

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

## Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Minnesota State Senate  
Health & Human Service  
Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
8:30AM & LiveStream YouTube

### Minutes

**Present:** Senator Melissa H. Wiklund – Chair, Senator Alice Mann – Vice Chair, Senator Paul Utke – Minority Lead, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator John Hoffman, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Kelly Morrison

**Absent:** No Members Absent

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Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:36 am on Tuesday, January 10th, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

**AGENDA ITEM #1: S.F. 1 (MCEWEN):** Fundamental right to reproductive health establishment. A bill for an act relating to health, establishing a fundamental right to reproductive health, proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1, authored by Senator McEwen as follows:

S.F. 1 (McEwen): Fundamental right to reproductive health establishment. A bill for an act relating to health, establishing a fundamental right to reproductive health, proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

Senator McEwen provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 1:**

- Dr. Siri Fiebiger, practicing OBGYN & Chair, MN American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, testified in support of S.F. 1.
- Tippy Amundson, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 1
- Samantha Alsadi, attorney, testified in support of S.F. 1
- Dr. Brooke Cunningham, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health, testified in support of S.F. 1.
- Bishop Chad Zielinski with the Minnesota Catholic Conference, testified in opposition of S.F. 1.
- Abena Abra Campaign Director of UnRestrict MN, testified in support of S.F. 1.
- Dr. Kathy Kobermann, Board Certified Family Practice Physician, testified in opposition of S.F. 1.
- Shelly Klaras, private citizen, testified in opposition of S.F. 1.
- Dr. Peter Daly, Practicing Surgeon, Catholic Medical Association testified in opposition of S.F. 1.
- Tammi Kromenacker, Clinic Director of Red River Women’s Clinic, testified in support of S.F.1.
- Dr. Steven Clavin., Appointed Member of U.S. HHS Secretary’s advisory committee on Infant and maternal mortality testified in opposition to S.F. 1.
- Pastor Andrew Isker, Pastor with Fourth Street Evangelical Church testified in opposition to S.F. 1.
- Rowan Larson, Winona’s Lutheran Campus Center, testified in support of S.F. 1.
- Michele Even, political director of Minnesota Right to Life, testified in opposition of S.F. 1.
- Elisha Olson, Member with Students for Life Action, Students for Life American testified in opposition of S.F. 1.
- Nancy Kiolbasa, private citizen, testified in opposition of S.F. 1.
- Gloria Perez, President and CEO of Women’s Foundation of Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 1
- Ann Marie Cosgrove, private citizen, testified in opposition of S.F. 1.
- Jenna Schabert, private citizen, testified in opposition of S.F. 1.
- Rachel Dick, private citizen and graduate student, testified in support of S.F. 1.
- Ben Dorr, Executive Director of Minnesota Right to Life, testified in opposition of S.F. 1.
- Russ Rooney, private citizen, testified in opposition of S.F. 1.
- Dr. Erin Stevens, OBGYN and member of American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist, testified in support of S.F. 1.
- Sherry Litz, private citizen, testified in opposition of S.F. 1.
- Tim Miller, Executive Director of PLAM Action, ProLife Action Ministries, testified in opposition of S.F. 1
- Frances Tieberg, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 1.

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- Brenda Quaye, Board Member Women's Foundation of Minnesota, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 1.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Abeler moved and explained the A-9 Amendment.

**Senator Abeler withdrew the A9 Amendment.**

Senator Abeler moved and explained the A16 Amendment.

Member questions and discussion on the A16 Amendment.

Senator Abeler requested a roll call vote on the A16 Amendment and that the results be recorded in the journal. There being three hands raised (Senator Abeler, Senator Lieske, and Senator Utke) the results will be recorded in the journal.

The results are as follows:

**AYES:** Senator Abeler, Senator Utke, Senator Lieske

**NAYS:** Chair Wiklund, Vice Chair Mann, Senator Boldon, Senator Hoffman, Senator Kupec, Senator Morrison, Senator Lieske

**ABSENT:**

**On a vote of 2 AYES and 7 NAYS, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE A16 AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Senator Abeler moved and explained the A11 Amendment.

Member questions and discussion on the A11 Amendment.

Senator Abeler requested a roll call vote on the A11 Amendment and that the results be recorded in the journal. There being three hands raised (Senator Abeler, Senator Utke, Senator Lieske) the results will be recorded in the journal.

The results are as follows:

**AYES:** Senator Abeler, Senator Utke

**NAYS:** Chair Wiklund, Vice Chair Mann, Senator Boldon, Senator Hoffman, Senator Kupec, Senator Morrison, Senator Lieske

**ABSENT:**

**On a vote of 2 AYES and 7 NAYS, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE A11 AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Senator Lieske moved and explained the A2 Amendment.

Member questions and discussion on the A2 Amendment.

Senator Utke requested a roll call vote on the A2 Amendment and that the results be recorded in the journal. There being three hands raised (Senator Abeler, Senator Utke, Senator Lieske) the results will be recorded in the journal.

The results are as follows:

**AYES:** Senator Abeler, Senator Utke, Senator Lieske

**NAYS:** Chair Wiklund, Vice Chair Mann, Senator Boldon, Senator Hoffman, Senator Kupec, Senator Morrison

**ABSENT:**

**On a vote of 3 AYES and 6 NAYS, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE A2 AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Senator Utke moved and explained the A1 Amendment.

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Member questions and discussion on the A1 Amendment.

Senator Utke requested a roll call vote on the A1 Amendment and that the results be recorded in the journal. There being three hands raised (Senator Abeler, Senator Utke, Senator Lieske) the results will be recorded in the journal.

The results are as follows:

**AYES:** Senator Abeler, Senator Utke, Senator Lieske

**NAYS:** Chair Wiklund, Vice Chair Mann, Senator Boldon, Senator Hoffman, Senator Kupec, Senator Morrison, Senator Lieske

**ABSENT:**

**On a vote of 2 AYES and 7 NAYS, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE A1 AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Member closing comments on Senate File 1

Senator Utke requested a roll call vote on Senate File 1 and that the results be recorded in the journal. There being three hands raised (Senator Abeler, Senator Utke, Senator Lieske) the results will be recorded in the journal.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 1 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans Committee.

**The results are as follows:**

**AYES:** Chair Wiklund, Vice Chair Mann, Senator Boldon, Senator Hoffman, Senator Kupec, Senator Morrison

**NAYS:** Senator Abeler, Senator Utke, Senator Lieske

**ABSENT:**

**On a vote of 6 AYES and 3 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:50am**



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Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant