



# Minnesota Environment, Climate, & Legacy Committee

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## **Agenda**

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. S.F. 2875 (Pha) Changsha Friendship Garden appropriation**

- i. Caroline Van, MN China Garden Friendship Society, Honorary Advisor Council (Remote)
- ii. Ganying Jeff Kabyeej Vang, MN China Garden Friendship Society, Honorary Advisor Council (Remote)

### **3. S.F. 2696 (Pha) Special Guerrilla Units Veterans and Families of USA appropriation**

- i. Mr. Noah Vang, Hmong American Community Researcher, SGU Veterans and Families of USA
- ii. Rev. Gia Tou Lee, Ordained Minister and Pastor, Hmong World Christian Radio Ministries

### **4. S.F. 2438 (Hawj) Environment and natural resources appropriation**

- i. Sarah Strommen, Commissioner, DNR
- ii. Katrina Kessler, Commissioner, MPCA
- iii. John Jashke, BWSR
- iv. Emmett Mullin, Metropolitan Council
- v. Judy Sventek, Metropolitan Council

### **5. S.F. 2904 (Hawj) Sustainable Forest Resources Act extension**

### **6. S.F. 2797 (Hawj) Department of Natural Resources appropriation to recruit and hire enforcement liaison community officer program positions authorization**

- i. Colonel Rodmen Smith, Enforcement Division, DNR
- ii. Mr. Tong Vang, President, SGU Veterans and Family of USA

### **7. S.F. 2245 (McEwen) Definition addition related to plastics**

- i. Tom Johnson, Director of Government Relations, MPCA

### **8. S.F. 2037 (Hoffman) Appropriation to address invasive carp**

- i. Colleen O'Connor Toberman, Land Use & Planning Director, Friends of the Mississippi River
- ii. Brad Gausman, Executive Director, Minnesota Conservation Federation
- iii. Dr. Peter Sorenson, Professor, University of Minnesota
- iv. Christine Goepfert, Midwest Campaign Director, National Parks Conservation Association
- v. Heidi Wolf, Invasive Species Program Supervisor, DNR

### **9. Additional Business**

### **10. Adjournment**