

Minnesota State Senate

Human Services Reform Finance and Policy Committee

Thursday, March 10, 2022

1:00 PM or Immediately Following Senate Session Livestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Jim Abeler - Chair, Senator Omar Fateh, Senator John A. Hoffman, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Erin P. Murphy, Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Paul J. Utke, Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

Absent: Senator Michelle R. Benson - Vice Chair

Senator Jim Abeler called the meeting to order at 1:58pm.

S.F. 3263: Senator Dibble: Pregnant and parenting homeless youth study establishment and appropriation; homeless youth act grants appropriation; grant funds authorized uses additions authorization.

Senator Abeler moved the bill, SF3263 before the committee.

Senator Dibble presented the bill SF3263.

Testifiers:

Jasmyn Green, Senior Program Manager, Oasis for Youth

Lisa Mears, Executive Director, The Bridge for Youth

Oakley Lemke, Youth 180 Degrees

Senator Fateh moved the A-1 amendment before the committee.

The A-1 amendment was adopted on a voice vote.

Be laid over.

S.F. 3155: Senator Dibble: Grant authorization and appropriation for nonprofits serving homeless youth in Minnesota.

Senator Wiklund moved the bill, SF3155, before the committee.

Senator Dibble presented the bill, SF3155.

Testifier:

Jacqueline White, Executive Director, CloseKnit

Wiklund moved the A-2 amendment before the committee.

The A-2 amendment was adopted on a voice vote.

Be laid over.

S.F. 3710: Senator Senjem: Ramsey counties families experiencing homelessness appropriation.

Senator Abeler moved the bill, SF3710, before the committee.

Senator Senjem presented the bill, SF3710.

Testifiers:

Trista MatasCastillo, Ramsey County Board Chair

Butch Inks, Saint Paul Fire Chief

Randi Roth, Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul

Be laid over.

S.F. 3140: Senator Senjem: Emergency shelter facilities grants appropriations.

Senator Abeler moved the bill, SF3140, before the committee.

Senator Senjem presented the bill, SF3140.

Testifiers:

Rhonda Otteson, MN Coalition for the Homeless

Staci, Reay, Violence Intervention Project

Aaron Gutzke, ThinkSelf

Angela Conley, Hennepin County Commissioner

Be laid over.

S.F. 2777: Senator Abeler: HOPE 4 Youth homeless drop-in center appropriation.

Senator Abeler moved the bill, SF2777, before the committee.

Senator Abeler presented the bill, SF2777.

Testifiers:

LaChelle Williams, Executive Director, Hope 4 Youth

Momo, Youth

Be laid over.

S.F. 1468: Senator Draheim: Housing support bed moratorium modification. SF 1468 was heard in committee last year and laid over for possible inclusion. We will consider an amendment to SF 1468.

Senator Abeler moved the bill, SF1468, before the committee.

Senator Abeler presented the bill, SF1468.

Testifiers:

Danielle Fox, Adult Services Manager, Scott County

Abeler moved the A-2 amendment before the committee.

The A-2 amendment was adopted on a voice vote.

Be laid over.

S.F. 3143: Senator Utke: Emergency service grants appropriation.

Senator Abeler moved the bill, SF3143 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Zack Eichten, Coalition for the Homeless

Femi Ogun, Catholic Charities

Autumn Dillie, Amreican Indian Community Development Corporation

Jason Adkins, Executive Director, Minnesota Catholic Conference

Dwayne Parker, Listening House

Be laid over.

S.F. 2949: Senator Utke: Transitional housing program modification and appropriation.

Senator Abeler moved this bill, SF2949, before the committee.

Testifiers:

Zack Eichten, Coalition for the Homeless

Jennifer Jorgenson, SEMCAC

Lucy Zanders, Theresa Living Center

Mary Franz, AEOA

Be laid over.

Overview of homelessness needs within Minnesota. Cathy Ten-Brooke, Director of the Minnesota Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness.

Presentation was not heard due to time restrictions.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52pm.



Senator Jim Abeler, Chair



Kobey Layne, Legislative Assistant