

Minnesota State Senate

Labor Committee

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

12:30 PMLivestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Jennifer A. McEwen - Chair, Senator Grant Hauschild - Vice Chair, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Glenn H. Gruenhagen, Senator Robert J. Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator John Marty, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Sandra L. Pappas, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Jennifer A. McEwen called the meeting to order at 12:38pm.

Call to order

S.F. 747: Senator Hoffman: Prevailing wage agreements requirement for projects funded in whole or in part with renewable development account funds.

Senator John Hoffman joined the witness stand and presented Senate File 747.

A quorum is now present at 12:43pm.

Chair Jennifer McEwen moved the A-5 authors amendment be adopted.
The motion carried along a voice vote.

The following witnesses testified in favor of SF 747:

Andy Snope, IBEW Local 292

Kevin Pranis, LiUNA Minnesota & North Dakota

The following witness testified in opposition to SF 747:

Jon Boesche, Association of Builders and Contractors Minnesota & North Dakota

Discussion.

Senator Glenn Gruenhagen offered the A-5 amendment.
Senator Gruenhagen withdrew the A-5 amendment.

Vice Chair Grant Hauschild moved to recommend SF 747 as amendment and re-refer to the Senate Committee on Finance.
The motion carried along a voice vote.

Senator Hauschild moved that S.F. 747, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - **MOTION**

CARRIED.**S.F. 1566: Senator Oumou Verbeten: Prevailing wage documentation for projects utilizing state financial assistance requirement.**

Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten joined the witness stand and presented Senate File 1566.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved the A-2 authors amendment be adopted.

The motion carried along a voice vote.

Tim Watkins, Education & Policy Coordinator for Fair Contracting Association of Minnesota, joined the witness stand and offered testimony in favor of SF 1566.

Discussion.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that SF 1566 as amended, be recommended for passage and re-referred to the Senate Committee on Jobs & Economic Development.

The motion carried along a voice vote.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 1566, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Jobs and Economic Development Committee. - **MOTION CARRIED.**

S.F. 1621: Senator Pappas: Minnesota Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board Act.

Senator Sandra Pappas joined the witness stand and presented Senate File 1621.

Senator Pappas moved the A-2 authors amendment be adopted.

The motion carried along a voice vote.

The following witnesses testified in favor of SF 1621:

David Madland, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress, via Zoom.

Teresa Bates, SEIU Healthcare worker from Roseville, MN.

Rosemary Tisi, SEIU Healthcare worker from Mounds View, MN.

Jessica Grosz, Director of Labor Standards and Apprenticeship, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.

The following witnesses testified in opposition to SF 1621:

Toby Pearson, Vice-President of Advocacy, Care Providers of Minnesota

Erin Huppert, Vice-President of Advocacy, LeadingAge Minnesota

Discussion.

Senator Gene Dornink offered the A-3 amendment.

Senator Dornink withdrew the A-3 amendment.

Senator Bill Lieske offered the A-8 amendment.

Jessica Grosz rejoined to offer testimony regarding the A-8 amendment.

Senator Lieske withdrew the A-8 amendment.

Senator Gruenhagen offered the A-4 amendment.

Senator Gruenhagen withdrew the A-4 amendment.

Senator Gruenhagen offered the A-6 amendment.

Senator Gruenhagen withdrew the A-6.

Senator Pappas moved to pass SF1621 as amended, and re-refer to the Senate Committee on Human Services.

The motion carried along a voice vote.

Senator Pappas moved that S.F. 1621, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Committee. -
MOTION CARRIED.

S.F. 1018: Senator Maye Quade: Employer retaliation provisions modification.

Senator Erin Maye Quade joined the witness stand and presented Senate File 1018.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved the A-2 authors amendment.

The motion carried along a voice vote.

The following witnesses testified in favor of SF 1018:

Kate Perushek, Deputy Director, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
Keisha Mitchell, Program Manager, Wilder Foundation African American Babies Coalition and Projects.
Donna Cassutt, Chief of Staff, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General
Corinne Freedman Ellis, Minnesota Breastfeeding Coalition via Zoom.

The following witness testified in opposition to SF 1018:

Lauryn Schothorst, Director of Workforce Management, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Senator Dornink offered the A-4 amendment.

Senator Dornink withdrew the A-4 amendment.

Senator Gruenhagen offered the A-6 amendment.

Senator Gruenhagen withdrew the A-6 amendment.

Senator Pappas moved to pass SF 1018 as amended, and placed on General Orders.

The motion carried along a voice vote.

The Senate Committee on Labor stands in recess until 5:30pm.

As amended, recommended to pass and placed on the Consent Calendar.

S.F. 1988: Senator Seeberger: New enforcement provisions creation for construction workers wage protection.

The Senate Committee on Labor is called back to order at 5:37pm.

Senator Judy Seeberger joined the witness stand to present Senate File 1988.

The following witnesses testified in favor of SF 1988:

Adam Duininck, Director of Government Affairs, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
Simon Trautmann, Richfield City Council Member
Francisco Lozano, Member, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
Translation services provided by Diana Martos Solorzano
Octovio Chung, Organizer, LiUNA Minnesota & North Dakota
Roberto Jacobo, Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha
Translation services provided by Carlos Garcia Velasco
Tom Dicklich, Executive Director, Minnesota State Building & Construction Trades

The following witnesses testified in opposition to SF 1988:

Tim Worke, Chief Executive, Associated General Contractors of Minnesota
Wendy Sullivan, Owner, WENRICH PD Construction LLC
Jon Boesche, Director of Government Affairs, Associated Builders and Contractors of Minnesota & North

Dakota**Stephen Yoch, Partner, Felhaber Larson Law via Zoom****Bill Gschwind, Attorney, Minnesota Construction Law Services PLLC via Zoom****Brooke Bordson, Intergovernmental Relations, League of Minnesota Cities****Discussion.****Adam Duinink and Tim Worke return to the witness stand to answer member questions.****Senator Dornink moved the A-6 amendment.****Senator Dornink withdrew the A-6 amendment.****Senator Gruenhagen moved the A-2 amendment.****The motion fails along a voice vote, and the amendment is not adopted.****Senator Gruenhagen moved the A-3 amendment.****Senator Gruenhagen withdrew the A-3 amendment.****Senator Pappas moved to recommend SF 1988 for passage and that it be re-referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.****The motion passes along a voice vote.****Senator Pappas moved that S.F. 1988, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. -
MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.
Senator Jennifer A. McEwen, Chair
Jack Fischer, Legislative Assistant