

Health and Human Services Committee
Wednesday, March 22nd, 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 8:33am on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 1771 (MARTY): Universal health care system benefits and costs analysis to assist the legislature in comparing it to the current public and private health care financing system authorization and appropriation.

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1771, authored by Senator Marty as follows:

S.F. 1771 (Marty): Universal health care system benefits and costs analysis to assist the legislature in comparing it to the current public and private health care financing system authorization and appropriation.

Senator Marty offered and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

Senator Marty offered an oral amendment to the A1 Amendment as follows:

Page 4 Line 23: Before “is” insert “\$1,200,000”. After “year” strike “2023” and insert “2024”

Chair Wiklund moved the oral amendment to A1.

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

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment, as amended.

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

Senator Marty provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1771, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1771:

- Natasha Chernyavsky, Legislative and Policy Specialist with Citizens Council for Health Freedom testified in opposition S.F. 1771

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1771, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #2: SF 1490 (XIONG): Medical assistance and insurance coverage of psychiatric collaborative care model authorization

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1490, authored by Senator Xiong as follows:

S.F. 1490 (Xiong): Medical assistance and insurance coverage of psychiatric collaborative care model authorization

Senator Xiong provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1490 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1490:

- Dr. Michael Trangle, Chair of MN Psychiatric Society Legislative Committee testified in support of S.F. 1490.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Abeler moved that Senate File 1490 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 1490 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

AGENDA ITEM #3: SF 1831 (HOFFMAN): Coverage requirement for self-measured blood pressure monitoring devices

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1831, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

S.F. 1831 (Hoffman): Coverage requirement for self-measured blood pressure monitoring devices

Senator Hoffman moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Hoffman provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1831, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1831:

- Dr. Haitham Hussein, Associate Professor of Neurology, University of Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 1831.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Lieske moved to orally amend Senate File 1831 as follows:

Page 3 after Line 16: Insert “EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections 1 and 2 shall be effective January 1st, 2024.”

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE ORAL AMENDMENT TO SENATE FILE 1831 WAS ADOPTED.

Member questions and discussion continued.

Senator Hoffman moved that Senate File 1831, as amended, be recommended to pass and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1831, AS AMENDED WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

AGENDA ITEM #4: SF 1615 (GUSTAFSON): Mental health services eligibility and rates modification

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1615, authored by Senator Gustafson as follows:

S.F. 1615 (Gustafson): Mental health services eligibility and rates modification

Senator Gustafson offered the A5 Amendment.

Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of NAMI MN, explained the A5 Amendment.

Senator Mann moved the A5 Amendment.

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

Senator Gustafson offered the A4 Amendment.

Jinny Palen, Minnesota Association with Community Mental Health Program, explained the A4 Amendment.

Senator Mann moved the A4 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVALED AND THE A4 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Gustafson provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1615, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1615:

- Julie Bluhm, CEO of Guild Services, testified in support of S.F. 1615
- Larry Pajari, CEO of Northwood Children Services, testified in support of S.F. 1615

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1615, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Mann.

AGENDA ITEM #5: SF 2096 (DIBBLE): Medications for the prevention or treatment of HIV exemption from medical assistance and MinnesotaCare co-payments

The fifth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2096, authored by Senator Dibble as follows:

S.F. 2096 (Dibble): Medications for the prevention or treatment of HIV exemption from medical assistance and MinnesotaCare co-payments

On behalf of Senator Dibble, Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2096 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2096:

- Dylan Boyer, Director of Development with The Aliveness Project, testified in support of S.F. 2096.
- Matt Toburen, Executive Director of The Aliveness Project, testified in support of S.F. 2096.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 2096 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #6: SF 2067 (WIKLUND): Commissioner of human services direction to establish a prescription drug purchasing program.

The sixth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2067, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2067 (Wiklund): Commissioner of human services direction to establish a prescription drug purchasing program.

Senator Wiklund moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2067, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2067:

- Deborah Leedahl, Pharmacist, testified in support of S.F. 2067.
- Luke Slindee, Pharmacist, testified in support of S.F. 2067.
- John Hoeschen, Pharmacist, testified in support of S.F. 2067
- Deborah Keaveny, Pharmacist, testified in support of S.F. 2067
- Danny Ackert, Director of State Government Relation Minnesota Hospital Association, testified in opposition to S.F. 2067.
- Dan Andresen, Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified in opposition to S.F. 2067.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 2067, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Chair Mann recessed at 10:33am

Chair Mann reconvened the meeting at 6:44pm

AGENDA ITEM #7: SF 2002 (WIKLUND): Health Care Affordability Board and Health Care Affordability Advisory Council establishment.

The seventh bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2002, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2002 (Wiklund): Health Care Affordability Board and Health Care Affordability Advisory Council establishment.

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2002 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2002:

- Bentley Graves, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, testified in opposition to S.F. 2002
- Mary Krinkie, VP of Government Relations with the Minnesota Hospital Association, testified in opposition to S.F. 2002.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 2002 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Chair Mann passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund.

AGENDA ITEM #8: SF 2449 (BOLDON): Mental health provider staffing, documentation and diagnostic assessment requirements modification.

The eighth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2449, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 2449 (Boldon): Mental health provider staffing, documentation and diagnostic assessment requirements modification,

Senator Boldon moved and explained the A2 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2449, as amended to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2449:

- Shannon Brown, CEO of Fembrook Family Center, testified in support of S.F. 2449.
- Ashleigh Dowis, Director of Clinical Services for Family Service of Rochester testified in support of S.F. 2449

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2449, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #9: SF 926 (BOLDON): Mental health services rate increase bridge establishment.

The ninth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 926, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 926 (Boldon): Mental health services rate increase bridge establishment

Senator Boldon moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 926, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 926:

- Julie Hannenburg, Executive Director of LightHouse Child and Family Services, testified in support of S.F. 926.

- Ashleigh Dowis, Director of Clinical Services for Family Service of Rochester testified in support of S.F. 926.

Member questions of discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 926, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #10: SF 2923 (MORRISON): Medical assistance reimbursement rates increase for doula services.

The tenth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2923, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 2923 (Morrison): Medical assistance reimbursement rates increase for doula services.

Senator Morrison moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2923, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2923:

- Ade Salami, co-founder of ABIYE Collective, testified in support of S.F. 2923.
- Susan Abdallah Lane, Board Member of Everyday Miracles, testified in support of S.F. 2923.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2923, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #11: SF 1951 (MORRISON): Medical assistance coverage of recuperative care services requirement.

The eleventh bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1951, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 1951 (Morrison): Medical assistance coverage of recuperative care services requirement.

Senator Morrison moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1951, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1951:

- Dr. Laurel Ries, President Elect of the Minnesota Medical Association, testified in support of S.F. 1951.
- Amy Gordon, Nurse Practitioner, Hennepin Healthcare for the Homeless, testifies in support of S.F. 1951.
- Audio testimony Mr. Jewel Gordon Jr., participant of Healthcare for the Homeless, testified in support of S.F. 1951.
- Tatyana Finklea, Senior Program Manager of Medical Respite and Client Services, testified in support of S.F. 1951.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1951, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #12: SF 770 (MORRISON): Medical assistance reimbursement rate for critical access mental health services provided by certain providers.

The twelfth bill up on the agenda was S.F.770, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 770 (Morrison): Medical assistance reimbursement rate for critical access mental health services provided by certain providers.

Senator Morrison moved and explained the A2 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 770, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 770:

- Dr. Steve Girardeau, Legislative Committee Chair, MN Psychologist Association, testified in support of S.F. 770.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 770, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #13: SF 1174 (MORRISON): Children's mental health provisions modifications and appropriations.

The thirteenth bill up on the agenda was S.F.1174, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 1174 (Morrison): Children's mental health provisions modifications and appropriations.

Senator Morrison moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1174, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1174:

- Shannon Brown, CEO Fembrook Family Center, testified in support of S.F. 1174.
- Dr. Sarah Jerstad, Medical Director of outpatient mental health services Childrens Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 1174.
- Kristen Anderson with AspireMN, answered members questions on S.F. 1174.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1174, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #14: SF 1465 (MORRISON): Coverage provision of advance care planning services by health plans, medical assistance and MinnesotaCare.

The fourteenth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1465, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 1465 (Morrison): Coverage provision of advance care planning services by health plans, medical assistance and MinnesotaCare.

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1465 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1465:

- Dr. Laurel Ries, President Elect of Minnesota Medical Association, testified in support of S.F. 1465.
- Christopher Prokosch, Medical Student at the University of Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 1465.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1465 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #15: SF 1967 (MORRISON): Medical assistance requirement to cover seizure detection devices.

The fifteenth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1967, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 1967 (Morrison): Medical assistance requirement to cover seizure detection devices.

Senator Morrison moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1967, as amended, to the committee.

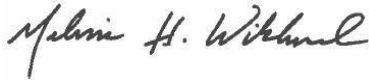
The following individuals testified on S.F. 1967:

- Glen Lloyd, Executive Director of Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1967, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant