

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

## Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee  
Thursday, March 9th, 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 Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:35am on Thursday, March 9th, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

**AGENDA ITEM #1: S.F. 1274 (MAYE-QUADE): Healthy development of babies during pregnancy and postpartum for family members who are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color appropriation.**

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1274, authored by Senator Maye-Quade as follows:

S.F. 1274 (Maye-Quade): Healthy development of babies during pregnancy and postpartum for family members who are Black, Indigenous, or People of Color appropriation.

Senator Maye-Quade provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1274 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 1274:**

- Angela Moore Smith, Senior Program Associate, African American Babies Coalition, testified in support of S.F. 1274
- Sameerah Bilal-Roby, Director of African American Babies Coalition, testified in support of S.F. 1274 & answered members questions.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Mann.

**Chair Mann laid over Senate File 1274 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #2: S.F. 1590 (CHAMPION): African American Child Wellness Institute grant appropriation.**

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1590, authored by Senator Champion as follows:

S.F. 1590 (Champion): African American Child Wellness Institute grant appropriation.

Senator Champion provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1590 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 1590:**

- Bravada Garrett-Akinsanya, PH.D., LP, Executive Director, African American Child Wellness Institute, testified in support of S.F. 1590.

Chair Mann passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund.

**Continuation of testimony:**

- Al McFarlane, Board Chair with African American Child Wellness Institute, testified in support of S.F. 1590.
- Kelena Peterson, Assistant Clinic Director, African American Child Wellness Institute, testified in support of S.F. 1590.
- Akinyele Akinsanya, Chief Operating Officer for the African American Child Wellness institute, testified in support of S.F. 1590.

Member questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid for Senate File 1590 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

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### **AGENDA ITEM #3: S.F. 2459 (MANN): Equal coverage requirement of services provided by a pharmacist.**

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2459, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

**S.F. 2459 (Mann):** Equal coverage requirement of services provided by a pharmacist.

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

Senator Mann explained the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Mann provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2459, as amended, to the committee.

#### **The following individuals testified on S.F. 2459:**

- Jason Miller, Pharm.D., Clinical Program Manager for Coborn's Inc. Pharmacies & Co-Chair of the MN Pharmacy Association's Public Affairs Committee, testified in support of S.F. 2459
- Matt Schafer, Director of Government Relations, Medica Health Insurance Plans & MN Council of Health Plans, testified on S.F. 2459.

Member questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2459, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

### **AGENDA ITEM #4: S.F. 1958 (MORRISON): Submerged closed-loop exchanger definition addition; water supply well including a well containing a submerged closed-loop heat exchanger specification; requirements for a closed-loop heat exchanger specification.**

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1958, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 1958 (Morrison): Submerged closed-loop exchanger definition addition; water supply well including a well containing a submerged closed-loop heat exchanger specification; requirements for a closed-loop heat exchanger specification.

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1958 to the committee.

#### **The following individuals testified on S.F. 1958:**

- Brian Larson, CEO of Darcy Solutions, testified in support of S.F. 1958
- Bruce Kleven, Lobbyist, Darcy Solutions, testified on S.F. 1958.

Member questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1958 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

### **AGENDA ITEM #5 S.F. 2052 (BOLDON): Commissioner of health requirement to award grants to health care entities for staff training on self-defense and de-escalation, infrastructure improvements and IT system improvements**

The fifth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2052, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 2052 (Boldon): Commissioner of health requirement to award grants to health care entities for staff training on self-defense and de-escalation, infrastructure improvements and IT system improvements

Senator Boldon moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

Senator Boldon explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2052, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 2052:**

- Casey Clements, M.D., Ph.D, Staff Safety Officer with Mayo Clinic, testified in support of S.F. 2052.
- Matt Horace, M.A., Chief Security Officer with Mayo Clinic, testified in support of S.F. 2052.

Member questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2052, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #6 S.F. 1489 (BOLDON): Human services provider workplace safety grants and appropriation**

The sixth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1489, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 1489 (Boldon): Human services provider workplace safety grants and appropriation

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1489 to the committee.

Senator Boldon moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

Senator Boldon explained the A1 Amendment.

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

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 1489:**

- Michelle SanCartier, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy with Minnesota Social Service Association, testified in support of S.F. 1489.
- Makeisha Hall, Director of Community Services with Model Cities Inc, testified in support of S.F. 1489
- Beth Ringer, Executive Director of Minnesota Social Service Association, testified in support of S.F. 1489
- Kristy Graume Director of Legislative and External Affairs, Department of Human Services, answered member questions on S.F. 1489.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 1489, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE SENATE FILE 1489, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES.**

**AGENDA ITEM #7 SF 2108 (BOLDON): Provisions modification for federal compliance for over-the-counter hearing aids.**

The seventh bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2108, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 2108 (Boldon): Provisions modification for federal compliance for over-the-counter hearing aids.

Senator Boldon moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2108, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 2108:**

- Rick Michaels, State Operation Manger for the Health Regulation Division of the Department of Health, testified in support of S.F. 2108.

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Member questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2108, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

Chair Wiklund handed the gavel to Senator Boldon.

**AGENDA ITEM #8 SF 2210 (WIKLUND): Health care capital expenditure notification and reporting modification**

The eighth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2210, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2210 (Wiklund): Health care capital expenditure notification and reporting modification.

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2210 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 2210:**

- Stefan Gildemeister testified on S.F. 2210 and answered members questions.

Member questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Boldon laid over Senate File 2210 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.



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Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant