

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Wednesday, February 21st, 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 John Hoffman, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Kelly Morrison

Absent: No Absent Members

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:34am on Wednesday, February 21st, 2024, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: SF 1176 (HOFFMAN): Licensed pharmacists authority to initiate, order and administer vaccines and certain medical and laboratory tests; coverage under medical assistance requirement.

The first bill up on the agenda was Senate File 1176, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

Senate File 1176 (Hoffman): Licensed pharmacists authority to initiate, order and administer vaccines and certain medical and laboratory tests; coverage under medical assistance requirement.

Senator Hoffman moved the A-2 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A-2 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Hoffman provided opening comments and explained Senate File 1176 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 1176:

- Dr. Ann M. Philbrick, Doctor of Pharmacy & Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Care & Health Systems at the University of Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 1176.
- Steve Simenson, Pharmacist & CEO of Goodrich Pharmacy, Inc testified in support of SF 1176.
- Eileen Crespo, MD, President of MN Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, testified in opposition of SF 1176.
- Laurel Ries, MD, President of MN Medical Association, testified in opposition of SF 1176.
- Buck Humphrey, lobbyist with the MN Pharmacy Alliance, testified on Senate File 1176.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Hoffman provided closing comments on Senate File 1176.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1176, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #2: SF 659 (Mave-Quade): Limitations modification on prescribing and administering certain drugs by optometrists.

The second bill up on the agenda was Senate File 659, authored by Senator Maye-Quade as follows:

Senate File 659 (Mave-Quade): Limitations modification on prescribing and administering certain drugs by optometrists.

Senator Maye-Quade provided opening comments and explained Senate File 659 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on S.F. 659:

- Dr. Randy Kempfer, practicing optometrist, testified in support of S.F. 659.
- Dr. Lauren Haverly, practicing optometrist and President of MN Optometric Association, testified in support of S.F. 659.
- Dr. Kate Hollenbach, practicing optometrist, testified in support of S.F. 659.
- Dr. Jacob Lang, practicing optometrist, testified in support of S.F. 659.
- Dr. Gina Wesley, practicing optometrist, testified in support of S.F. 659.
- Timothy Olsen, MD, Ophthalmologist and President of the MN Academy of Ophthalmology testified in opposition of S.F. 659.
- Amy Maltry, MD, Ophthalmologist and Associate Professor of Ophthalmic Pathology at the University of Minnesota testified in opposition of S.F. 659.

Member questions and discussion followed.

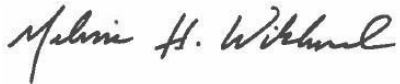
Senator Mann offered and explained the A-1 Amendment.

Senator Mann withdrew the A-1 Amendment.

Senator Maye-Quade provided closing comments on Senate File 659.

Chair Wklund laid over Senate File 659 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Wklund adjourned the meeting at 10:17am



Senator Melissa H. Wklund



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