

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Tuesday, March 5th, 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 Bill Lieske, Senator Kelly Morrison

Absent:

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:35 am on Tuesday, March 5th, 2024, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 2982 (BOLDON): Licensure requirements for speech-language pathology assistants establishment

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 2982, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

Senate File 2982 (Boldon): Licensure requirements for speech-language pathology assistants establishment.

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 2982, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2982:

- Nancy Thul, practicing speech language pathologist and past President of the Minnesota Speech and Hearing Association, testified in support of Senate File 2982.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon provided closing comments for Senate File 2982

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 2982, as amended, be recommended to pass & be re-referred to the committee on Judiciary and Public Safety

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 2982, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 1743 (BOLDON): Certified midwife licensure establishment by the Board of Nursing

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 1743, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

Senate File 1743 (Boldon): Certified midwife licensure establishment by the Board of Nursing

Senator Boldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1743 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1743:

- Rebecca Polston, practicing certified professional midwife & owner of Roots Community Birth Center, testified in support of Senate File 1743.
- Siri Fiebiger, MD, representative for the Minnesota Chapter of American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist, testified in support for Senate File 1743.

- Mandy Huber, practicing nurse midwife and representative for the American College of Nurse Midwives, testified on Senate File 1743.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon provided closing comments for Senate File 1743.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 1743 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1743 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 3611 (MANN): Licensing requirements amendment for graduates of foreign medical schools

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 3611, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

Senate File 3611 (Mann): Licensing requirements amendment for graduates of foreign medical schools

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 3611, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 3611:

- Mike Zimmer, Senior Policy Consultant with Worl Education Services, testified in support of Senate File 3611.
- Dr. Sarah Eltraify, research specialist at the University of Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 3611.
- Dr. Mimi Oo, representing the New Americans Alliance for Development, testified in support of Senate File 3611.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann provided final comments on Senate File 3611.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 3611, as amended be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the committee on State and Local Government and Veterans

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 3611, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 4199 (LIMMER): Requirements for the release of patient health records modification

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 4199, authored by Senator Limmer as follows:

Senate File 4199 (Limmer): Requirements for the release of patient health records modification

Senator Limmer provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4199 to the committee.

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

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

The following individuals testified on Senate File 4199:

- Rich Neumeister, private citizen, testified on Senate File 4199.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Limmer provided closing comments for Senate File 4199.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 4199, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 4199, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND RE-REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Chair Wiklund recessed the committee at 9:36am.

Chair Wiklund reconvened the committee at 9:40am.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 4124 (HOFFMAN): Additional collaboration requirements for physician assistants to provide ongoing psychiatric treatment for children with emotional disturbances and adults with serious mental illness repeal

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 4124, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

Senate File 4124 (Hoffman): Additional collaboration requirements for physician assistants to provide ongoing psychiatric treatment for children with emotional disturbances and adults with serious mental illness repeal

Senator Hoffman provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4124 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 4124:

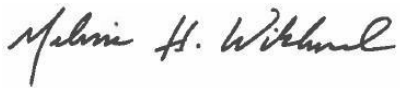
- Leslie Clayton, practicing family medicine PA & representative for the Minnesota Academy of Physician Assistants, testified in support of Senate File 4124
- Michael Trangle, MD, past President of the Minnesota Psych Association & Current Head of the Minnesota Psychiatric Society's Legislative Committee testified in opposition to Senate File 4124.
- Sue Abderholden, executive director of NAMI Minnesota and representative for Mental Health Minnesota, testified in opposition to Senate File 4124.
- Bill Amberg, representative for Minnesota Psychiatric Society and the Minnesota Psychological Association, testified in opposition to Senate File 4124.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Hoffman provided closing comments on Senate File 4124

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 4124 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:31am.



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant