

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

## Health & Human Services Finance & Policy Committee

Health and Human Services Committee  
Friday, March 31st, 2023  
3:00pm Livestream YouTube

### Minutes

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

**Absent:** Senator Alice Mann- Vice Chair, Senator Jim Abeler

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 3:07pm on Friday, March 31st, 2023, in Capitol G-15.

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

### **AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 2995 (WIKLUND):**

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

S.F. 2995 (Wiklund):

Dennis Albrecht, Senate Fiscal Analyst, completed a walkthrough of the combined Senate File 2995 spreadsheet.

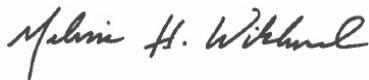
### **The following individuals testified on S.F. 2995:**

- Jennifer Mohlenhoff, Executive Director of Minnesota Board of Marriage & Family Therapy, testified on S.F. 2995.
- Jill Phillips, Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Dr. Brooke Cunningham, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Jodi Harpstead, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Human Services, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Libby Caulum, Interim CEO of MNSure, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Erica Barnes, Executive Director of the Minnesota Rare Disease Advisory Council, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Rahul Koranne, President and CEO of the Minnesota Hospital Association, testified in opposition of S.F. 2995.
- Rochelle Schultz President and CEO of Winona Health, testified in opposition of S.F. 2995.
- Irene Fernando, Chair of the Hennepin County Board, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Natsha Chernyavsky Legislative & Policy Specialist, Citizens Council for Health Freedom, testified in opposition of S.F. 2995.
- Mike Opat, Chief Business Development and Community Relations Officer, North Memorial Health, testified in opposition to S.F. 2995.
- Clare Sanford, Minnesota Child Care Association, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Peter Woitock, Hunger Solutions Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Natalie Kasper, private citizen, testified in opposition to S.F. 2995.
- Ann Rogers, Chief Executive Officer, People's Center, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Laura Arnold, Pediatrics Nurse Childrens Minnesota, MNA Member testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Ursula Clarin, Labor and Delivery Nurse Northwestern Hospital, MNA Member, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Josh Downham, ServeMinnesota, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Kari Oldfield-Tabbert, Executive Director of Local Public Health Association Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Karin Miller, private citizen, testified in opposition to S.F. 2995.
- Mitchell Grauberger, private citizen, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Hassan As-Sidiq, Youth Researcher, Chapin Hall, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Kristy Snyder, Twin Cities Opportunity Youth Co-Lead, YouthPrise, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Billy Hanlon, Director of Advocacy & Outreach, Minnesota ME/CFS Alliance testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Diane Haulcy, Co-Chair Voices and Choices for Children testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Terri Wilder, Chair of MEAction Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Adam Berry, CEO Summit Orthopedics & MN Ambulatory Surgery Centers, testified in opposition to S.F. 2995.
- Joe Sellwood, Association for Accessible Medicines testified in opposition to S.F. 2995.
- Julie Sjoldal CEO of St. David's Center, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Chelsea Olson, Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified on S.F. 2995.
- Carrie Mortrud, Staffing Specialist, Minnesota Nurse Association, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Nicole Mills, Executive Director, Oasis for Youth, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Anna Odegaard, Director of Minnesota Asset Building Coalition, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Randi Ilyse Rath, Executive Director Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul, testified in support of S.F. 2995.

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- Buck Humphrey, Minnesota Pharmacy Alliance, testified on S.F. 2995.
- Paul Verrette, Director of Advancement for Agate Housing, testified on S.F. 2995.
- Tom Lehman, Lobbyist Prairie Care and NewPort Health, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Trisha Rischkus Minnesota Nurse Association member, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Dave Renner, Lobbyist with MN Medical Association & MN Academy of Family Physicians testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Megan Walsh, Chief Academic Office Hennepin Healthcare, testified on S.F. 2995.
- Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of NAMI MN, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Jinny Palen, Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health Programs, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Brooke Hendricks, Internal Medicine Resident Physician with Hennepin Healthcare, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Khulia Pringle, Voice and Choices for Children Coalition testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Suzanne Wheeler, President of ME/CFS Alliance, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Suzanne Arntson, Deputy Director with Scott County Human Services & with Minnesota Association of Counties testified on S.F. 2995.
- Sally Trnka, Executive Director of Breakwater Health Network, testified on S.F. 2995.
- Rhonda Otteson Executive Director, Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, testified on S.F. 2995.
- Dr. Jordan Eunison Chisti, Executive Director of LifeHouse testified on S.F. 2995.
- Deb Fitzpatrick, Director of Policy and Research with Children Defense Fund Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Frances Davis, Assistant Director at Plymouth Academy, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Dr. Ruby Tam, Founder MECFS Clinic/Academy Minnesota, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Deborah Watts, Emmet Till Legacy Foundation, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- John Cole, Executive Director of Chum, testified in support of S.F. 2995.
- Kimberly Johnson, Financial Services Manager with Wright County, testified on S.F. 2995.
- Dan Jensen, Associate Director of Olmstead County Family Support and Assistance, testified on S.F. 2995.
- Maggie Hangge, Minnesota Catholic Conference, testified on S.F. 2995.
- John Walsh, Registered Nurse with Unity Hospital, testified on S.F. 2995.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm**



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Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant