

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee
Tuesday, March 7th, 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 John Hoffman, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Kelly Morrison

Absent: No absent members

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:34am on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Boldon

AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 2398 (WIKLUND): Department of Children, Youth, and Families establishment; children's cabinet modification; appropriating money

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2398, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2398 (Wiklund): Department of Children, Youth, and Families establishment; children's cabinet modification; appropriating money

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2398 to the committee.

Senator Wiklund moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund explained further the A1 Amendment.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2398:

- Commissioner Jodi Harpstead testified in support of S.F. 2398.
- Erin Bailey, Assistant Commissioner of MMB & Executive Director of the Children's Cabinet, testified in support of S.F. 2398
- Bobbi Burnham, Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Teaching and Learning at the Department of Education, testified in support of S.F. 2398.
- Tiki Brown, Assistant Commissioner of Children and Family Services at the Department of Human Services testified on S.F. 2398.
- Angie Theis, Child Wellbeing Policy Analyst for the Association of Minnesota Counties, testified on S.F. 2398.
- Ellory Roske, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 2398.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Boldon laid over Senate File 2398, as amended for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Chair Boldon passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund.

AGENDA ITEM #: SF 2343 (KUPEC): Practice of medicine and acupuncture licensure requirements modifications.

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2343, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2343 (Kupec): Practice of medicine and acupuncture licensure requirements modifications.

Senator Kupec moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Kupec provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2343, as amended to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2343:

- Elizabeth Huntley Executive Director of Minnesota Board of Medical Practice answered member questions on S.F. 2343.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Kupec moved that Senate File 2343, as amended, be recommended to pass and be sent to the Senate Floor.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 2343, AS AMENDED WAS PASSED AND SENT TO THE SENATE FLOOR.

AGENDA ITEM #3: SF 2372 (KUNESH): Tobacco in public schools exemption authorization

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2372, authored by Senator Kunesh as follows:

S.F. 2372 (Kunesh): Practice of medicine and acupuncture licensure requirements modifications

Senator Kunesh provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2372 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2372:

- Susan Nash, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 2372.
- Jennifer Cortez, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 2372.
- Joesph, Private citizen & student, testified in support of S.F. 2372.
- Michael, private citizen & student, testified in support of S.F. 2372.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Kupec moved that Senate File 2372 be recommended to pass and be sent to the Senate Floor.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 2372 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE SENATE FLOOR.

AGENDA ITEM #4: SF 2463 (MITCHELL): Foster youth ombudsperson terms modification.

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2372, authored by Senator Mitchell as follows:

S.F. 2463 (Mitchell): Foster youth ombudsperson terms modification.

Senator Mitchell provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2463 to the committee.

Senator Mitchell moved to orally amend Senate File 2463 as follows:

Page 1 Line 1.8 Delete everything after the second “ombudsperson.”

Page 1 Line 1.9 Delete everything before “must.”

Senator Abeler moved the oral amendment to Senate File 2463.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE ORAL AMENDMENT TO SENATE FILE 2463 WAS ADOPTED.

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The following individuals testified on S.F. 2463:

- Hoang Murphy, Founder of Foster Advocates, testified in support of S.F. 2463 and answered members questions.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2463, as amended, for possible inclusion in the budget bill.

AGENDA ITEM #5: SF 868 (MANN): Board of Pharmacy requirement to provide the central repository under contract to administer the medication repository program with any legislative funding provided for the purpose.

The fifth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 868, authored by Senator Mannl as follows:

S.F. 868 (Mann): Board of Pharmacy requirement to provide the central repository under contract to administer the medication repository program with any legislative funding provided for the purpose.

On behalf of Senator Mann, Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 868 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 868:

- Rachel Rockwell, Executive Director and Pharmacist in Charge at the Minnesota Medication Repository Program, testified in support of S.F. 868.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 868 for possible inclusion in the budget.

Chair Wiklund recessed the committee at 10:23am

Chair Wiklund reconvened the committee at 6:11pm for the informational hearing on the Fairview-Sanford Merger.

Chair Wiklund thanked the committee guests for coming and gave an overview of the night's agenda.

Attorney General Keith Ellison came to the testifier table to

Member questions and discussion followed Attorney General Keith Ellison's testimony.

Governor Dayton came to the testifier table to provide testimony on the Fairview-Sanford Merger.

Member questions and discussion followed Governor Dayton's testimony.

Governor Pawlenty came to the testifier table to provide testimony on the Fairview-Sanford Merger.

Member questions and discussion followed Governor Pawlenty's testimony.

James Hereford, Fairview Health Services, President and CEO, came to the testifier table to provide testimony on the Fairview-Sanford Merger.

Member questions and discussion followed Mr. Hereford's testimony.

Bill Gassen, Sanford Health, President and CEO, came to the testifier table to provide testimony on the Fairview-Sanford Merger.

Member questions and discussion followed Mr. Gassen's testimony.

Dr. Jakub Tolar, Dean, University of Minnesota Medical School came to the testifier table to provide testimony on the Fairview-Sanford Merger.

Myron Franz, Senior Vice President for Finance and Operations came to the testifier table to provide testimony on the Fairview-Sanford Merger.

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Member questions and discussion followed.

Following testimony from the committee guests, public testimony was allowed.

The following individuals testified on the Fairview-Sanford Merger

- Brad Lehto, Secretary with MN AFL-CIO, testified in opposition to the Fairview-Sanford Merger.
- Cliff Adams, SEIU Healthcare Member, testified in opposition to the Fairview-Sanford Merger.
- Dana Seifert, Minnesota Farmers Union Member, testified in opposition to the Fairview-Sanford Merger.
- Colin Whitmore, Medical Student at the University of Minnesota testified in opposition to the Fairview-Sanford Merger
- Emily Wright, Registered Nurse and MNA Member, testified in opposition to the Fairview-Sanford Merger.
- Emma Fronz, Registered Nurse MNA Member, testified in opposition to the Fairview-Sanford Merger.
- Mary Turner, Registered Nurse and President of Minnesota Nurses Association, testified in opposition to the Fairview-Sanford Merger

Member questions and discussion followed public testimony.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant