

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee
Tuesday, March 14th, 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 Mann called the meeting to order at 8:33am on Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 1747 (FRENTZ): Minnesota State University, Mankato Community Behavioral Health Center appropriation.

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1747, authored by Senator Frentz as follows:

S.F. 1747 (Frentz): Minnesota State University, Mankato Community Behavioral Health Center appropriation

Senator Frentz provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1747 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1747:

- Professor Thad Shunkwiler, Licensed Behavioral Health Professional & Associate Professor in the College of Allied Health and Nursing at Minnesota State University Mankato, testified in support of S.F. 1747.
- Emma Zellmer, Student Government President at Minnesota State University Mankato, testified in support of S.F. 1747.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over S.F. 1747 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #2: SF 2269 (BOLDON): Victims of labor trafficking and labor exploitation services appropriation.

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2269, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 2269 (Boldon): Victims of labor trafficking and labor exploitation services appropriation.

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2269 to the committee.

Senator Boldon moved to orally amend Senate File 2269 as follows:

Page 1 Line 1.8 after labor trafficking delete “And” and Insert “Or”

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE ORAL AMENDMENT TO SENATE FILE 2269 WAS ADOPTED.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2269:

- Bukola Oriola, Executive Director, The Enitan Story, testified in support of S.F. 2269.
- Madeline Lohman, Associate Program Director, The Advocates for Human Rights, testified in support of S.F. 2269.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 2269, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Chair Mann recessed the committee at 9:00am.

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Chair Mann reconvened the committee at 9:01am.

AGENDA ITEM #3: SF 1681 (WIKLUND): Health system requirement to return charitable assets received from the state to the general fund in certain circumstances.

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1681, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 1681 (Wiklund): Health system requirement to return charitable assets received from the state to the general fund in certain circumstances.

Senator Wiklund moved the A2 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1681, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1681:

- Erin Conti, Assistant Attorney General, testified in support of S.F. 1681.
- Ben Baglio, with the Minnesota Nurses Association, testified in support of S.F. 1681.
- Justin Stofferhan, Anti-monopoly Director with the Minnesota Farmers Union testified in support of S.F. 1681
- Joe Schindler, Vice President of Finance Policy and analysis, Minnesota Hospital Association testified in opposition of S.F. 1681.
- Matthew Bergeron, Attorney with Larkin Hoffman on behalf of Minnesota Hospital Association, testified in opposition of on S.F. 1681.
- Eric Johnson, CEO of Twin Cities Orthopedics, testified in opposition of S.F. 1681.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 1681, 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 1681, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS.

Chair Mann passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund.

AGENDA ITEM #4: SF 165 (MORRISON): Release of health records limitation in cases related to reproductive health.

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 165, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 165 (Morrison): Release of health records limitation in cases related to reproductive health.

Senator Morrison moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 165, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 165:

- Dr. Sarah Traxler, Chief Medical Officer, Planned Parenthood North Central States, testified in support of S.F. 165.
- Tammi Kromenaker, Clinic Director of Red River Women's Clinic, testified in support of S.F. 165.
- Dr. Laura Lara, Family Medicine Doctor, testified in support of S.F. 165.
- Christy Hall, Senior Staff Attorney with Gender Justice, testified in support of S.F. 165.
- Rachel Dick, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 165.


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Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 165, as amended be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary And Public Safety.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 165, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39am



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant