

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

## Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee  
Friday, March 17th, 2023  
1:00pm Livestream YouTube

### Minutes

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

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 1:07pm on Friday, March 17th, 2023, in Capitol G-3.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 2088 (ABELER): Counties permission to provide in-house training for certain training and technical assistance programs.**

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2088, authored by Senator Abeler as follows:

S.F. 2088 (Abeler): Counties permission to provide in-house training for certain training and technical assistance programs.

Senator Abeler provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2088 to the committee.

#### **The following individuals testified on S.F. 2088:**

- Jessica Leth Director of economic assistance for Anoka County, testified in support of S.F. 2088.

Member questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2088 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM #2: SF 1008 (BOLDON): Critical access dental infrastructure program establishment and appropriation.**

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1008, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 1008 (Boldon): Critical access dental infrastructure program establishment and appropriation.

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1008 to the committee.

#### **The following individuals testified on S.F. 1008:**

- Jean Larson, Executive Director of Northern Dental Access Center, testified in support of S.F. 1008.

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.**

Member questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1008, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM #3: SF 1948 (SEEBERGER): Health plans coverage of biomarker testing requirement.**

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1948, authored by Senator Seeberger as follows:

S.F. 1948 (Seeberger): Health plans coverage of biomarker testing requirement.

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Senator Seeberger provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1948 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 1948:**

- Emily Myatt, Regional Government Relations Director American Cancer Society, testified in support of S.F. 1948.
- Terry Fischer, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 1948.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1948 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4: SF 1249 (SEEBERGER): State requirement to pay medical examination costs for criminal sexual conduct victim; appropriating money.**

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1249, authored by Senator Seeberger as follows:

S.F. 1249 (Seeberger): State requirement to pay medical examination costs for criminal sexual conduct victim; appropriating money.

Senator Seeberger provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1249 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 1249:**

- Breanna Heisterkamp Clinic Care Supervisor, Supervisor of the Hennepin County Assault Response Team, testified in support of S.F. 1249

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 1249 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 1249 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**Senator Boldon began to present Senate File 2673 but was stopped by Chair Wiklund due to audio issues in Capitol G-15.**

Chair Wiklund recessed the committee at 1:56pm.

Chair Wiklund reconvened the meeting at 2:36pm in Capitol G-15

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2673.

**AGENDA ITEM #5: SF 2719 (MOHAMED): Identification requirements modification for the insulin safety net program.**

The fifth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2719, authored by Senator Mohamed as follows:

S.F. 2719 (Mohamed): Identification requirements modification for the insulin safety net program

Senator Mohamed provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2719 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 2719:**

- Nicole Holt Smith, member of the Minnesota Insulin for All, testified in support of S.F. 2719

Member questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2719 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #6: SF 2673 (BOLDON): Requirements establishment for hospitals to screen patients for eligibility for**

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health coverage or assistance.

The sixth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2673, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 2673 (Boldon): Requirements establishment for hospitals to screen patients for eligibility for health coverage or assistance.

Senator Boldon moved and explained the A2 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2673, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 2673:**

- Jonathan Marchand, Community Services Manager with United Community Action Partnership, testified in support of S.F. 2673.
- Anna Odegaard, Director of the Minnesota Asset Building Coalition, testified in support of S.F. 2673.
- Nadine Gaal, Certified Financial Counselor with Lutheran Social Services, testified in support of S.F. 2673.
- Jason Pleggenkuhle, Assistant Attorney General, testified in support of S.F. 2673.
- Danny Ackert, Director of State Government Relations with the Minnesota Hospital Association, testified in opposition of S.F. 2673.
- Judy Cook, on behalf of the Great Lakes Credit and Collection Association, testified in opposition of S.F. 2673.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 2673, 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 2673, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**AGENDA ITEM #7: SF 2606 (BOLDON): Early childhood apprentice program establishment and appropriation**

The seventh bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2606, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 2606 (Boldon): Early childhood apprentice program establishment and appropriation

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2606 to the committee.

Senator Boldon moved and explained the A5 Authors Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A5 AUTHORS AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 2606:**

- Anne McCully Transforming Minnesota's Early Childhood Workforce Team, testified in support of S.F. 2606.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 2606, 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 2606, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR.**

**AGENDA ITEM #8: SF 782 (BOLDON): Medical assistance coverage for adult dental services expansion.**

The eighth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 782, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 782 (Boldon): Medical assistance coverage for adult dental services expansion.

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Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 782 to the committee.

Senator Boldon moved and explained the A3 Authors Amendment.

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

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 782:**

- Tim Holland, President of Minnesota Dental Association, testified in support of S.F. 782.

Member questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 782, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Morrison.

**AGENDA ITEM #9: SF 2693 (WIKLUND): Hospital payment rates modification.**

The ninth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2693, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2693 (Wiklund): Hospital payment rates modification

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2693 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on S.F. 2693:**

- Mary Krinkie, Minnesota Hospital Association, testified in support of S.F. 2693.
- Janet McCarthy, Manager for Reimbursement and enrollment at Children's Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 2693.

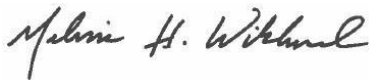
Member questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Morrison laid over Senate File 2693 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

**Senate File 2831, authored by Senator Wiklund, was not heard.**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 3:58pm**



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Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant