



# Minnesota Senate

## Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1150 Minnesota Senate Building

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## AGENDA

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. S.F. 2757 – McEwen - Provisions governing cogeneration modification.

#### Testifiers:

- Dan Juhl, Co-Founder, E2SG
- Bruce Gerhardson, VP of Regulatory Affairs, Ottertail Power
- John Farrell, Institute of Local Self Reliance

### 3. S.F. 2775 – McEwen - Program establishment in the Department of Commerce to award rebates for the purchase and installation of residential heat pumps.

#### Testifiers:

- Audrey Partridge, Director of Policy at Center for Energy and Environment

### 4. S.F. 2249 – Xiong – Minnesota Energy Alley appropriation.

#### Testifiers:

- Gregg Mast, Executive Director of Clean Energy Economy MN
- Nina Axelson, Founder of Grid Catalyst
- Charlie McCurdden, Director of Government Affairs, Daikin

### 5. S.F. 2024 – Xiong - Uses of state supplementary weatherization grants expansion.

#### Testifiers:

- Bill Grant, Executive Director, Minnesota Community Action Partnership
- Jason Foy, Housing and Weatherization Director, Tri-County Community Action

### 6. S.F. 1368 – Port - Energy code adoption modification for new commercial buildings.

#### Testifiers:

- Scott McLellan, Director of Construction Codes and Licensing, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
- Katie Jones, Community Program and Policy Manager, Center for Energy and Environment
- Andy Snope, Electrician, Legislative and Political Director, IBEW Local 292
- Thea Rozenbergs, AIA Minnesota

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

#### Testifiers:

- Logan O'Grady, Executive Director, MnSEIA