

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee
Thursday, March 23rd, 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 Mann called the meeting to order at 8:35 am on Thursday, March 23rd, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 2819 (WIKLUND): Department of Human Services provisions modification (DHS Policy Bill Vehicle)

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2819, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2819 (Wiklund): Department of Human Services provisions modification (DHS Policy Bill Vehicle)

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments for Senate File 2995.

Senator Wiklund moved the A2 Amendment.

Senator Abeler asked that Senator Wiklund go through the changes that the A2 Amendment would make to Senate File 2819.

Chair Mann stated it was standard committee practice to adopt both authors amendments and delete everything amendments without a full explanation of the amendment or questions for the bill author & reiterated the fact that all of the bills currently before the committee had already been heard.

Senator Abeler asked that Matt Burdick, Health Care & Behavioral Health Legislative Director with the Department of Human Services, go through the changes the A2 Amendment would make to Senate File 2819.

Senator Wiklund again stated that it is common practice that both authors amendments and delete everything amendments are adopted without the bill author having to explain what the amendment entails.

Senator Wiklund asked Matt Burdick to highlight some of the changes with the A2 Amendment.

The following individuals testified and answered members questions on the A2 Delete Everything Amendment

- Matt Burdick, Health Care & Behavioral Health Legislative Director with the Department of Human Services, highlighted what bills are contained in the A2 amendment & a few of the differences that the amendment would make to S.F. 2819 once adopted.

Chair Mann renewed the motion to adopt the A2 Amendment.

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

Member questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals testified and answered members questions on S.F. 2819, as amended by the A2 Amendment:

- Matt Burdick, Health Care & Behavioral Health Legislative Director with the Department of Human Services
- Jennifer Hasbargen Office of Inspector General with the Department of Human Services
- Amanda Novak, Office of Inspector General with the Department of Human Services

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 2819, as amended, be recommended to pass.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 2819, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED.

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AGENDA ITEM #2: SF 2966 (WIKLUND): Human services provisions modification (Governor's Budget Bill for DHS)

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2966, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2966 (Wiklund): Human services provisions modification (Governor's Budget Bill for DHS)

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments for Senate File 2966.

Senator Wiklund moved the A23 Amendment.

The following individuals testified and answered members questions on the A23 Amendment & revised Governor's Budget Recommendations for DHS:

- Elyse Bailey, Budget Director for the Department of Human Services

Chair Mann renewed the motion to adopt the A23 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A23 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 2966, as amended.

AGENDA ITEM #3: SF 2122 (WIKLUND): Stillbirths provisions in vital records modification (MDH Policy Bill Vehicle)

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

S.F. 2122 (Wiklund): Stillbirths provisions in vital records modification (MDH Policy Bill Vehicle)

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments for Senate File 2122.

Senator Wiklund moved the A3 Amendment.

The following individuals testified and answered members questions on the A3 Amendment

- Lisa Thimjon, Legislative Director with the Minnesota Department of Health

Chair Mann renewed the motion to adopt the A3 Amendment.

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

Member questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals testified and answered members questions on S.F. 2122, as amended by the A3 Amendment:

- Lisa Thimjon, Legislative Director with the Department of Health
- Matt Burdick, Health Care & Behavioral Health Legislative Director with the Department of Human Services

Senator Abeler moved the A5 Amendment.

Senator Abeler explained the A5 Amendment.

Member questions and discussion about the A5 Amendment.

Senator Abeler withdrew the A5 Amendment.

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 2122, as amended, be recommended to pass.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 2122, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED.

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AGENDA ITEM #4: SF 2995 (WIKLUND): Department of Health provisions modification and appropriation (Governor's Budget Bill for Health)

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2995, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 2995 (Wiklund): Department of Health provisions modification and appropriation (Governor's Budget Bill for Health)

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments for Senate File 2995.

The following individuals testified and answered members questions on S.F. 2995 & Governor's Budget Recommendations for MDH:

- Dr. Brooke Cunningham, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Wiklund moved the A1 Amendment.

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

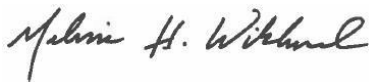
Member questions and discussion continued.

The following individuals testified and answered members questions on S.F. 2995, as amended by the A1 Amendment:

- Dr. Brooke Cunningham, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health.
- Margaret Kelly, Deputy Commissioner with the Minnesota Department of Health.
- Noya Woodrich, Child and Family Health Division Director with the Minnesota Department of Health.
- Mark Kinde, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Division with the Minnesota Department of Health.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 2995.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31am



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant