

Minnesota State Senate

Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee
Wednesday, April 17, 2024
12:45 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Nick A. Frentz - Chair, Senator Tou Xiong Vice Chair, Senator D. Scott Dibble, Senator Steve Green, Senator Glenn H. Gruenhagen, Senator John A. Hoffman, Senator Matt D. Klein, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen, Senator Nicole Mitchell, Senator Lindsey Port, Senator Jason Rarick, Senator Bill Weber

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Nick A. Frentz called the meeting to order at

Call to Order

S.F. 4942: Senator Frentz: Renewable development account report repealer.

Senator Frentz offers the A3 amendment

Amendment is adopted unanimously via voice vote

Senator Rarick offers the A4 amendment

Senator Rarick offers an oral amendment to the A4

The oral amendment is adopted unanimously via voice vote

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â€¢ Victoria Reinhardt, Ramsey County Commissioner

â€¢ Audrey Partridge, Director of Policy, Center for Energy and the Environment

â€¢ Kevin Pranis, Marketing Manager, LIUNA MN & ND

â€¢ Aurora Vautrin, Legislative & Political Director, 100%

â€¢ Michelle Gransee, Assistant Commissioner, 100%

â€¢ Dave Wagner, Propane Association

Senator Frentz moved that S.F. 4942, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4202: Senator Mitchell: Residential energy code adoption standards and timelines modification; residential rebate program creation; appropriating money.

Senator Mitchell offers the A8 amendment

Amendment is adopted unanimously via voice vote

â€¢ Eric Fowler, Senior Policy Associate, Buildings, Fresh Energy

â€¢ Nick Erickson, Senior Director of Housing Policy for Housing First Minnesota

â€¢ Jared Johnson, Phius Alliance MN

â€¢ Sam Friesen, Wood Works Homes (Remote)

Senator Frentz moved that S.F. 4202, be laid over. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 5271: Senator Port: Program establishment to award financial incentives to permitting authorities that install an automated software system to review and issue permits for residential solar energy projects.

Senator Port offers the A1 author's amendment

Amendment is adopted unanimously via voice vote

â€¢ Bobby King, Minnesota State Director, Solar United Neighbors

â€¢ Ben Davis, Chief of Policy, Permit Power (Remote)

Senator Frentz moved that S.F. 5271, be laid over. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26pm

Senator Nick A. Frentz, Chair

Travis Urness, Legislative Assistant