

# Minnesota State Senate

Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee  
Thursday, February 22, 2024  
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

▲  
Print

## Minutes

**Present:** Senator FOUNG Hawj - Chair, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen Vice Chair, Senator Justin D. Eichorn, Senator Steve Green, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator John A. Hoffman, Senator Mary K. Kunesch, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Kelly L. Morrison, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

**Absent:** No Members Absent

Senator FOUNG Hawj called the meeting to order at 3:08pm, Senator Hauschild has gavel at 3:09pm, Senator Hawj has gavel back at 3:26pm

### Call To Order

**S.F. 3393:** Senator Hawj: Notification and local approval requirement before certain uses of money in the closed landfill investment fund and metropolitan landfill contingency action trust account.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3393:  
Matt Massman, MN Inter-County Association (MICA)

Senator McEwen moved that S.F. 3393, be recommended to pass. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 3631:** Senator Hawj: Natural Resources provisions modification.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3631:  
John Waters, Commissioner's Office, DNR  
Bob Meiers, Assistant Commissioner, DNR

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3631, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 3400:** Senator Hoffman: Use of a digital image permission as proof of possession of game and fish licenses.

Senator Hoffman offers the A-1 Author's Amendment was passed by voice note

The following individuals testified on S.F.3400:  
Lt. Colonel Robert Gorecki, Enforcement Division, DNR

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 3400, as amended, be recommended to pass. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 3730:** Senator Kunesch: Native prairie protection opportunities expansions provision.

Senator Kunesch offers the A-1 Author's Amendment and was passed by voice vote

The following individuals testified on S.F.3730:  
Judy Elbert, Scientific and Natural Areas Unit Supervisor, Ecological and Water Resources, DNR

Senator McEwen moved that S.F. 3730, as amended, be recommended to pass. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 3558: Senator Kunesh: Public waters definition modification.**

The following individuals testified on S.F.3558:

Carly Griffith, Minnesota Center for Environment Advocacy

John P. Lenczewski, Minnesota Trout Unlimited

Joe Smentek, Minnesota Soybean Growers Association

Peg Furshong, Director of CURE (REMOTE)

Scott Sparlin, Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River (REMOTE)

Jim Sehl (REMOTE)

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3558, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 3561: Senator Morrison: Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act.**

Senator Morrison offers the A-3 Delete-All Amendment and

A-8 Amendment to the Amendment, was passed by voice vote

The following individuals testified on S.F.3561:

Ramsey County Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt, Chair, Partnership on Waste and Energy

Nels Paulsen, Conservation Minnesota

Kirk Koudelka, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Gabby Batzko, Solid Waste Administrators Association

Lucy Mullany, Eureka! Recycling

Dylan de Thomas, The Recycling Partnership

Kate Bailey, Association of Plastic Recyclers

Mike Martin, CEO r.World

Mary Kosuth, Coalition for Plastics Reduction

Steve Steuber, Coalition for Plastics Reduction

Tony Kwilas, MN Chamber of Commerce

Peter Glessing, Medical Alley

Jacob Cassidy, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers

Avonna Stark, Clean Water Action (REMOTE)

Amber Backhaus, National Waste and Recycling Association-MN Chapter (REMOTE)

Andrew Hackman, AMERIPEN (REMOTE)

Frazier Willman, American Forest & Paper Association (REMOTE)

Ally Peck, Consumer Technology Association (REMOTE)

Alex Truelove, Biodegradable Products Institute (REMOTE)

Senator Morrison moved that S.F. 3561, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

---

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:46pm**

---

**Senator Foug Hawj, Chair**

---

**Maikao Vue, Legislative Assistant**