



Minnesota Senate

Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee

Wednesday, February 8th, 2023
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. S.F. 1296 (as amended) – Mitchell – Preference establishment for purchase of electric vehicles for state fleet.

3. S.F. 1622 – Frentz – Minnesota State Competitiveness Fund establishment and appropriation.

Testifiers:

- Commissioner Grace Arnold, Department of Commerce
- Deputy Commissioner for Energy Resources Michelle Gransee, Department of Commerce
- Darrick Moe, CEO, MN Rural Electric Association
- John Twiest, CEO, Arrowhead Cooperative
- Brendan Jordan, Great Plains Institute
- Cathy Chavers, Minnesota Chippewa Tribe President
- Kent Sulem, Director of Government Relations and Senior Counsel
- John Thorson, Legislative Director and Political Coordinator, LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota
- Gregg Mast, Executive Director, Clean Energy Economy MN
- Zach Martin, Government Affairs, ALLETE / MN Power
- Daniel Lightfoot, Intergovernmental Relations Representative, League of Minnesota Cities
- Chris Duffrin, President, Center for Energy and Environment
- Annie Humphrey, Honor the Earth
- Anjali Bains, Lead Director - Energy Access and Equity, Fresh Energy
- Colin Beere, Government Affairs, Sheet Metal Workers Local 10

Remote Testifiers:

- Nicole Griensewic, Executive Director, Regional Nine Development Commission (Mankato)

4.S.F. 1404 – Port - Program establishment to award grants for the installation of solar energy generating systems on public buildings.

Testifiers:

- Braden Solum, Vice President, Business Development, iDEAL Energies
- Logan O'Grady, Executive Director, MnSEIA

5. Adjournment

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