Page 1, line 13, delete "adoption"

Page 1, line 14, delete "services, including"

Page 1 line 16, delete "adoption services, including"

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

Senator Higgins moved to amend S.F. 3208 as follows:

Page 1, line 14, after "complete" insert "six hours of"

Page 1, line 15, delete "component" and insert "specialized curriculum"

and delete "mandatory"

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

The following Proponent testified regarding S.F. 3208:

Kim Londergren, Department of Human Services.

Senator Higgins moved that S.F. 3208 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The fifth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 3240, authored and explained by Senator Koering, as follows:

**S.F. 3240 (KOERING):** A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a pharmacy reform advisory committee; providing for a study; requiring a report to the legislature.

The following persons testified regarding S.F. 3240:

1. Julie Johnson, Executive Vice-president, MN Pharmacists Association (Proponent).
2. Kristin Young, Pharmacy Division, Department of Human Services (Responded to Questions).

Senator Koering moved to amend S.F. 3240 as follows:

Page 3, delete line 2

Page 3, line 3, delete "initial report."

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

Senator Koering moved that S.F. 3240 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The sixth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 3265, authored and explained by Senator Rosen, as follows:

**S.F. 3265 (ROSEN):** A bill for an act relating to health; creating a state-level methamphetamine coordinator; appropriating money.

The following Proponent testified regarding S.F. 3265:

Susan Gaertner, Ramsey County Attorney.

Senator Rosen moved to amend S.F. 3265 as follows:

Page 2, after line 25, insert:

"Subd. 3. **Toll-free telephone number.** The coordinator shall establish a toll-free telephone number for providing information and counseling on methamphetamine use and addiction."

Page 2, line 26, delete "3" and insert "4"

Page 2, line 29, delete "4" and insert "5"

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

Senator Rosen moved to amend S.F. 3265 as follows:

Page 2, line 32, delete "is appropriated to" and insert "\$82,000 is transferred from"

Page 2, line 33, delete "and transferred"

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

Senator Rosen moved that S.F. 3265 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Solon assumed the chair at 11:25 a.m.

The seventh bill up on the agenda was S.F. 3322, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

**S.F. 3322 (BERGLIN):** A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a reverse mortgage incentive program; establishing eligibility standards, benefits, and other requirements; appropriating money.

The following Proponent testified regarding S.F. 3322:

Patti Cullen, CareProviders of Minnesota.

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. 3322 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The eighth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2899, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

**S.F. 2899 (BERGLIN):** A bill for an act relating to health; establishing a controlled substances reporting program; providing for disciplinary action.

The following Proponent testified regarding S.F. 2899:

Dr. Thomas G. Cohn, Advanced Pain Specialist, Medical Pain Clinics.

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 2899 as follows:

**(SEE ATTACHMENT "A" - SCS2899A-4)**

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

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 2899 as follows:

Page 4, line 16, after the period, insert "Access to the data by law enforcement authorities must be accompanied by a valid search warrant."

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

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 2899 as follows:

Page 2, line 18, delete "and"

Page 2, after line 18, insert:

"(6) a consumer privacy or security advocate; and"

Page 2, line 19, delete "6" and insert "7"

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

Senator Foley assumed the chair at 11:45 a.m.

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 2899 as follows:

Page 4, after line 16, insert:

“(e) The board shall maintain a log of all persons who access the date and shall ensure that any permissible user complies with paragraph (d) prior to attaining direct access to the data.”

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

Testimony continued regarding S.F. 2899 as follows:

2. Dr. Alfred Anderson, Medical Pain Management Specialist, Board Member, MN Board of Medical Practice.

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. 2899 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:55 p.m.

The ninth bill up for consideration was S.F. 979, authored and explained by Senator Lourey, as follows:

**S.F. 979 (LOUREY):** A bill for an act relating to health; establishing a healthy biomonitoring program; requiring reports; appropriating money.

Senator Lourey moved to amend S.F. 979 as follows:

**(SEE ATTACHMENT “B” - SCS0979A-3)**

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

The following Proponents testified regarding S.F. 979:

1. Samuel Yamin, MN Center for Environmental Advocacy.
2. Dr. Louise Liao, Department of Human Services.

Senator Lourey moved that S.F. 979 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The tenth bill up for consideration was S.F. 2080, authored and explained by Senator Lourey, as follows:

**S.F. 2080 (LOUREY):** A bill for an act relating to human services; implementing long-term care service options; requiring an investment study and report on core county long-term care functions; appropriating money.

The following Proponents testified regarding S.F. 2080:

1. Malcolm Mitchell, MN Leadership Council on Aging.
2. Julie Rein, Local Public Health Association.

Senate File 2080 was laid over temporarily.

The eleventh bill on the agenda was S.F. 2535, authored and explained by Senator Lourey, as follows:

**S.F. 2535 (LOUREY):** A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act; requiring a report on case management and other social services; requiring a report on the reduced Medicaid reimbursements.

The following Proponents testified regarding S.F. 2535:

1. Mark McAfee, AFSCME Council 5.
2. Richard Hookswamen, MN Youth Service Association.
3. Steve Vanderhart, Department of Human Services.

Senate File 2535 was laid over temporarily.

The twelfth bill on the agenda was S.F. 3399, authored and explained by Senator Lourey, as follows:

**S.F. 3399 (LOUREY):** A bill for an act relating to human services; allowing the commissioner of human services to contract with Medicare-approved special needs plans to provide medical assistance services to persons with disabilities; creating a stakeholder group; requiring legislative approval; appropriating money.

The following Proponent testified regarding S.F. 3399:

Michael Scandrett, Prime West Health System and Country Health Alliance.

Senate File 3399 was laid over temporarily.

The committee referred back to S. F. 2535, as follows:

**S.F. 2535 (LOUREY):** A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act; requiring a report on case management and other social services; requiring a report on the reduced Medicaid reimbursements.

Senator Lourey moved to amend S.F. 2535 as follows:

Page 2, line 2.13, delete "**initiative**" and insert "**plan**"

Page 2, line 2.14, delete "**initiative**" and insert "**plan**"

Page 2, delete everything after the period

Page 2, delete lines 2.16 to 2.22

Page 2, line 2.24, delete everything after the period and insert

Page 2, delete line 2.25 and insert "The plan shall include coordination of services as defined under subdivisions 3 to 5."

Page 2, delete lines 2.26 to 2.30

Page 5, delete lines 5.5 to 5.8

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

Senator Lourey moved that S.F. 2535 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The committee recessed at 1:30 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

The committee referred back to S.F. 3399, as follows:

**S.F. 3399 (LOUREY):** A bill for an act relating to human services; allowing the commissioner of human services to contract with Medicare-approved special needs plans to provide medical assistance services to persons with disabilities; creating a stakeholder group; requiring legislative approval; appropriating money.

Senator Lourey moved to amend S.F. 3399 as follows:

**(SEE ATTACHMENT "C" - SCS3399A-4)**

The following person explained the previous amendment:

Karen Peide, Department of Human Services.

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

Senator Lourey moved that S.F. 3399 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The committee referred back to S.F. 2080, as follows:

**S.F. 2080 (LOUREY):** A bill for an act relating to human services; implementing long-term care service options; requiring an investment study and report on core county long-term care functions; appropriating money.

Senator Lourey moved to amend S.F. 2080 as follows:

**(SEE ATTACHMENT "D" - SCS2080A-7)**

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

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Senator Lourey moved that S.F. 2080 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

  
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Senator Linda Berglin  
Chair

  
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Rochelle M. Polansky  
Legislative Assistant

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION**

**Senator Linda Berglin, Chair**

**Thursday, April 6, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 123 Capitol**

**A G E N D A**

- I. Call to Order.
  
- II. **S.F. 2630-Sams:** Cass County hospital construction moratorium exception.
  - A. Author's Presentation.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Testimony:
    - Robert Yochum, Cass County Administrator
  - D. Division Action.
  
- III. **S.F. 3307-Ranum:** Expand chemical use assessment requirements.
  - A. Author's Presentation.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Division Action.
  
- IV. **S.F. 3444-Kelley:** Nursing home moratorium exception, Hennepin and Dakota Counties.
  - A. Author's Presentation.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Testimony:
    - 1. Mark Skubic, Park Nicollet Health Services.
    - 2. Joan Sandstrom, Vice President, Specialty Services, Park Nicollet Health Services.
  - D. Division Action.
  
- V. **S.F. 2675-Dille:** Increased reimbursement rate for DT & H.
  - A. Author's Presentation.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Testimony:
    - Dale Miller, Director, ProWorks.
  - D. Division Action.

**VI. S.F. 3208-Rest: Post adoption search services training requirements.**

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

**VII. S.F. 3322-Berglin: Reverse mortgages.**

- A. Author's Presentation.**
- B. Consideration of Amendment(s).**
- C. Testimony:**
  - 1. Jean Ross, Reverse Mortgage and Senior Resource Counselor, Sr. Housing, Incorporated.**
  - 2. Patti Cullen, CareProviders of MN.**
  - 3. Member, Board on Aging.**
- D. Division Action.**

**VIII. S.F. 2899-Berglin: NASPER.**

- A. Author's Presentation.**
- B. Consideration of Amendment(s).**
- C. Testimony:**
  - 1. Marsha Thiel, R.N., M.A., Administrator, Medical Pain Clinics.**
  - 2. Thomas G. Cohn, M.D., Medical Pain Clinics.**
  - 3. Alfred Anderson, M.D., Board Member, MN Board of Medical Practice.**
- D. Division Action.**

**IX. S.F. 3240-Koering: Pharmacy payment reform advisory committee and study.**

- A. Author's Presentation.**
- B. Consideration of Amendment(s).**
- C. Testimony:**
  - Julie Johnson, Executive Vice President,  
Minnesota Pharmacists Association.**
- D. Division Action.**

- X. **S.F. 3265-Rosen: Meth coordinator bill.**
- A. Author's Presentation.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Testimony:  

Susan Gaertner, Ramsey County Attorney.
  - D. Division Action.
- XI. Recess.
- XII. Reconvene.
- XIII. **S.F. 979-Lourey: Healthy Minnesotans biomonitoring.**
- A. Author's Presentation.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Division Action.
- XIV. **S.F. 2080-Lourey: Long Term Care Task Force recommendations.**
- A. Author's Presentation.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Division Action.
- XV. **S.F. 2535-Lourey: Runaway and homeless youth.**
- A. Author's Presentation.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Division Action.
- XVI. **S.F. 3399-Lourey: MA services special needs.**
- A. Author's Presentation.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Division Action.
- XVII. Adjournment.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Friday, April 7, 2006**

**Health and Human Services Budget Division**

**Chair: Senator Linda Berglin**

**9:00 a.m. – Room 123 Capitol**

**Agenda: Health and Human Services Budget Omnibus Bill.**