

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee
Tuesday, March 21st, 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 8:35 am on Tuesday, March 21st, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 1638 (KUNESH): Quality Parenting Initiative appropriation

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1638, authored by Senator Kunesh as follows:

S.F. 1638 (Kunesh): Quality Parenting Initiative appropriation

Senator Kunesh provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1638 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1638:

- Kate Rickord, Director of Quality Parenting Initiative Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 1638.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1638 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #2: SF 1639 (KUNESH): Informal kinship caregiver support grant program establishment.

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1639, authored by Senator Kunesh as follows:

S.F. 1639 (Kunesh): Informal kinship caregiver support grant program establishment.

Senator Kunesh offered and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Kunesh provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1639, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1639:

- Linda Butner, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 1639.
- Nomi Badboy, Member of Kinship Advisor Counsel, testified in support of S.F. 1639.
- Susannah Barnes Executive Director of EVOLVE Family Services
- Nicole Taylor, Kinship Navigator & Program Consultant with the Department of Human Services, testified on S.F. 1639

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1639, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #3: SF 2197 (KUNESH): American Indians and Alaska Natives dually certified organization medical assistance payment modification

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2197, authored by Senator Kunesh as follows:

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S.F. 2197 (Kunesh): American Indians and Alaska Natives dually certified organization medical assistance payment modification

Senator Kunesh offered and explained the A2 Authors Amendment.

Senator Mann moved the A2 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Kunesh provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2197, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2197:

- Dr. Patrick Rock, CEO of Indian Health Board, testified in support of S.F. 2197.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2197, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #4: SF 2485 (GUSTAFSON): Commercial health plan coverage requirement of certain treatment at psychiatric residential treatment facilities

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2485, authored by Senator Gustafson as follows:

S.F. 2485 (Gustafson): Commercial health plan coverage requirement of certain treatment at psychiatric residential treatment facilities

Senator Gustafson offered and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

Senator Mann moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Gustafson provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2485, as amended to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2485:

- Richard Wolleat, Public Policy Consultant, Northwood Children's Services, testified in support of S.F. 2485.
- Abigail Morgan, Foster Parent & Director at Children's Residential Treatment Center, testified in support of S.F. 2485

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 2485, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 2485 AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED, AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Mann.

AGENDA ITEM #5: SF 2141 (MITCHELL): Commissioner of human services direction to study and make recommendations for paperwork reduction relating to child protection cases.

The fifth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2141, authored by Senator Mitchell as follows:

S.F. 2141 (Mitchell): Commissioner of human services direction to study and make recommendations for paperwork reduction relating to child protection cases.

Senator Mitchell offered and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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Senator Boldon moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Mitchell provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2141, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2141:

- Sarah Amundson, Children Services Division Manager for Washington County, testified in support of S.F. 2141.
- Samantha Goldman, Social Work Supervisor with Scott County, testified in support of S.F. 2141.
- Katie Trepanier, Child Protection Worker for Washington County, testified in support of S.F. 2141

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 2141, as amended for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #6: SF 2464 (MITCHELL): Trust establishment for current and recent foster children receiving benefits and other income.

The sixth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2464, authored by Senator Mitchell as follows:

S.F. 2464 (Mitchell): Trust establishment for current and recent foster children receiving benefits and other income.

Senator Mitchell offered and explained the A2 Authors Amendment.

Senator Hoffman moved the A2 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Mitchell provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2464, as amended, to the committee.

Chair Mann passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2464:

- Amy Harfeld, JD, National Policy Director, Children's Advocacy Institute, testified in support of S.F. 2464.
- Ada Smith, Community Board Member & Foster Advocate, testified in support of S.F. 2464.
- Hoang Murphy, Executive Director of Foster Advocates, testified in support of S.F. 2464.
- Matt Freeman, Executive Director of Minnesota Association of County Social Service, testified on S.F. 2464 and answered members questions.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2464, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #7: SF 1862 (ABELER): Supervised practice of alcohol and drug counseling by former students for a limited time authorization

The seventh bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1862, authored by Senator Abeler as follows:

S.F. 1862 (Abeler): Supervised practice of alcohol and drug counseling by former students for a limited time authorization

Senator Abeler moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Abeler provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1862, as amended, to the committee.

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The following individuals testified on S.F. 1862:

- Amy Dellwo, President of MARRCH, testified in support of S.F. 1862.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Abeler moved that Senate File 1862, as amended, be recommended to pass and be sent to the Senate Floor

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1862, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND SENT TO THE SENATE FLOOR.

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Mann.

AGENDA ITEM #8: SF 2888 (WIKLUND): Minnesota prescription monitoring program reporting requirements and immunity from liability modification

The eighth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2888, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2888 (Wiklund): Minnesota prescription monitoring program reporting requirements and immunity from liability modification

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2888 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2888:

- Katrina Howard, Pharm.D., Deputy Director, MN Board of Pharmacy, testified in support of S.F. 2888.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 2888 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 2888 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

The committee was adjourned at 10:30am



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant