

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee

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Minutes

Present: Senator Bobby Joe Champion - Chair, Senator Zaynab Mohamed Vice Chair, Senator Rich Draheim, Senator Heather Gustafson, Senator Fong Hawj, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Eric R. Pratt, Senator Aric Putnam

Absent: No Members Absent

Chair Senator Champion calls the hybrid Jobs and Economic Development Committee Meeting to order at 12:32 PM conducted in Minnesota Senate Building room 1100 and over zoom broadcast.

Call To Order

S.F. 1261: Senator Maye Quade: Recommendations adoption of the Advisory Task force on State Employment and Retention of Employees with Disabilities Trevor Turner, Public Policy Director, MN Council on Disability.

S.F. 1261 – Maye Quade: Recommendations adoption of the Advisory Task force on State Employment and Retention of Employees with Disabilities presentation begins at 12:42 PM by Senator Maye Quade and ends at 12:43 PM.

S.F. 1261 – Maye Quade: Recommendations adoption of the Advisory Task force on State Employment and Retention of Employees with Disabilities presentation continues with a testimony by Trevor Turner, Public Policy Director, MN Council on Disability, starting at 12:43 PM and ending at 12:45 PM.

Senator Putnam moves for SF 1261 to be passed and re-referred to Finance Committee. The motion prevails and the bill passes.

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 1261, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1528: Senator Hawj: YMCA of the North grant appropriation Testifiers: Enrique Rebolledo, Director, Career Pathways YMCA of the North Kudu Jaafaru, Spring 2022 intern Ethan Balikalaba, Summer 2022 intern.

S.F. 1528 – Hawj: YMCA of the North grant appropriation presentation begins at 12:35 PM by Senator Hawj and ends at 12:37 PM.

S.F. 1528 – Hawj: YMCA of the North grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Enrique Rebolledo, Director, Career Pathways YMCA of the North Kudu, starting at 12:37 PM and ending at 12:39 PM.

S.F. 1528 – Hawj: YMCA of the North grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Jaafaru, Spring 2022 intern, starting at 12:40 PM and ending at 12:41 PM.

Senator Mohamed moves for SF 1528 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 1528, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1479: Senator Weber: Southwestern Minnesota workforce development scholarship pilot program establishment and appropriation Testifiers: Mayor Pat Baustian, City of Luverne (zoom) Mayor Bob Byrnes, City of Marshall (zoom) Scott Marquardt, President of the Southwest Initiative Foundation Erik Simonson, Lobbyist, SW MN Mayors Council.

S. F. 1479 - Weber: Southwestern Minnesota workforce development scholarship pilot program establishment and appropriation presentation begins at 12:46 PM by Senator Weber and ends at 12:49 PM.

Senator Pratt moves the A1 amendment. The motion prevails and the amendment is adopted.

S. F. 1479 - Weber: Southwestern Minnesota workforce development scholarship pilot program establishment and appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Mayor Pat Baustian, City of Luverne (zoom), starting at 12:50 PM and ending at 12:52 PM.

S. F. 1479 - Weber: Southwestern Minnesota workforce development scholarship pilot program establishment and appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Mayor Bob Byrnes, City of Marshall (zoom), starting at 12:53 PM and ending at 12:55 PM.

S. F. 1479 - Weber: Southwestern Minnesota workforce development scholarship pilot program establishment and appropriation continues with a testimony by Scott Marquardt, President of the Southwest Initiative Foundation, starting at 12:55 PM and ending at 12:58 PM.

S. F. 1479 - Weber: Southwestern Minnesota workforce development scholarship pilot program establishment and appropriation continues with a testimony by Erik Simonson, Lobbyist, SW MN Mayors Council, starting at 12:58 PM and ending at 1:00 PM.

Senator Nelson moves for SF 1479 to be passed as amended and re-referred to Taxes.

Senator Nelson moved that S.F. 1479, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Taxes Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1583: Senator Mohamed: American Indian Opportunities and Industrialization Center appropriation Testifier: Joe Hobot, President/CEO of AIOIC.

S.F. 1583 – Mohamed: American Indian Opportunities and Industrialization Center appropriation presentation begins at 12:59 PM by Senator Mohamed and ends at 1:00 PM.

S.F. 1583 – Mohamed: American Indian Opportunities and Industrialization Center appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Joe Hobot, President/CEO of AIOIC starting at 1:00 PM and ending at 1:03 PM.

Questions on the presentation begin at 1:04 PM and 1:08 PM

Senator Champion moves for SF 1583 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 1583, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 360: Senator Mohamed: Office of New Americans creation Testifiers: Michelle Rivero, Director of Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, City of Minneapolis Henry Jimenez, Director of Latino Economic Development Center Abdiwahab Mohamed, Assistant Commissioner, DEED.

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 360, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1835: Senator Jasinski: Owatonna and Steele counties workforce training appropriation Testifiers: Jinny Rietmann, Executive Director, Workforce Development, Inc. Phil Sayles, Human Resource Manager, Viracon, and Vice Chair of the Southeast Minnesota Workforce Development Board Matt Beck, Steele County Young Adult Participant Dale Tracy, Director of Operations and Application Engineer, Advanced Coil Technology.

S.F. 1835 – Jasinski: Owatonna and Steele counties workforce training appropriation presentation begins at 1:34 PM by Senator Jasinski and ends at 1:36 PM.

S.F. 1835 – Jasinski: Owatonna and Steele counties workforce training appropriation presentation continues with a testimony Jinny Rietmann, Executive Director, Workforce Development, Inc., starting at 1:36 PM and ending at 1:38 PM.

S.F. 1835 – Jasinski: Owatonna and Steele counties workforce training appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Phil Sayles, Human Resource Manager, Viracon, and Vice Chair of the Southeast Minnesota Workforce Development Board, starting at 1:38 PM and ending at 1:40 PM.

Questions on the first two testifiers begins at 1:40 and ends at 1:42 PM

S.F. 1835 – Jasinski: Owatonna and Steele counties workforce training appropriation presentation continues with a testimony Matt Beck, Steele County Young Adult Participant, starting at 1:42 PM and ending at 1:45 PM.

S.F. 1835 – Jasinski: Owatonna and Steele counties workforce training appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Dale Tracy, Director of Operations and Application Engineer, Advanced Coil Technology, starting at 1:45 PM and ending at 1:47 PM.

Questions on the entire presentation begin at 1:47 PM and end at 1:50 PM

Senator Champion moves for SF 1835 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 1835, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 646: Senator Pratt: Grant funding appropriation to provide equine therapy to first responders suffering from trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder Testifier: Sally Mixon, Founder, Abijah's on the Backside Angela Borchardt, Client, Abijah's on the Backside.

S.F. 646 – Pratt: Grant funding appropriation to provide equine therapy to first responders suffering from trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder presentation begins at 12:50 PM by Senator Pratt and ends at 12:57 PM.

Senator Pratt offers an A1 amendment. The motion prevails, and the amendment is adopted.

- Senator Pratt offers an amendment to the amendment. Line 1.8 after 2024, insert 250,000 into fiscal year 2025. This prevails and is adopted.

S.F. 646 – Pratt: Grant funding appropriation to provide equine therapy to first responders suffering from trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder presentation continues with a video starting at 1:57 PM and ending at 12:59 PM

S.F. 646 – Pratt: Grant funding appropriation to provide equine therapy to first responders suffering from trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder presentation continues with a testimony by Sally Mixon, Founder, Abijah's on the Backside, starting at 2:00 PM and ending at 2:02 PM.

S.F. 646 – Pratt: Grant funding appropriation to provide equine therapy to first responders suffering from trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder presentation continues with a testimony by Angela Borchardt, Client, Abijah's on the Backside, starting at 2:02 PM and ending at 2:04 PM.

Questions begin at 2:05 PM and ends at 2:06 PM

Senator Champion moves for SF 646 as amended to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 646, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1409: Senator Champion: FATHER Project grant appropriation Testifiers: Guy Bowling, Father Project Senior Manager, Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota Ben Warner, Career Specialist, Family Service Rochester.

S.F. 1409 – Champion: FATHER Project grant presentation begins at 2:08 PM by Senator Champion and ends at 2:10 PM.

S.F. 1409 – Champion: FATHER Project grant presentation continues with a testimony by Guy Bowling, Father Project Senior Manager, Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota, starting at 2:10 PM and ending at 2:13 PM.

S.F. 1409 – Champion: FATHER Project grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Ben Warner, Career Specialist, Family Service Rochester, starting at 2:13 PM and ending at 2:15 PM.

Questions begin at 2:15 PM and end at 2:19 PM

Vice Chair Senator Mohamed moves for SF 1409 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 1409, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



Alexis Varner, Legislative Assistant