



# Minnesota Senate

## Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee

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12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1150 Minnesota Senate Building

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## AGENDA

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. S.F. 1173 – Hauschild - Community energy transition grant program modification and appropriation.

#### Testifiers:

- Mayor Andy MacDonell, City of Cohasset
- Greg Lerud, City Administrator, City of Becker

### 3. S.F. 2036 – Hoffman - Anoka Rum River Dam reconstruction and repair work and studies appropriation.

### 4. S.F. 2887 – Hoffman - Wood dehydrator appropriation to help reduce the amount of wood that is infested by emerald ash borer in this state.

#### Testifiers:

- Stacy Cook, President of Koda and VP Sustainability for Rahr Corp

### 5. S.F. 2824 – Mathews - Small modular reactors certificates of need authorization.

#### Testifiers:

- Isaac Orr, American Experiment
- Eric G Meyer, Executive Director, Generation Atomic
- Seymour Mansfield, Minnesota Advocates for Nuclear Energy (MANE)
- John Reich, Lobbyist, Prairie Island Indian Community

### 6. S.F. 2823 – Mathews - Feasibility study appropriation on the use of hydrogen produced by nuclear power plants in Minnesota.+

#### Testifiers:

- Prodromos Daoutidis, College of Science and Engineering Distinguished Professor and Executive Office, University of Minnesota
- Charles Sutton, Sutton Consulting
- Jesse Cook, Minneapolis Resident

### 7. S.F. 1388 – McEwen - Grant program establishment to provide financial assistance to cities to address climate change.

#### Testifiers:

- Dr. Kate Knuth, Managing and Research Director, 100% Campaign

### 8. S.F. 2958 – Weber - Property assessed clean energy program modifications.

#### Testifiers:

- Peter Klein, St. Paul Port Authority

### 9. S.F. 2876 – Mitchell - Solar energy production incentive program extension.

#### Testifiers:

- Rick Evans, Director, Regional Government Affairs, Xcel Energy
- Michael Allen, Chief Executive Officer, All Energy Solar