

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee
Thursday, February 9th, 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 Rob Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Kelly Morrison

Absent: Senator John Hoffman

Chair Boldon called the meeting to order at 8:31am on Thursday, February 9th, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 668 (MORRISON): Family planning grants appropriation.

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 668, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 668 (Morrison): Family planning grants appropriation.

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 668 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 668:

- o Becky Twamley, Executive Director of WeARE- The Clinic, testified in support of S.F. 668.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Utke asked about the current rate of funding for family planning grants.

Becky Twamley answered Senator Utke’s question.

Senator Utke asked a question about what organization the grants would be provided to.

Becky Twamley answered Senator Utke’s question.

Senator Abeler asked a question about the organization that were picked to receive the funding.

Senator Morrison answered Senator Abeler’s question.

Senator Abeler asked if any of these grants go to organizations that provide abortion care.

Senator Morrison & Becky Twamley answered Senator Abeler’s question.

Senator Morrison spoke to Senator Abeler’s comments.

Senator Abeler asked a question about if there is language in underlying law that directs these grants not to be used for abortions.

Senator Morrison answered Senator Abeler’s question.

Senator Lieske asked a question about how much of this appropriation was being spent on administrative costs and why they are adding new employees.

Senator Morrison & Becky Twamley answered Senator Lieske’s questions.

Chair Boldon laid over Senate File 668 over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

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AGENDA ITEM #2: SF 164 (MORRISON): Separate medical assistance reimbursement provision for long-acting reversible contraceptives

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 164, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 164 (Morrison): Separate medical assistance reimbursement provision for long-acting reversible contraceptives

Senator Morrison moved and explained the A2 Authors Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A2 AUTHORS AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 164, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 164:

- Dr. Leslee Jaeger, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist, testified in support of S.F. 164.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Utke asked a question about the additional costs of the device and placement and if it was a covered benefit.

Senator Abeler asked a question about primary care providers having to complete this type of treatment.

Senator Morrison answered Senator Abeler's question.

Chair Boldon laid over Senate File 164, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #3: SF 406 (MANN): Right establishment for a pregnant patient to have a designated support person present while receiving health care.

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 406, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

S.F. 406 (Mann): Right establishment for a pregnant patient to have a designated support person present while receiving health care.

Senator Mann provided opening comments and explained Senate File 406, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 406:

- Keisha Mitchell, Program Manager for Wilder African American Babies Coalition, testified in support of S.F. 406.

Senator Mann moved the A4 Authors Amendment.

Senator Abeler spoke to S.F. 406 and asked a question about banning doulas.

Keisha Mitchell, Program Manager for Wilder African American Babies Coalition, answered Senator Abeler's question.

Senator Morrison spoke to S.F. 406.

Chair Boldon renewed the motion to vote on the A4 Authors Amendment.

Senator Abeler spoke to the A4 Amendment.

Senator Mann spoke to Senator Abeler's comments and clarified what the A4 amendment does.

Senator Morrison spoke to Senator Abeler's comments and the A4 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A4 AUTHORS AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

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Continuation of testimony:

- **Natasha Chernyavsky, Legislative and Policy Specialist with Citizens Council for Health Freedom testified on S.F. 406.**

Member questions and discussion continued.

Senator Lieske commented on S.F. 406 and the A4 Amendment.

Senator Abeler asked a question about maternal morbidity rates and if MDH keeps track of that data.

Keisha Mitchell answered Senator Abeler's question.

Senator Abeler commented on S.F. 406.

Senator Mann spoke to Senator Abeler's comments.

Senator Morrison spoke to Senator Abeler's comments & S.F. 406.

Chair Boldon spoke to S.F. 406.

Senator Mann moved that S.F. 406, as amended, be recommended to pass and be sent to the Senate Floor.

On a voice vote, SENATE FILE 406, AS AMENDED, PASSED AND WAS SENT TO THE SENATE FLOOR.

AGENDA ITEM #4: SF 329 (MANN): No-cost diagnostic services and testing requirement following a mammogram.

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 329, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

S.F. 329 (Mann): No-cost diagnostic services and testing requirement following a mammogram.

Senator Mann moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A1 AUTHORS AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Mann provided opening comments and explained Senate File 329, as amended to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 329:

- Former State Senator Amy Koch, testified in support of S.F. 329
- Dan Endreson, with Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified on S.F. 329.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Utke asked about what type of care or procedures will be covered with this bill.

Senator Mann answered Senator Utke's question clarified what type of procedures would be covered with this bill.

Senator Morrison spoke to S.F. 329.

Senator Utke made a comment about adding mandates to insurance programs and asking where personal responsibility plays into receiving a diagnosis.

Senator Mann responded to Senator Utke's comments.

Former Senator Amy Koch provided clarification to Senator Utke's comments.

Senator Utke asked a question to Dan Andresen about if this bill would create an additional mandate.

Dan Endreson responded to Senator Utke's question.

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Senator Utke commented on S.F. 329.

Senator Boldon spoke to S.F. 329.

Senator Mann commented on S.F. 329

Senator Lieske asked a question about coverage for follow-up care for mammograms.

Senator Mann answered Senator Lieske's question.

Senator Morrison asked Dan Andresen a question about follow-up care.

Dan Endreson answered Senator Morrison's question.

Senator Morrison commented on S.F. 329 and Senator Utke's comments.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 329, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 329, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04am.



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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