

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee
Tuesday, February 28th, 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 absent members

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:35am on Tuesday, February 28th, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

Chair Wiklund provided some comments regarding how this was a continuation of the presentation and discussion of S.F. 73 from the following week.

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 on S.F. 73.

Senator Port offered the A71 Amendment.

Senator Mann moved the A71 Amendment.

Senator Port explained the A71 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A71 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Port offered the A73.

Senator Mann moved the A73 Amendment.

Senator Port explained the A73 Amendment

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A73 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Port offered the A72.

Senator Mann moved the A72.

Senator Port explained the A72 Amendment

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A72 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Abeler moves the A63 Amendment.

Senator Abeler spoke to the A63 Amendment.

Senator Port spoke to the A63 Amendment

Senator Abeler spoke to the A63 Amendment.

Senator Mann spoke to the A63 Amendment.

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On a voice vote, **THE MOTION FAILED AND THE A63 AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Senator Lieske moved the A70 Amendment.

Senator Lieske explained the A70 Amendment.

Senator Port spoke to the A70 Amendment.

Senator Abeler spoke to the A70 Amendment.

Senator Lieske withdrew the A70 Amendment

Chair Wiklund spoke to the A70 Amendment.

Senator Utke asked about the definition of bona fide labor organizations definition in the bill.

Senator Port answered Senator Utke's question.

Senator Utke asked a question about cannabis prohibition and how it has affected certain communities.

Senator Port answered Senator Utke's questions.

Senator Utke asked a question about the labor peace agreement in the bill and how it protects the states interests.

Leili Fatehi, Campaign Director with MN is Ready, came to the testifier table & answered Senator Utke's question.

Senator Utke asked a question about the illicit market and how it might expand the use of this product.

Senator Utke asked about moving the medical cannabis department away from the department of health & what the new relationship between the 2 departments would look like.

Senator Port answered Senator Utke's question.

Chris Tholkes, Director of the Minnesota Office of Medical Cannabis, came to the testifier table and answered Senator Utke's questions.

Senator Utke asked about what amount of funding will be used for loans and grants and what they will end up doing.

Senator Port answered Senator Utke's question.

Senator Utke asked when the full fiscal note would be finished.

Senator Port answered Senator Utke's question.

Senator Utke commented on the required driving impaired studies mentioned in the bill.

Senator Utke asked about the comprehensive education program on cannabis and substance use for students and if that is an unfunded mandates for schools.

Senator Port answered Senator Utke's questions.

Senator Utke asked about the repealer in article 6 and what is specifically being repealed or changed in statue.

Aly Hoffman Litchy, Senate Counsel, responded to Senator Utke's question.

Senator Port provided closing comments on S.F. 73.

Chair Wiklund commented on S.F. 73.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 73, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the committee on Human Services.

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On a voice vote, **SENATE FILE 73, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES.**

AGENDA ITEM #2: SF 1814 (FATEH): Alzheimer's public information program establishment and appropriation.

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1814, authored by Senator Fateh as follows:

S.F. 1814 (Fateh): Alzheimer's public information program establishment and appropriation.

On behalf of Senator Fateh, Senator Mann provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1814 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1814:

- o Tuesday Glover, Director of Volunteers of America Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 1814.
- o Edelmira Montalvo, Alzheimer's care provider, testified in support of S.F. 1814.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Utke asked a question about the amount of funding that can be used by the Department of Health with this appropriation.

Senator Mann answered Senator Utke's question.

Chair Wiklund spoke to S.F. 1814.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1814 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #3: SF 988 (BOLDON): Dentistry mailing list services fee addition.

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 988, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 988 (Boldon): Dentistry mailing list services fee addition.

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 988 to the committee.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Abeler spoke to S.F. 988.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 988 be recommended to pass and be referred to the Senate Floor.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 988 WAS PASSED AND WAS REFERRED TO THE SENATE FLOOR.**

AGENDA ITEM #4: SF 1129 (HOFFMAN): Membership modification of the Formulary Committee.

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1129, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

S.F. 1129 (Hoffman): Membership modification of the Formulary Committee.

Senator Hoffman moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVALED AND THE A1 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Hoffman provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1129, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1129:

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- Sarah Goodnow, Advocacy and Public Policy Manager at the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 1129.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Morrison spoke to S.F. 1129.

Senator Hoffman responded to Senator Morrison's comments.

Senator Abeler spoke to S.F. 1129.

Senator Hoffman provided closing comments on S.F. 1129.

Senator Hoffman moved the Senate File 1129, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1129, AS AMENDED WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS.**

AGENDA ITEM #5: SF 441 (MORRISON): Study of the development of a statewide registry for provider orders for life sustaining treatment requirement.

The fifth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 441, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 441 (Morrison): Study of the development of a statewide registry for provider orders for life sustaining treatment requirement.

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 441 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 441:

- Dr. Will Nicholson, President of the Minnesota Medical Association, testified in support of S.F. 441

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Abeler spoke to S.F. 441 and asked about the process of writing up a POLST form.

Dr. Will Nicholson answered Senator Abeler's question.

Senator Utke spoke to S.F. 441.

Chair Wiklund spoke to S.F. 441.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 441 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #6: SF 836 (MORRISON): Minors age 16 or older authorization to consent to nonresidential mental health services.

The sixth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 836, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 836 (Morrison): Minors age 16 or older authorization to consent to nonresidential mental health services.

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 836 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 836:

- Oscar Wolfe, student, testified in support of S.F. 836

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Abeler spoke to S.F. 836

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Senator Morrison responded to Senator Abeler's comments.

Senator Abeler commented on S.F. 836.

Senator Utke asked if there is a fiscal note associated with the bill.

Senator Morrison answered Senator Utke's question.

Chair Wiklund commented on S.F. 836.

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 836 be recommended to pass and be referred to the Senate Floor.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 836 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE SENATE FLOOR.**

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Mann.

AGENDA ITEM #7: SF 1680 (WIKLUND): Family, friend, and neighbor childcare grant establishment

The seventh bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1680, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 1680 (Wiklund): Family, friend, and neighbor childcare grant establishment.

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1680, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1680:

- Sue Thomes, Child Care Coordinator, United Community Action Partnership, testified in support of S.F. 1680.
- Khulia Pringle, Minnesota State Director, Natural Parents Union, testified in support of S.F. 1680.
- Mia Rocha, Early Childhood Navigator, Healthy Community Initiative, testified in support of S.F. 1680.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Hoffman spoke to S.F. 1680.

Senator Wiklund responded to Senator Hoffman's comments.

Senator Abeler spoke to S.F. 1680 making sure that grants were distributed in particular areas of Minnesota.

Senator Wiklund responded to Senator Abeler's comments.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 1680 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #8: SF 1675 (WIKLUND): Medical and dental practices requirement to make available to the public their current standard charges.

The eighth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1675, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 1675 (Wiklund): Medical and dental practices requirement to make available to the public their current standard charges.

Senator Wiklund moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1675, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1675:

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- Jean Abraham, PhD, Professor and Division Head of Health Policy Management, U of M, testified in support of S.F. 1675.

Member questions and discussion followed.

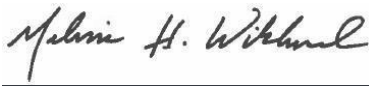
Senator Abeler spoke to S.F. 1675.

Senator Wiklund responded to Senator Abeler's comments.

Senator Wiklund provided closing comments on S.F. 1675.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 1675, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47am



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant