

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the forty-second meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 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:

Brian Osberg, Assistant Commissioner, Health Care Division,  
Department of Human Services.

Senator Foley chaired at 9:25 a.m.

The first bill on the agenda was S.F. 2725, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

**S.F. 2725 (BERGLIN):** A bill for an act relating to health care; providing for MinnesotaCare outreach; creating a prescription drug discount program; expanding the benefit set for single adults; increasing the eligibility income limit for single adults; increasing the cap for inpatient hospitalization benefits for adults; modifying the definition of income for self-employed farmers; establishing a small employer option; appropriating money.

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 2725 as follows:

**(SEE ATTACHMENT "A" – SCS2725A-9)**

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

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 2725 as follows:

**(SEE ATTACHMENT "B" – SCS2725A-8)**

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

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 2725 as follows:

**(SEE ATTACHMENT "C" – SCS2725A12)**

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

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 2725 as follows:

**(SEE ATTACHMENT "D" – SCS2725A-2)**

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

Senate File 2725 was laid over.

Senator Berglin returned to the chair 9:40 a.m.

The second bill on the agenda was S.F. 2672, authored and explained by Senator Lourey, as follows:

**S.F. 2672 (LOUREY):** A bill for an act relating to employment; requiring certain health cost payments by large employers.

Senator Lourey moved to amend S.F. 2672 as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 2.29, 2.30 and 2.31

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

Senator LeClair moved to amend S.F. 2672 as follows:

Page 2, lines 7 and 9, delete "eight" and insert "20"

The **MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL** and the amendment was not adopted.

Senator Lourey moved that S.F. 2672, as amended, be recommended to pass to the Finance Committee.

Senator LeClair requested a roll call vote on passage of S.F. 2672:

	<b><u>YES</u></b>	<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>PASS</u></b>
Sen. Berglin	X		
Sen. Solon	X		
Sen. Higgins	X		
Sen. Foley	X		
Sen. Koering		X	
Sen. LeClair		X	
Sen. Lourey	X		
Sen. Rosen			X
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Total	5	2	1

There being **5 Yes** - **2 No** - **1 Pass** votes – The **MOTION PREVAILED** and S.F. 2672 was recommended to pass to the Finance Committee.

The committee then returned to the Department of Human Services presentation on the Governor's Budget Recommendations. The following persons testified:

1. Brian Osberg, Assistant Commissioner, Health Care Division.
2. George Hoffman, Director, Reports and Statistics Division.
3. Krista Boston, Health Care Division.
4. Loren Colman, Assistant Commissioner, Continuing Care Division.

The third bill up for consideration was S.F. 2477, authored and explained by Senator Wiger, as follows:

**S.F. 2477 (WIGER):** A bill for an act relating to MinnesotaCare; eliminating premiums for military personnel and their families.

The following persons testified:

1. Jerry Kyser, United Veterans Legislative Council of MN. (Proponent).
2. Roger Ball, North St. Paul American Legion (Proponent).
3. Karen Guisto, Health Care Policy Analyst, Department of Human Services (Responded to Questions).
4. Barb Juelich, Department of Human Services (Responded to Questions).

Senator Koering assumed the chair at 10:45 a.m.

Senate File 2477 was laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill.

The fourth bill on the agenda was S.F. 2957, authored and explained by Senator Lourey, as follows:

**S.F. 2957 (LOUREY):** A bill for an act relating to health; eliminating the reduction of the family planning special projects grants.

Senator Berglin returned to the chair at 10:55 a.m.

The following Proponents testified:

1. Peg LaBore, Executive Director, Family Tree.
2. Meg Friese, CEO, Planned Parenthood of MN, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Senate File 2957 was laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill.

The fifth bill on the agenda was S.F. 2534, authored and explained by Senator Koering, as follows:

**S.F. 2534 (KOERING):** A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring the Brainerd Regional Treatment Center laundry services to be maintained or expanded; allowing Brainerd Regional Treatment Center employees and service units to bid on certain service contracts.

The following person responded to questions regarding S.F. 2534:

Tom Ruter, Administrative Officer, State Operated Services, Department of Human Services.

Senate File 2534 was laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill.

Senator Solon assumed the chair at 11:20 a.m.

The sixth and final bill up for consideration 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.

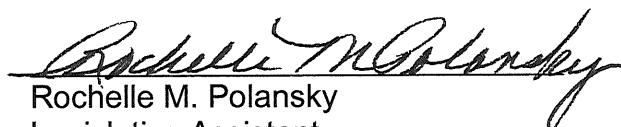
The following Proponents testified:

1. Bruce Nelson, ARRM.
2. Jon Nelson, Executive Director, Residential Services of N.E. Minnesota, Duluth, MN.
3. Dennis Theede, Executive Director, Home and Community Options, Winona, MN.
4. Lynda Adams, Contract Administrator, Accessible Space, Inc.

Senate File 3095 was laid over until Wednesday, March 29, 2006.

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**

**Tuesday, March 28, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 123 Capitol**

**A G E N D A**

- I. Call to Order.
  
- II. **S.F. 2725 (Berglin): MinnesotaCare.**
  - A. Author's Presentation.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Division Action.
  
- III. **S.F. 2672 (Lourey): Large employer health cost payments.**
  - A. Author's Presentation.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Division Action.
  
- IV. Continuation of Governor's Budget Recommendations:  
**Department of Human Services:**
  1. Brian Osberg, Assistant Commissioner, Health Care.
  2. Loren Colman, Assistance Commissioner, Continuing Care.
  3. Chuck Johnson, Assistant Commissioner, Children and Family Services.
  
- V. **S.F. 2477 (Wiger): MinnesotaCare, eliminating premiums for military and families.**
  - A. Author's Presentation.  
Testimony:
    1. Colonel Denny Shields
    2. Jerry Kyser, United Veterans Legislative Council of Minnesota.
  - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
  - C. Division Action.

**VI. S.F. 2534 (Koering): Laundry services, Brainerd RTC.**

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

**VII. S.F. 3095 (Berglin): PCA services.**

- A. Author's Presentation.**

**Testimony:**

- 1. Bruce Nelson, ARRM.**
- 2. Jon Nelson, Residential Services of Northeast Minnesota, Duluth.**
- 3. Dennis Theede, Home and Community Options, Winona.**
- 4. Lynda Adams, Accessible Space, Inc.**

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

- C. Division Action.**

**VIII. S.F. 2957 (Lourey): Claiming reduction of family planning special project grants.**

- A. Author's Presentation.**

**Testimony:**

- 1. Meg Friese, Vice President, Clinic Affairs, Planned Parenthood.**
- 2. Peg LaBore, Director, Family Tree.**

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

- C. Division Action.**

**IX. Adjournment.**

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2006**

**Health and Human Services Budgeted Division**

**9:00 a.m. – Room 123 Capitol**

**Agenda: S.F. 3103-Berglin: TANF Compliance. S.F. 3346-Berglin: Food stamp asset test.**

**Thursday, March 30, 2006**

**Health and Human Services Budgeted Division**

**Immediately After Session – Room 123 Capitol**

**Agenda: S.F. 3290-Berglin: Governor's Mental Health bill. S.F. 2888-Berglin: Assisted living definition.**