

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee
Wednesday, March 15th, 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 Members Absent

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:33am on Wednesday, March 15th, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 1949 (KLEIN): Lawful sports betting establishment and appropriation

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1949, authored by Senator Klein as follows:

S.F. 1949 (Klein): Lawful sports betting establishment and appropriation

Aly Hoffman Litchy, Senate Counsel, gave an overview as to what areas of Senate File 1949 are within the Health and Human Services Jurisdiction.

Senator Klein provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1949 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1949:

- o Pat Gibbs, Sports Betting Alliance, testified on S.F. 1949.
- o Benita Fitzgerald Mosley, LeagueApps/FundPlay Foundation, testified in support of S.F. 1949.
- o Kristy Graume, Legislative Director for the Department of Human Services, answered members questions on S.F. 1949.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 1949 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1949 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

AGENDA ITEM #2: SF 1799 (UTKE): Grants appropriation to the Minnesota Alliance for Volunteer Advancement

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1799, authored by Senator Utke as follows:

S.F. 1799 (Utke): Grants appropriation to the Minnesota Alliance for Volunteer Advancement

Senator Utke moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Utke provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1799, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1799:

- o Annette Duncan, President of United Way of Steele County, testified in support of S.F. 1799.
- o Dana Thewis, Program Coordinator at Community Partners at Two Harbors, in support of S.F. 1799
- o Jennifer Galvan Bautista Cabinet Member with the Young Women's Initiative & Manager of Volunteer Services at CLUES, testified in support of S.F. 1799.

Member questions and discussion followed.

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Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1799, as amended, for possible inclusion the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #3: SF 1260 (HOFFMAN): Community action grants appropriation

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1260, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

S.F. 1260 (Hoffman): Community action grants appropriation

Senator Hoffman provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1260 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1260:

- Emily Bombich, Director of Planning Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, testified in support of S.F. 1260.
- Bill Grant, Executive Director of Minnesota Community Action Partnership testified in support of S.F. 1260.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1260 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #4: SF 2499 (ABELER): Fees provision and dismissal for certified birth records, identification cards and driver's licenses for persons treated for substance use disorder who are eligible for medical assistance.

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2499, authored by Senator Abeler as follows:

S.F. 2499 (Abeler): Fees provision and dismissal for certified birth records, identification cards and driver's licenses for persons treated for substance use disorder who are eligible for medical assistance.

Senator Abeler moved and explained the A2 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Abeler provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2499, as amended to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2499:

- Brian Zirbes, VP of Policy, Compliance & Government Relations of Northstar Behavioral Health on behalf of MAARCH, testified in support of S.F. 2499

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Abeler moved that Senate File 2499, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the committee on Human Services

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 2499, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES.

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Mann

AGENDA ITEM #5: SF 2229 (WIKLUND): Childcare assistance eligibility and co-payment requirements

The fifth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2229, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2229 (Wiklund): Childcare assistance eligibility and co-payment requirements

Senator Wiklund moved and explained the A2 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2229, as amended, to the committee.

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The following individuals testified on S.F. 2229:

- Clare Sanford, with the Childcare Association testified in support of S.F. 2229.
- Nicole Frethem, Ramsey County Commissioner, testified in support of S.F. 2229.
- Nicole Flick, owner of ABC123 Child Enrichment Center, testified in support of S.F. 2229.
- Shakira Bradshaw, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 2229.
- Cyndi Cunningham Public Policy Chair with Minnesota Child Care Provider Information Network, testified on S.F. 2229.
- Jennifer Sommerfeld, Legislative Director for Children and Family Services with the Department of Human Services answered members questions.
- Ericca Maas, Director of Policy and Advocacy with Think Small, testified on S.F. 2229 and answered members questions.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 2229 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Chair Mann discussed how earlier in the committee Senate File 2499 was referred to the wrong committee. She stated that she would like to take a vote to reconsider the motion on Senate File 2499.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE ON SENATE FILE 2499 PREVALED.

Senator Abeler moved Senate File 2499, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the committee on transportation.

On a voice vote THE MOTION PREVALED AND SENATE FILE 2499, AS AMENDED WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

Chair Mann recessed the committee at 10:34am.

Chair Mann reconvened the committee at 6:35pm.

AGENDA ITEM #6: SF 379 (HOFFMAN): Unearned income included in economic assistance program calculations modification.

The sixth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 379, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

S.F. 379 (Hoffman): Unearned income included in economic assistance program calculations modification.

Ryan Johnson, Department of Human Services provided an explanation on the oral amendment to Senate File 379.

Senator Hoffman moved to orally amend Senate File 379 as follows:

Page 2 Line 25 Delete “Received by a non-exempt member.”

Page 2 Line 26 Delete “Of the assistant unit.”

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE ORAL AMENDMENT TO SENATE FILE 379 WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Hoffman provided opening comments and explained Senate File 379, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 379:

- Ellen Smart, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid, Legislative Services Advocacy Project, testified in support of S.F. 379.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over S.F. 379, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

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AGENDA ITEM #7: SF 2145 (HOFFMAN): Terms clarification for certain members of the Palliative Care Advisory Council

The seventh bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2145, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

S.F. 2145 (Hoffman): Terms clarification for certain members of the Palliative Care Advisory Council

Senator Hoffman provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2145 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2145:

- Dana Bacon, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, testified in support of S.F. 2145.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 2145 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Chair Mann passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund.

AGENDA ITEM #8: SF 2444 (MORRISON): Schools requirement to maintain a supply of opiate antagonists.

The eighth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2444, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 2444 (Morrison): Schools requirement to maintain a supply of opiate antagonists.

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2444 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2444:

- Colleen Ronnie, Founder and Executive Director of Change the Outcome, testified in support of S.F. 2444.
- Tucker Robinson, Lead program Facilitator, Change the Outcome, testified in support of S.F. 2444.
- Kimberly Dunn Lewis, Government Relations Minnesota School Board Association, testified on S.F. 2444.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 2444 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the committee on Education Finance.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVALED AND SENATE FILE 2444 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FINANCE.

AGENDA ITEM #9: SF 2339 (MORRISON): Provision modification of administration of opiate antagonists for drug overdose (MDH Policy Bill)

The ninth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2339, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 2339 (Morrison): Provision modification of administration of opiate antagonists for drug overdose (MDH Policy Bill)

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2339 to the committee.

Senator Morrison moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2339, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

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AGENDA ITEM #10: SF 2341 (MORRISON): Cancer reporting provisions modifications (MDH Policy Bill)

The tenth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2341, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 2341 (Morrison): Cancer reporting provisions modifications (MDH Policy Bill)

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2341 to the committee.

Senator Morrison moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2341:

- Shalini Kulasingham, PhD, MPH, Professor, Division of Epidemiology & Community Health at the University of Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 2341.
- Jay Desai, PhD, MPH, Director, MN Cancer Reporting System with Minnesota Department of Health answered member questions on S.F. 2341.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Continuation of Testimony:

- Twila Brase, Citizens' Council for Health Freedom, testified in opposition to S.F. 2341.

Continuation of member questions and discussion.

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 2341, 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 2341, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #11: SF 2338 (MORRISON): Definitions addition for regulation of safe drinking water (MDH Policy Bill)

The eleventh bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2338, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 2338 (Morrison): Definitions addition for regulation of safe drinking water (MDH Policy Bill)

Senator Morrison moved 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 2338, as amended, to the committee.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2338, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #12: SF 2340 (MORRISON): Renovation and lead hazard reductions provisions modifications (MDH Policy Bill)

The twelfth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2340, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 2340 (Morrison): Renovation and lead hazard reductions provisions modifications (MDH Policy Bill)

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2340 to the committee.

Senator Morrison moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2340:

- Jackie Cavanaugh, policy analyst with the Minnesota Department of Human Services answered members questions on S.F. 2340.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2340, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Mann.

AGENDA ITEM #13: SF 652 (WIKLUND): MFIP general citizenship requirements modification

The thirteenth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 652, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 652 (Wiklund): MFIP general citizenship requirements modification

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 652 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 652:

- Jessica Weber, Staff Attorney with Legal Aid, testified on S.F. 652

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 652 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #14: SF 2212 (WIKLUND): Stillbirths provisions in vital records modification (MDH Policy Bill)

The fourteenth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2212, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2212 (Wiklund): Stillbirths provisions in vital records modification (MDH Policy Bill)

Senator Wiklund moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2212, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2212:

- Molly Crawford, State Registrar with the Office of Vital Records at the Minnesota Department of Health, testified on S.F. 2212 and answered members questions.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 2212, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #15: SF 2048 (WIKLUND): Third-party transport of medical cannabis expansion (MDH Policy Bill)

The fifteenth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2048, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2048 (Wiklund): Third-party transport of medical cannabis expansion (MDH Policy Bill)

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2048 to the committee.

Lexi Stangl, Senate Counsel, explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

Senator Wiklund moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2048:

- Chris Tholkes, Director at the Office of Medical Cannabis, answered member questions on S.F. 2048.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 2048, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Chair Mann passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund

AGENDA ITEM #16: SF 2800 (KUPEC): Membership expansion on rural health advisory committee (MDH Policy Bill)

The sixteenth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2800, authored by Senator Kupec as follows:

S.F. 2800 (Kupec): Membership expansion on rural health advisory committee (MDH Policy Bill)

Senator Kupec moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

Senator Abeler moved the A3 Amendment to the A1 Authors Amendment.

Senator Abeler explained the A3 Amendment to the A1 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A3 AMENDMENT TO THE A1 AUTHORS AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Kupec moved the A1 Amendment, as amended.

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

Senator Kupec provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2800, as amended to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2800:

- Zora Radosevich - Director, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, Minnesota Department of Health, answered members questions on S.F. 2800.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Kupec moved that Senate File 2800, as amended, be recommended to pass and be referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 2800, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS.

AGENDA ITEM #17: SF 2122 (BOLDON): Provisions modification for hospital physical environment (MDH Policy Bill)

The seventeenth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2122, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 2122 (Boldon): Provisions modification for hospital physical environment (MDH Policy Bill)

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2122 to the committee.

Senator Boldon moved the A2 Authors Amendment.

Senator Boldon explained Senate File 2122.

Lexi Stangl, Senate Counsel, explained the A2 Authors Amendment.

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

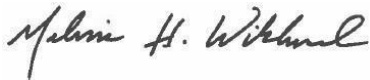
The following individuals testified on S.F. 2122:

- Bob Daylor, Engineering Manager in the Health Regulation Division with the Minnesota Department of Health, testified on S.F. 2212

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2122, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant