

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Thursday, February 15th, 2024
8:30am Livestream YouTube

Minutes

Present Senator Melissa H. Wiklund – Chair, Senator Alice Mann – Vice Chair, Senator Paul Utke – Minority Lead, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Kelly Morrison

Absent: Senator John Hoffman

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:32 am on Thursday, February 15th, 2024, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building.

Chair Wiklund asked the HHS Committee Pages & Non-Partisan Counsel to introduce themselves to the committee.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Presentation from former Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm on the Governor's Task Force on Academic Health at the University of Minnesota & the Academic Health Task Force Report Recommendations.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation from former Minnesota Commissioner of Health, Jan Malcom, on the Governor's Task Force on Academic Health at the University of Minnesota and the Academic Health Task Force Report Recommendations.

The following individuals gave a presentation on the Academic Health Task Force Report Recommendations:

- Commission Jan Malcom – Former Minnesota Commissioner of Health and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Academic Health at the University of Minnesota.

Member questions and discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 2508 (MANN): Thrombectomy-capable stroke center designations.

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 2508, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

Senate File 2508 (Mann): Thrombectomy-capable stroke center designations.

Senator Mann provide opening remarks and explained Senate File 2508 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2508:

- Dr. Chris Streib, Stroke Medical Director at the University of Minnesota & Cerebrovascular Director for M Health Fairview, testified in support of Senate File 2508.
- Tom Lubotsky, Vice President of Supply Chain for Allina Health & Board Member of the Twin Cities Heart Association, testified in support of Senate File 2508.

Member questions and discussion followed

Chair Wiklund moved that Senate File 2508 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 610 (BOLDON): Childcare center & family childcare provider adoption of policy regarding immunizations authorization.

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 610, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

Senate File 610 (Boldon): Childcare center and family childcare provider adoption of a policy regarding immunizations authorization

Senator Boldon moved the A1 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A1 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Boldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 610, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 610:

- Clare Sanford, Vice President of Government and Community Relations for New Horizon Academy and Board Member of the Minnesota Child Care Association, testifies in support of Senate File 610.
- Sheldon Berkowitz, MD, retired pediatrician and past president of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, testified in support of Senate File 610.
- Joe Picket, owner of Primrose Schools of Chaplin and Maple Grove, testified in support of Senate File 610.
- Annette Meeks, CEO of the Freedom Foundation of Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 610.
- Sara Flick, private citizen, testified in support of Senate File 610.
- Breanna Bergman, private citizen, testified in opposition to Senate File 610.
- Melissa Schultz, representative for Minnesotans for Health & Parental Rights, testified in opposition to Senate File 610.
- Elena Niehoff, private citizen, testified in opposition to Senate File 610.
- Chuck Finley, private citizen, testified in opposition to Senate File 610.
- Drew Dietle, MD, private citizen, testified in opposition to Senate File 610.
- Megan Klock, nutritional therapist with Cancer Peace University LLC, testified in opposition to Senate File 610.
- Nicole Flick, owner of ABC123 Child Enrichment Center LLC, testified in support of Senate File 610.
- Patty Carroll, founder of the Vaccine Safety Council of Minnesota, testified in opposition to Senate File 610.
- Diane Smith, private citizen, testified in opposition to Senate File 610.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Lieske offered and explained the A2 Amendment.

Member question and discussion on the A2 Amendment followed.

Senator Abeler asked for a roll call on the A2 Amendment.

Senator Wiklund renewed the motion to vote on the A2 Amendment.

The results are as follows:

AYES: Senator Abeler, Senator Lieske, Senator Utke

NAYS: Senator Wiklund, Senator Mann, Senator Boldon, Senator Kupec, Senator Morrison

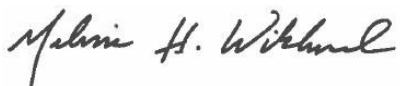
ABSENT: Senator Hoffman

On a vote of 3AYES, 5 NAYS, AND 1 ABSENT, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE A2 AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Senator Boldon provided final comments on Senate File 610.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 610, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:43am.



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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