

Minnesota State Senate

State Government Finance and Policy and Elections Committee

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

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Minutes

Present: Senator Mary Kiffmeyer - Chair, Senator Jeff R. Howe - Vice Chair, Senator Jim Carlson, Senator Gregory D. Clausen, Senator Omar Fateh, Senator Mark W. Koran, Senator David J. Osmeck, Senator Eric R. Pratt

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Mary Kiffmeyer called the meeting to order at 11:32am. A quorum was present.

S.F. 4130: Senator Kiffmeyer: Technical and policy changes to provisions related to elections administration.

Testifiers:

Nicole Freeman, Office of the Secretary of State, was available for questions

Discussion

Senator Howe moved that S.F. 4130, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 4072: Senator Bakk: Separation and retention incentive programs authorization for employees of the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation.

Discussion

Senator Kiffmeyer moved that S.F. 4072, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2767: Senator Ruud: Natural resources provisions modifications.

Discussion

Senator Kiffmeyer moved that S.F. 2767, be recommended to pass. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

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

Discussion

Senator Kiffmeyer moved that S.F. 2845, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 3355: Senator Abeler: Licensed professional counselors interstate compact establishment.

Testifiers:

Dr. Tom Hegblom, Minnesota Counseling Association

Discussion

Senator Kiffmeyer moved that S.F. 3355, be reported to the Senate without recommendation. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 3129: Senator Abeler: State fossil designation.

Testifiers:

Dr. Alex Hastings, Paleontology Curator, Minnesota Science Museum

Discussion

Senator Kiffmeyer moved that S.F. 3129, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 3667: Senator Eichorn: Request for proposals to replace Department of Natural Resources registration system to the driver and vehicle registration system requirement.

Testifiers:

Betsy Hayes, Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Administration

Bob Meyer, Assistant Commissioner of Enforcement, Policy & Government Relations, Department of Natural Resources

Senator Kiffmeyer moved the A5 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Discussion.

Senator Kiffmeyer moved that S.F. 3667, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 3364: Senator Nelson: Audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact creation.

Testifiers:

Phil Griffin

Jeremy Braun, MNSH

Nahale Kalfas, Council of State Governments

Senator Kiffmeyer moved the A1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Kiffmeyer moved that S.F. 3364, as amended and reported to the Senate without recommendation. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.



Senator Mary Kiffmeyer, Chair



Christina Wilson, Legislative Assistant