

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

## Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee  
Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
8:30am Livestream YouTube

### Minutes

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**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

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Chair Mann called the meeting to order at 8:30am on Thursday, March 2nd, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 482 (KLEIN): Requirements establishment for pharmacy benefit managers and health carriers related to clinician-administered drugs.**

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 482, authored by Senator Klein as follows:

S.F. 482 (Klein): Requirements establishment for pharmacy benefit managers and health carriers related to clinician-administered drugs.

Senator Klein offered and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

Senator Morrison moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Klein provided opening comments and explained Senate File 482, as amended, to the committee.

#### **The following individuals testified on S.F. 482:**

- Brenda Reinhardt, Business Office Manager at Retina Consultants of Minnesota testified in support of S.F. 482.
- Molly Skifstad, Director of Infusion and Research Pharmacy Services at Essentia Health, testified in support of S.F. 482.
- Margaret Reynolds, Government Affairs Principal with Cigna, testified in opposition of S.F. 482.
- Alex Sommer with Prime Therapeutics, testified in opposition of S.F. 482.

Chair Mann passed the gavel over to Chair Wiklund.

#### **Continuation of testimony:**

- Peter Fjelstad is Director, State Regulatory and Legal Affairs at Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, testified in opposition of S.F. 482
- Former Representative Nick Zerwas with American Health Insurance, testified in opposition of S.F. 482.
- Dan Andresen, Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified in opposition of S.F. 482.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 482, 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 482, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.**

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### **AGENDA ITEM #2: SF 1491 (XIONG): Health insurance network adequacy establishment.**

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1491, authored by Senator Xiong as follows:

S.F. 1491 (Xiong): Health insurance network adequacy establishment.

Senator Xiong provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1491 to the committee.

Senator Xiong offered and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

Senator Mann moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

#### **The following individuals testified on S.F. 1491:**

- Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of NAMI Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 1491.
- Susan Castellano, Assistant Director, Health Policy Division, Minnesota Department of Health answered questions on S.F. 1491.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 1491, 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 1491, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.**

### **AGENDA ITEM #3: SF 2105 (BOLDON): Coverage specification for hearing aids.**

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2105, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 2105 (Boldon): Coverage specification for hearing aids

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2105 to the committee.

#### **The following individuals testified on S.F. 2105:**

- Anne Sittner Anderson, Director of Communications, Minnesota Commission on Deaf, Deaf Blind and Hard of Hearing, testified in support of S.F. 2105.
- Alicia Lane, Government Relations Director for the Minnesota Commission on Deaf, Deaf Blind and Hard of Hearing testified in support of S.F. 2105

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 2105 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVALED AND SENATE FILE 2105 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.**

### **AGENDA ITEM #4: SF 1029 (MORRISON): Unrestricted access requirement to services for diagnosis, monitoring, and treatment of rare diseases.**

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1029, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 1029 (Morrison): Unrestricted access requirement to services for diagnosis, monitoring, and treatment of rare diseases

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1029 to the committee.

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### The following individuals testified on S.F. 1029:

- Tim Feyma, Child Neurologist at Gillette Children's Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 1029.
- Jay McLaren, Vice President of Public Policy & Government Relations at Medica/Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified in opposition of S.F. 1029
- Alex Sommer with Prime Therapeutics, testified in opposition to S.F. 1029.
- Margaret Reynolds, Government Affairs Principal with Cigna, testified in opposition to S.F. 1029.
- Marnie Flak, Director of Government Relations and Advocacy with Gillette Children's Hospital, testified in support of S.F. 1029.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 1029 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVALED AND SENATE FILE 1029 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.**

### **AGENDA ITEM #5: SF 120 (MURPHY): Cost sharing limitation for prescription drugs and related medical supplies prescribed to treat a chronic disease.**

The fifth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 120, authored by Senator Murphy as follows:

S.F. 120 (Murphy): Cost sharing limitation for prescription drugs and related medical supplies prescribed to treat a chronic disease.

Senator Murphy offered the A1 Authors Amendment

Senator Mann moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Murphy provided opening comments and explained Senate File 120, as amended, to the committee.

### The following individuals testified on S.F. 120:

- Miranda Oliver, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 120.
- Carissa Kemp, Direction of State Government Affairs and Advocacy for the American Diabetes Association, testified in support of S.F. 120.
- Chad Fanning, Minnesota Medical Association, testified in support of S.F. 120.
- Adrian Thornton, Manager of Health Equity at Children's Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 120.
- Jay McLaren, Vice President of Public Policy & Government Relations at Medica/Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified in opposition of S.F. 120.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 120, 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 120, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.**

Chair Wiklund recessed the meeting at 10:57am until the call of the chair or approximately 6:00pm

Chair Boldon reconvened the meeting at 6:13pm. A quorum was present.

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**AGENDA ITEM #6: SF 2265 (WIKLUND): Commissioner of human services public health emergency transition procedures establishment; continuous medical assistance eligibility for children establishment; state-funded cost-sharing reduction program establishment; appropriating money.**

The sixth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2265, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2265 (Wiklund): Commissioner of human services public health emergency transition procedures establishment; continuous medical assistance eligibility for children establishment; state-funded cost-sharing reduction program establishment; appropriating money.

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate Fil 2265 to the committee.

Senator Wiklund moved and explained the A2 Authors Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTIONED PREVAILED AND THE A2 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 2265:**

- Kari Ouimette, economic assistant director at Scott County, Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators, testified in support of S.F. 2265
- Matt Freeman, Executive Director of Minnesota Association of County Social Services, testified in support of S.F. 2265.
- Stephanie Radtke, President of Portico HealthNet, testified in support S.F. 2265.
- Chelsea Olson, Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified in support of S.F. 2265.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 2265, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 2265, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.**

Chair Boldon passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund.

**AGENDA ITEM #7: SF 1692 (MAYE-QUADE): Policies governing access to substance use disorder treatment services modification.**

The seventh item up on the agenda was S.F. 1692, authored by Senator Maye-Quade follows:

S.F. 1692 (MAYE-QUADE): Policies governing access to substance use disorder treatment services modification.

On behalf of Senator Maye-Quade, Senator Hoffman provided opening comments and explained Senate Fil 1692 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 1692:**

- Kristy Graume, Director of Legislative & External Affairs at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, testified on S.F. 1692.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Hoffman moved that Senate File 1692 be recommended to pass and referred to the committee on Human Services.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1692 WAS PASSED AND WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES.**

Chair Wiklund handed the gavel to Senator Morrison.

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### **AGENDA ITEM #8: SF 1893 (WIKLUND): Northstar Care for Children assessment rate effective dates, relative search requirements, termination of parental rights, and child support provisions modifications.**

The eighth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1893, authored by Senator Wiklund follows:

S.F. 1893 (Wiklund): Northstar Care for Children assessment rate effective dates, relative search requirements, termination of parental rights, and child support provisions modifications.

Senator Wiklund moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate Fil 1893, as amended, to the committee.

#### **The following individuals testified on S.F. 1893:**

- Jennifer Sommerfeld, Legislative Director of Children, Family Services at the Department of Human Services, testified on S.F. 1893.

Member questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Morrison laid over Senate File 1893, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

### **AGENDA ITEM #9: SF 2356 (WIKLUND): Childcare safety and correction orders, human services licensing qualifications, infant safety, and foster care and childcare training provisions modifications.**

The ninth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2356, authored by Senator Wiklund follows:

S.F. 2356 (Wiklund): Childcare safety and correction orders, human services licensing qualifications, infant safety, and foster care and childcare training provisions modifications.

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate Fil 2356 to the committee.

#### **The following individuals testified on S.F. 2356:**

- Autumn Baum, Legislative Director for the Office of Inspector General with the Department of Human Services testified on S.F. 2356.

**Chair Morrison laid over Senate File 2356 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

### **AGENDA ITEM #10: SF XXXX (WIKLUND): DHS Office of Inspector General Policy and Technical Bill-Informational Only**

The tenth item up on the agenda was DHS Policy Bill, authored by Senator Wiklund follows:

S.F. XXX (Wiklund): DHS Office of Inspector General Policy and Technical Bill-Informational Only

Senator Wiklund explained to the committee that at this point in time the bill was not yet introduced but the committee would be hearing it on an informational basis. She also stated that the committee would hear the bill again the following week so that it could be passed to Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained the bill on an informational basis to the committee.

#### **The following individuals testified on this bill:**

- Autumn Baum, Legislative Director for Office of Inspector General with the Department of Human Services testified on this bill.
- Mary Krinke, VP of Government Relations with the Minnesota Hospital Association, testified on this bill.

Member questions and discussion followed.

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Chair Morrison passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund.

**AGENDA ITEM #11: SF 2213 (BOLDON):** Cultural and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure Grant Program establishment; Mental Health Certified Peer Specialist Grant program establishment; Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness program establishment; Housing with Support for Adults with Serious Mental Illness program establishment (DHS Policy Bill)

The eleventh bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2213, authored by Senator Boldon follows:

S.F. 2213 (Boldon): Cultural and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure Grant Program establishment; Mental Health Certified Peer Specialist Grant program establishment; Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness program establishment; Housing with Support for Adults with Serious Mental Illness program establishment (DHS Policy Bill)

Senator Boldon moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2213, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 2213:**

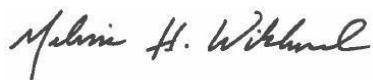
- Kristy Graume, Director of Legislative & External Affairs at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, testified on S.F. 2213

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2213, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.**

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Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

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Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant