

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee
Tuesday, February 21st, 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 John Hoffman, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Kelly Morrison

Absent: Senator Liz Boldon

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:35am on Tuesday, February 21st, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 73 (PORT): Cannabis provisions modification.

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 73, authored by Senator Port as follows:

S.F. 73 (Port): Cannabis provisions modification.

Senator Port provided opening comments and explained Senate File 73.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 73:

- Maren Schroeder with Sensible Change MN & MN is Ready testified in support of S.F. 73
- Judson Bemis, Co-chair, Smart Approaches to Marijuana Minnesota testified in opposition to S.F. 73
- Angela Dawson, President and CEO of 40 Acre Co-Op testified in support of S.F. 73
- Johanna Lester, private citizen testified in opposition to SF 73
- David Benson-Staebler, Lobbyist - Anti Narcotic & Anti-addictive Drug Coalition testified in opposition to S.F. 73
- Ken Winter with Smart Approaches to Marijuana Minnesota testified in opposition to S.F. 73
- Former Governor Jesse Ventura testified in support of S.F. 73
- Samantha C. Lee, Director of the Minnesota Poison Control System, Hennepin Healthcare, testified on S.F. 73
- Jess Hauser with Sensible Change Minnesota testified in support of S.F. 73
- Kayla Fearing with Healing Fear Consulting testified in support of S.F. 73
- Randy Bacchus, private citizen, testified in opposition to S.F. 73
- Amber Shimpa, CEO of Viero Health Minnesota testified on S.F. 73

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Mann.

Continuation of testimony

- Dr. Carter Casmaer, ER physician at Abbott Northwestern, testified in support of S.F. 73
- John Hausladen, President of the Minnesota Trucking Association, testified in opposition of S.F. 73

Vice-Chair Mann passed the gavel back to Chair Wiklund.

Continuation of testimony

- Stefan Egan, U.S. Army Veteran testified in support of S.F. 73
- Trent and Jane Mayberry, parents, testified in opposition to S.F. 73
- Ray Hicks, private citizen, testified in opposition to S.F. 73
- Dr. Jacob Mirman, Certifying physician, testified on S.F. 73
- Leigh Anne White, Medical Cannabis Patient, testified on S.F. 73
- Jason Tarasek, Attorney, Minnesota Cannabis Law, testified on S.F. 73
- Linda Stanton, private citizen, testified in opposition to S.F. 73
- Glenn McElfresh, Co-founder of Plift Beverages, testified in support of S.F. 73
- Thomas Evenstand with Public Safety Minnesota testified in support of S.F. 73
- Stephanie Mulrooney, medical cannabis patient, testified in support of S.F. 73

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Hoffman spoke to SF 73.

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Senator Port offered the A-58 Amendment.

Senator Mann moved the A-58 Amendment.

Senator Port described A-58 Amendment.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A-58 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Port offered the A-67 Amendment.

Senator Mann moved the A-67 Amendment.

Senator Port described the A-67 Amendment.

Sen. Mann moved an oral amendment to the A-67 Amendment as follows:

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On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE ORAL AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED INTO THE A67 AMENDMENT.**

Sen. Mann spoke to the A67 Amendment

Leili Fathei, Campaign Director for MN is Ready, testified and answered questions pertaining to the A67 Amendment.

Senator Wiklund renewed the motion to adopt the A67 Amendment, as amended.

On a voice vote **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A67 AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED, WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Port offered the A68 Amendment.

Senator Mann offered the A68 Amendment.

Senator Port describes the A68 Amendment.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A68 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Port offered the A60 Amendment.

Senator Port describes the A60 Amendment.

Senator Mann moves the A60 Amendment.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A60 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Port offered the A59 Amendment.

Senator Mann moves the A59 Amendment.

Senator Port describes the A59 Amendment.

Senator Utke spoke to the A59 Amendment.

Senator Wiklund renews the motion to adopt the A59 Amendment.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A59 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Port offers the A69 Amendment.

Senator Mann moves the A69 Amendment.

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Senato Port describes the A69 Amendment.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A69 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Abeler spoke to Senate File 73.

Senator Abeler offers the A62 Amendment.

Senator Abeler describes the A62 Amendment.

Senator Port spoke to the A62 Amendment.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A62 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Abeler moves the A65 Amendment.

Senator Abeler described the A65 Amendment.

Senator Port spoke to the A65 Amendment.

Senator Hoffman spoke to the A65 Amendment.

Senator Utke spoke to the A65 Amendment

Senator Abeler withdrew the A65 Amendment.

Senator Abeler moves the A64 Amendment.

Senator Abeler describes the A64 Amendment.

Senator Port spoke to the A64 Amendment.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A64 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Abeler moves the A63 Amendment.

Senator Abeler moves the A63 Amendment.

Senator Port spoke to the A63 Amendment.

Senator Utke spoke to the A63 Amendment.

Senator Lieske spoke to the A63 Amendment.

Senator Port spoke to the A63 Amendment.

Senator Wiklund spoke to the A63 Amendment.

Senator Abeler withdrew the A63 Amendment.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 73, as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42am



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant