

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee
Wednesday, March 8th, 2023
8:30am Livestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Melissa H. Wiklund- 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: Senator Alice Mann – Vice Chair

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

Senator Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Boldon

AGENDA ITEM #1: S.F. 2437 (WIKLUD): Childcare Assistance Obsolete Language Removal

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2437, authored and explained by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2437 (Wiklund): Childcare assistance obsolete language removal.

Senator Wiklund provided a brief overview of Senate File 2437 to the committee.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Abeler spoke to the bill.

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 2437 be recommended to pass and be reported to the Senate.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 2437 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO BE SENT TO THE SENATE.**

Senator Boldon passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund.

AGENDA ITEM #2: S.F. 1561 (MURPHY) - The Keeping Nurses at the Bedside Act of 2023

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1561, authored by Senator Murphy as follows:

S.F. 1561 (Murphy): The Keeping Nurses at the Bedside Act of 2023

Senator Murphy provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1561 to the committee.

Senator Murphy offered the A3 Authors Amendment.

Senator Abeler moved the A3 Authors Amendment.

Liam Monahan, Senate Analyst, describes the A3 Amendment.

Senator Abeler moved to an orally amend the A3 **Amendment** as follows:

Page 13, Line 13, Delete “Amendment” and Insert “Report”

Page 3, after Line 8, insert “Page 20 Line 24” and Delete “Public”

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION PREVAILED, AND THE ORAL AMENDMENTS TO THE A3 AMENDMENT WERE ADOPTED.**

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Senator Wiklund renews the motion to adopt the A3 Amendment, as amended. On a voice vote **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A3 AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED, WAS ADOPTED.**

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1561:

- Steven Romenesko, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 15651
- Mary Turner, ICU Nurse and President of the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) testified in support of S.F. 1561
- Becky Nelson, registered nurse and MNA member, testified in support of S.F. 1561
- Kiersten Price, registered nurse and MNA member, testified in support of S.F. 1561
- Wendy Wahl, registered nurse at Thief River Fall Hospital and MNA member, testified in support of S.F. 1561

Senator Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Boldon

Continuation of testimony:

- Amber Hardwig, registered nurse and MNA member, testified in support of S.F. 1561

Senator Boldon passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund

Continuation of testimony:

- Carrie Mortrud, Nurse Staffing Specialist with MNA, testified in support of S.F. 1561
- Tammy Hayes, CNO of Northfield Hospitals and Clinics, testified in opposition of S.F. 1561
- MariBeth Olson, VP of Acute Care for Allina Health, testified in opposition of S.F. 1561
- Jeri Schons, Director of Nursing, Sanford Tracy Medical Center, testified in opposition of S.F. 1561
- Sara Gabrick, CNO of Winona Health, testified in opposition of S.F. 1561
- Rachelle Schultz, CEO of Winona Health, testified in opposition of S.F. 1561
- Adam Karlen, CNO Methodist Hospital, testified in opposition of S.F. 1561
- Mary Krinkie, VP of Government Relations for MN Hospital Association testified in opposition of S.F. 1561

Member question and discussion followed.

Senator Morrison spoke to S.F 1561.

Senator Abeler spoke to S.F 1561.

Senator Boldon spoke to S.F 1561.

Senator Lieske spoke to S.F 1561.

Senator Murphy spoke to Senator Lieske's question on S.F. 1561.

Carrie Mortrud, Nurse Staffing Specialist with MNA spoke to Senator Lieske's question on S.F 1561.

Senator Lieske moved the A8 Amendment.

Senator Lieske described the A8 Amendment.

Senator Murphy spoke to the A8 Amendment.

Senator Utke spoke to the A8 Amendment.

Senator Boldon spoke to the A8 Amendment.

Senator Lieske spoke to the A8 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE A8 AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Senator Lieske moved the A9 Amendment.

Senator Lieske described the A9 Amendment.

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Liam Monahan, Senate Analyst, reviewed the A9 Amendment.

Senator Murphy spoke to the A9 Amendment.

On a voice vote, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE A9 AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Senator Utke offers the A7 Amendment.

Senator Utke described the A7 Amendment.

Senator Murphy spoke to the A7 Amendment.

Senator Boldon spoke to the A7 Amendment.

On a voice vote **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE A7 AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Senator Utke spoke to Senate File 1561 and asked questions about requesting a fiscal note.

Dennis Albrecht, HHS Fiscal Analyst, spoke to Senator Utke's question about a Fiscal Note for SF 1561.

Senator Murphy gave final comments on S.F. 1561.

Senator Wiklund spoke to S.F 1561.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 1561, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Labor.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1561, AS AMENDED, WAS RECOMMENDED TO PASS AND WAS RE-REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR.

AGENDA ITEM #3: S.F. 2353 (KUPEC): Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Training Program establishment

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2353, authored by Senator Kupec as follows:

S.F. 2353 (Kupec): Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Training Program establishment

Senator Kupec provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2353 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2353:

- Niccole Goens, Community Health Worker and Volunteers of America MN, testified in support of SF 2353.

Member question and discussion followed.

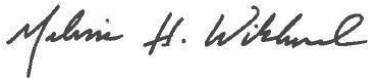
Senator Utke spoke to S.F. 2353.

Senator Kupec gave final comments on S.F 2353.

Senator Wiklund spoke to S.F. 2353.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2353 for possible inclusion in the Omnibus Bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44am



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant