

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee
Thursday, March 16th, 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 8:36am on Thursday, March 16th, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 1903 (MCEWEN): Homeless youth cash stipend pilot project and appropriation.

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1903, authored by Senator McEwen as follows:

S.F. 1903 (McEwen): Homeless youth cash stipend pilot project and appropriation.

Senator McEwen provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1903 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1903:

- Janae Peterson, Hennepin County Youth Advisory Board, testified in support of S.F. 1903.
- Laura Birnbaum, Housing and Homelessness Programs Team Supervisor with St. Louis County, testified in support of S.F. 1903.
- Jordan Eunison-Christi, Executive Director with Life House Inc, testified in support of S.F. 1903.
- Sarah Berger Gonzalez, Senior Policy Analyst at Chapin Hall, University of Chicago, testified in support of S.F. 1903.
- Quincy Powe, Twin Cities Opportunity Youth Network Co-Lead, testified in support of S.F. 1903.
- Hassan As-Sidiq, youth researcher, testified in support of S.F. 1903.
- Kristy Snyder, Co-lead Twin Cities Opportunity Youth Network, testified in support of S.F. 1903.
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Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over S.F. 1903 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #2: SF 30 (MCEWEN): Lead drinking water service lines grant program establishment; mapping lead service lines grant program establishment; appropriating money.

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 30, authored by Senator McEwen as follows:

S.F. 30 (McEwen): Lead drinking water service lines grant program establishment; mapping lead service lines grant program establishment; appropriating money.

Senator McEwen offered and explained the A13 Amendment.

Senator Abeler moved the Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A13 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator McEwen provided opening comments and explained Senate File 30, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 30:

- Andrew Slade, Great Lakes Program Director at Minnesota Environmental Partnership, testified in support of S.F. 30.
- Patrick Shea, Saint Paul Regional Water Services, testified in support of S.F. 30.

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- John Thorson, LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota, testified in support of S.F. 30.
- Dr. Stephanie Yendell, Supervisor of the Blood Lead surveillance program at the Minnesota Department of Health, testified on S.F. 30.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 30, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 30, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Mann

AGENDA ITEM #3: SF 2588 (WIKLUND): Suicide and crisis lifeline establishment and appropriation.

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2588, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2588 (Wiklund): Suicide and crisis lifeline establishment and appropriation.

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2588 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2588:

- Shannah Mulvihill, Executive Director of Mental Health Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 2588

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over S.F. 2588 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Chair Mann passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund

AGENDA ITEM #4: SF 579 (MAYE-QUADE): Lead testing and remediation requirements in schools modification and appropriation.

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 579, authored by Senator Maye-Quade as follows:

S.F. 579 (Maye-Quade) as follows: Lead testing and remediation requirements in schools modification and appropriation.

On behalf of Senator Maye-Quade, Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 579 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 579:

- Steven Ring, Volunteer with Sierra Club North Star Chapter, testified in support of S.F. 579.
- Josh Downham, Minneapolis Public Schools, testified in support of S.F. 579 and answered members questions.
- Lisa Thimjon, Legislative Director with the Minnesota Department of Health, answered members questions on S.F. 579.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 579 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 579 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FINANCE.

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AGENDA ITEM #5: SF 168 (MORRISON): Excessive price increases by manufacturers prohibition to generic or off-patent drugs

The fifth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 168, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 168 (Morrison): Excessive price increases by manufacturers prohibition to generic or off- patent drugs.

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 168 to the committee.

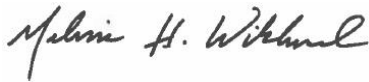
The following individuals testified on S.F. 168

- Jessica Intermill, AARP Volunteer, testified in support of S.F. 168.
- Sabrina Mauritz, Campaign Director of TakeAction Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 168.
- Bentley Graves with the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, testified in opposition of S.F. 168.
- Kristina Moorhead with PhRMA & Innovative Biopharmaceutical Research Companies testified in opposition of S.F. 168.
- Bob Miller, volunteer with the National MS Society, testified in support of S.F. 168.
- Judy Cook with Association for Accessible Medicine & Generic & Biosimilar Manufacturers testified in opposition to S.F. 168
- Linda Larson, private citizen & Minnesota Framers Union Member, testified in support of S.F. 168.

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 168 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 168 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42am



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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