

Minnesota State Senate

Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

12:30 PM or Immediately Following Session, Room G-15, Capitol

Minutes

Present: Senator Ron Latz - Chair, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten Vice Chair, Senator Jim Carlson, Senator Justin D. Eichorn, Senator Jeff R. Howe, Senator Michael E. Kreun, Senator Warren Limmer, Senator Sandra L. Pappas, Senator Judy Seeberger, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Ron Latz called the meeting to order at 12:45p Oumou Verbeten takes gavel at 3:03p

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S.F. 1384: Senator McEwen: Occupational Safety and Health Act citation data classification.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 1384, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Labor Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2914: Senator Westlin: Grants authorization to county attorneys to reduce criminal caseload backlogs and fund innovative initiatives.

Testifiers: Mary Moriarty (Hennepin County Attorney); John Choi (Ramsey County Attorney)

A-1 – Westlin moves – adopted by voice

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2225: Senator Mitchell: Data practices provisions modifications; Office of Collaborative and dispute resolution and Office of Enterprise Sustainability establishment (pending re- referral, presented by Senator Westlin).

***Westlin presenting the bill

Testifiers: Taya Moxley-Goldsmith (Director, Data Practices Office)

A-3 amendment as amended – Westlin moves, adopted by voice

Oral amendment to A-3 – delete lines 2.10 and 2.11

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 2225, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 412: Senator Pappas: Violence prevention project research center appropriation.

Testifiers: Dr. Jillian Peterson (Co-founder and President, The Violence Project); Dr. James Densley (Co-founder and President, The Violence Project)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2484: Senator Pappas: State fire marshal account establishment.

Testifiers: Tom Brace and Jon Nisja (both from MN Chapter of the National Fire Sprinkler Association)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2137: Senator Gustafson: Department of Corrections appropriation for additional correctional officers and increased salaries.

Testifiers: Mitch Kuhne (Corrections Sergeant, MCF – Lino Lakes); Paul Schnell (Commissioner, Department of Corrections); Ethan Vogel (Legislative Director, AFSCME Council 5)

A-1 – Oumou Verbeten moves, adopted by voice

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2712: Senator Gustafson: Remedies provision to debtors with coerced debt.

Testifiers: Ron Elwood (Legal Aid)

Be recommended to pass.

S.F. 1657: Senator Dziejczak: Data classification for licenses issued by local governments.

***Dibble presenting

Testifiers: Phil Steger (private citizen, affected business owner)

A-1 Oumou Verbeten moves – adopted by voice

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 1657, as amended, be recommended to pass. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2042: Senator Kupec: Minnesota's schedules of controlled substances modification.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 2042, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 733: Senator Coleman: Penalties increase for transferring certain firearms to persons who are ineligible to possess fire arms.

A-1 – Oumou Verbeten offers, adopted by voice

Senator Kreun moved that S.F. 733, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1972: Senator Pappas: Visual inspection prohibition of children and youth in detention facilities.

Testifiers: Sarah Davis (Assistant Attorney, Hennepin County Attorney's Office); Chauntyll Allen (Director of Criminal Justice Policy and Activism, Wayfinder Foundation); Myon Burrell (Prison Advocacy Project Coordinator, Wayfinder Foundation, and ex-incarcerated person); David Boehnke (Twin Cities Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee); Malaika Eban (Interim Exec Director, Legal Rights Center); Matt Bauer (Superintendent, Dakota County Juvenile Services Center; MACCAC); Elliot Butay (Senior Policy Coordinator, NAMI Minnesota); Paul Schnell (Commissioner, Department of Corrections)

A-1 – Pappas moves, adopted by voice

Senator Pappas moved that S.F. 1972, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1087: Senator Cwodzinski: Curriculum to assist licensed therapists to gain skills to provide services to first responders development appropriation.

Testifiers: LeAnne Renteria (St. Paul, former police officer, therapist); Scott Boerboom (Chief of Police, Minnetonka)

A-2 – Oumou Verbeten moves, adopted by voice

As amended, laid over and may become part of omnibus bill.

S.F. 2380: Senator Seeberger: Supervision standards committee establishment; probation, supervised release and community corrections provisions modifications; appropriating money.

Testifiers: Paul Schnell (Commissioner, Department of Corrections); Kevin Anderson (Commissioner, Hennepin County); Karla Bigham (Commissioner, Washington County); Carly Stark; Waniyetu Bald Eagle (Community Member)

A-3 as amended – Seeberger moves, adopted by voice

A-4 adopted to the A-3 and moved as one author's amendment

Senator Seeberger moved that S.F. 2380, as amended and referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee without recommendation. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2659: Senator Seeberger: Same weight threshold and penalty provision for fentanyl as is for heroin.

Not heard.

S.F. 2396: Senator Latz: Private detectives license requirement modification.

Not heard.

S.F. 2676: Senator Howe: Reimbursement program establishment for use of force training.

Not heard.

S.F. 2059: Senator Frentz: Prosecutorial and law enforcement training appropriation (presented by Senator Latz).

Not heard.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42p (Oumou Verbeten adjourns)



Senator Ron Latz, Chair



Diana Rico, Legislative Assistant