

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee
Tuesday, March 28th, 2023
8:30am Livestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Melissa H. Wiklund- Chair, Senator Paul Utke – Minority Lead, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Kelly Morrison

Absent: Senator Alice Mann – Vice Chair, Senator John Hoffmann

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:34 am on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 2503 (PAPPAS): Skin-lightening Public Awareness and Education Grant Program establishment and appropriation

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2503, authored by Senator Pappas as follows:

S.F. 2503 (Pappas): Skin-lightening Public Awareness and Education Grant Program establishment and appropriation

Senator Pappas provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2503 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2503:

- o Amire Adawe, Executive Director of BeWell Project, testified in support of S.F. 2503.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2503 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #2: SF 2090 (MORRISON): Commissioner of health appropriation for the fetal alcohol spectrum disorders prevention grants

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2090, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

S.F. 2090 (Morrison): Commissioner of health appropriation for the fetal alcohol spectrum disorders prevention grants

Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2090 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2090:

- o Molly O'Brien, Executive Director of Proof Alliance, testified in support of S.F. 2090.
- o Valerie Mangskau, with Family Advocacy Recovery and Restoration, testified in support of S.F. 2090

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2090 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #3: SF 2152 (MANN): Local public health emergency preparedness and response capabilities appropriation

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2152, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

S.F. 2152 (Mann): Local public health emergency preparedness and response capabilities appropriation

On behalf of Senator Mann, Senator Morrison provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2152 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2152:

- o Amanda Lemke, Emergency Preparedness Specialist, Cit of Bloomington, testified in support of S.F. 2152.

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- Cheryl Peterson Crover, Director of Preparedness, Department of Health, answered members questions on S.F. 2152.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2152 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #4: SF 1852 (FATEH): CornerHouse grant appropriation.

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1852, authored by Senator Fateh as follows:

S.F. 1852 (Fateh): CornerHouse grant appropriation.

Senator Fateh offered the A1 Authors Amendment.

Senator Boldon moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Fateh provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1852, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1852:

- Mitzi Hobot, Executive Director of CornerHouse, testified in support of S.F. 1852

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1852, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #5: SF 1620 (FATEH): Headway Emotional Health Services appropriation

The fifth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1620, authored by Senator Fateh as follows:

S.F. 1620 (Fateh): Headway Emotional Health Services appropriation

Senator Fateh provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1620 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1620:

- Pat Dale, CEO of Headway Emotional Health

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1620 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #6: SF 2873 (PHA): Special Guerilla Units Veterans and Families of the United States of America appropriation for health and well-being programming

The sixth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2873, authored by Senator Pha as follows:

S.F. 2873 (Pha): Special Guerilla Units Veterans and Families of the United States of America appropriation for health and well-being programming

Senator Pha provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2873 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2873:

- Jane Kretzmann, Former refugee Program Director for Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 2873.
- Dr. Talee Vang, PsyD, LP, Psychologist, Hennepin Healthcare, testified in support of S.F. 2873.

Member questions and discussion followed.

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Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2873 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #7: SF 2647 (KUPEC): Prepared meals food relief grants establishment

The seventh bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2647, authored by Senator Kupec as follows:

S.F. 2647 (Kupec): Prepared meals food relief grants establishment

Senator Kupec moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Kupec provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2647, as amended to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2647:

- Robin Manthie, Managing Director, Kitchen Coalition, Second Harvest Heartland, testified in support of S.F. 2647.
- Kristen Quenzer Senior Director for Meals at Lutheran Social Services, testified in support of S.F. 2647
- Abdirahman Kahin, Owner, Afro Deli Grill, testified in support of S.F. 2647.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2647, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #8: SF 2599 (BOLDON): Diaper distribution grant program establishment and appropriation

The eighth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2599, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

S.F. 2599 (Boldon): Diaper distribution grant program establishment and appropriation

Senator Boldon moved and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Boldon provided opening comments and explained Senate File 2599, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 2599:

- Deirdre Kanzer, Executive Director of Diaper Bank Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 2599.
- Shashana Craft Director of Program, Division of Indian Work, testified in support of S.F. 2599.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2599, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Chair Wiklund recessed the committee at 9:56am.

Chair Wiklund reconvened the meeting at 10:01am.

AGENDA ITEM #9: SF 18 (CHAMPION): Emmet Louis Till Victims Recovery Program establishment and appropriation

The ninth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 18, authored by Senator Champion as follows:

S.F. 18 (Champion): Emmet Louis Till Victims Recovery Program establishment and appropriation

Senator Champion offered and explained the A1 Authors Amendment.

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Senator Boldon moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Champion provided opening comments and explained Senate File 18, as amended, to the committee.

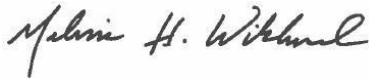
The following individuals testified on S.F. 18:

- Deborah Watt, Co-founder Of The Emmet Till Legacy Foundation, testified in support of S.F. 18.
- Amity Dickson, mother of Kobe Heisler, Co-Founder Kobe and Daunte Initiative, testified in support S.F. 18
- Carrie Johnson, Licensed Independent Social Worker, testified in support of S.F. 18.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 18, as amended, for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23am



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant