

# Minnesota State Senate

Transportation Committee  
Monday, February 13, 2023  
3:00 PMLivestream YouTube

## Minutes

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**Present:** Senator D. Scott Dibble - Chair, Senator Kelly L. Morrison Vice Chair, Senator Jim Carlson, Senator Julia E. Coleman, Senator Fong Hawj, Senator Jeff R. Howe, Senator John R. Jasinski, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen, Senator Lindsey Port

**Absent:** No Members Absent

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Chair D. Scott Dibble called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

### Department of Public Safety Budget Presentation

The presentation was given by the following individuals:

- Bob Jacobson, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety
- Pong Xiong, Direct of Driver and Vehicle Services
- Colonel Matt Langer, Minnesota State Patrol
- Mike Hanson, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety.

**S.F. 1335: Senator Dibble: Policy changes related to State Patrol duties, including school bus inspections, commercial vehicle inspections, and rearview mirror requirements.**

Senator Dibble presented S.F.1335.

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Colonel Matt Langer – Minnesota State Patrol

Senator Dibble moved that S.F.1335 pass and be sent to the Senate floor. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Lang moved to reconsider S.F.1335. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Lang moved that S.F.1335 be recommended to pass and re-referred to Judiciary. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed.

**S.F. 1336: Senator Hawj: Veterans; license plates, dealer licenses and records, USDOT numbers and driver's license applications various policy changes.**

Senator Hawj presented S.F.1336.

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Pong Xiong, Direct of Driver and Vehicle Services

Ranking member Senator John R. Jasinski moved the A2 Amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Andrew R. Lang moved the A1 Amendment. This was withdrawn.

Senator Hawj moved that SF 1336 pass and be sent to the Senate floor. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed.

**S.F. 1337: Senator Carlson: Driver and Vehicle Services work, provision modifications.**

Senator Jim Carlson presented S.F.1337.

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Pong Xiong, Director of Driver and Vehicle Services

Senator Jasinski offered an oral amendment - Page 3, line 24, delete "or the" and insert a comma and after "Division" insert ", a driver's license agent, or a deputy registrar." This was moved by Senator Jasinski. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Senator Jim Carlson moved that S.F.1337 bill pass and be re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety committee. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed.

**S.F. 1338: Senator Carlson: Accident report requirement within 48 hours if accident results in a fatality.**

Senator Jim Carlson presented S.F.1338.

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Mike Hanson, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety.

Senator Carlson moved that S.F.1338 pass and be referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety committee. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed.

**S.F. 73: Senator Port: Cannabis provisions modification.**

Senator Lindsey Port Presented S.F.73

Senator Port moved A40 Amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A40 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Port moved the A41 Amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A41 Amendment was adopted.

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- John Hausladen, Minnesota Trucking Association
- Kevin Torgeson, Olmstead County Sheriff
- Glenn McElfresh, Plift Beverages
- Ted Galaty, Willow's Keep Farm
- Jeremiah Moesteller, Americans for Prosperity (REMOTE)
- David Benson-Staebler (REMOTE)
- Tom Evenstad

Senator Lang moved the A46 Amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A46 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Julia E. Coleman moved the A49 Amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A49 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Julia E. Coleman moved the A50 Amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A50 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Jeff R. Howe moved A42 Amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A42 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Lang moved A52 Amendment. Mike Hanson, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety offered testimony. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A52 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Howe offered A43 Amendment. This was withdrawn.

Senator Howe offered A39 Amendment. A roll call was requested by Senator Howe. Which was granted.

Testimony was offered by the following individuals:

- Leili Fatehi, MN is Ready
- Kevin Torgeson, Olmstead County Sheriff

Senator Howe rescinded his roll call request. He moved the A39 Amendment. The motion did not prevail and the A39 amendment was not adopted.

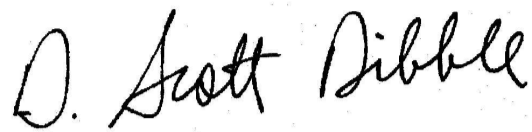
Senator Howe moved the A43 Amendment again with the oral amendment that "shall" be changed to "must" whenever it appears. Testimony was offered by Mike Hanson, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed and the A43 amendment, as amended, was adopted.

Senator Howe offered A53 amendment. Via voice vote, the motion failed, and the amendment was not adopted.

Senator Port moved that S.F.73 pass and be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. The motion prevailed.

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Chair Dibble adjourned the meeting at 6:09pm.



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Senator D. Scott Dibble, Chair



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Alex Will, Legislative Assistant