

Minnesota State Senate

Human Services Reform Finance and Policy Committee
Tuesday, March 15, 2022
1:00 PMLivestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Jim Abeler - Chair, Senator Michelle R. Benson Vice 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: No Members Absent

Senator Jim Abeler called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

S.F. 3165: Senator Hoffman: Human service provisions in community supports modification.

Senator Hoffman moved and presented the bill, SF3165, before the committee.

Senator Hoffman moved that the A-2 amendment be adopted to the bill.

The motion prevailed and the A-2 amendment to SF3165 was adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Hoffman moved that the A-3 amendment be adopted to the bill.

The motion prevailed and the A-3 amendment to SF3165 was adopted on a voice vote.

Testifiers:

Kristy Graume, Department of Human Services

Barb Dietz, Director of Human Services, Brown County

Committee Discussion

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 3165, be laid over. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2999: Senator Hoffman: Payment rates increase for nonemergency medical transportation.

Senator Hoffman moved and presented the bill, SF2999, before the committee.

Senator Hoffman moved to adopt the A-1 amendment to SF2999.

The motion prevailed and the A-1 amendment to SF2999 was adopted on a voice vote.

Testifiers:

Scott Isaacson, Lifts Transportation

Tarek Menesi, Chief Financial Officer, Driving Miss Daisy

Jeremy Kramer, Blue & White Taxi

Barb Dietz, Director of Human Services, Brown County

Committee Discussion.

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 2999, be laid over. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2845: Senator Abeler: Department of Behavioral Health creation and transferring of duties of a state agency.

Senator Abeler moved the bill, SF2845, before the committee.

Senator Eaton presented the bill, SF2845.

Testifiers:

Jodi Harpstead, Commissioner, Department of Human Services

John Magnuson, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health

Committee Discussion

Senator Abeler moved that S.F. 2845, be referred to the State Government Finance and Policy and Elections Committee without recommendation. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Group home closure emergency

Testifiers:

Bud Rosenfield, Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

Maren Hulden, Disability Law Center

Natasha Merz, Department of Human Services

Phil Griffin, Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota

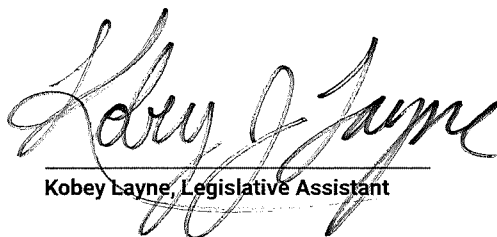
Committee Discussion.

Discussion only.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46pm.



Senator Jim Abeler, Chair



Kobey Layne, Legislative Assistant