

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee
Thursday, March 30th, 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 Bill Lieske, Senator Kelly Morrison

Absent: Senator John Hoffman

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:33am on Thursday, March 30th, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

Chair Wiklund provided information to the committee and audience on Senate File 49 and about the HHS Omnibus Bill

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Mann

AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 49 (WIKLUND): Transitional cost-sharing reduction, premium subsidy, small employer public option and transitional health care credit

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 49, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

S.F. 49 (Wiklund): Transitional cost-sharing reduction, premium subsidy, small employer public option and transitional health care credit

Senator Wiklund provided opening comments and explained Senate File 49 to the committee.

Senator Wiklund moved the A3 Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund moved the A4 Amendment.

Member questions and discussion on the A4 Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund provided additional comments on Senate File 49.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 49:

- Robert Haider, Legislative Director with TakeAction MN, testified in support of S.F. 49.
- Rick Varco, Political Director of SEIU Healthcare MN & IA, testified in support of S.F. 49.
- Mary Krinkie, VP of Government Relations with Minnesota Hospital Association, testified on S.F. 49.
- Emilio Gonzales, with Unidos MN, testified on S.F. 49
- Dan Endreson, Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified on S.F. 49.
- Stu Lourey, Minnesota Farmers Union, testified on S.F. 49.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 49, as amended, be recommended to pass and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 49 AS AMENDED WAS RECOMMENDED TO PASS AND WAS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:55am



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant