

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Wednesday, March 6th, 2024
8:30am Livestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Melissa H. Wiklund – 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: Senator Alice Mann – Vice Chair

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:33 am on Wednesday, March 6th, 2024, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 2990 (NELSON): Dental hygienist compact establishment

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 2990, authored by Senator Nelson as follows:

Senate File 2990 (Nelson): Dental hygienist compact establishment

Senator Nelson provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2990 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2990:

- Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director for the Minnesota Board of Dentistry, testified in support of Senate File 2990.
- Matt Shafer, representative for the Council on State Governments, testified in support of Senate File 2990.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Nelson provided closing comments for Senate File 2990.

Senator Utke moved that Senate File 2990 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 2990 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 1322 (MORRISON): Physical therapy interstate licensure compact establishment

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 1322, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

Senate File 1322 (Morrison): Physical therapy interstate licensure compact establishment

Senator Morrison provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1322 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1322:

- Megan Urick, practicing Doctor of physical therapy and President for the MN Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Morrison provided closing comments for Senate File 1322.

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 1322 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 1322 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 3611 (MORRISON): Interstate compact for professional counselors establishment

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 1445, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

Senate File 1445 (Morrison): Interstate compact for professional counselors establishment

Senator Morrison moved to orally amend Senate File 1445 as follows:

Page 8, Line 6, Delete “Paragraph G” and Insert “Paragraph A”

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE ORAL AMENDMENT TO SENATE FILE 1445 WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Morrison provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1445, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1445:

- Hannah Daniels, practicing licensed professional clinical counselor and President of the Minnesota Counseling Association, testified in support of Senate File 1445.
- Samantha Strehlo, Executive Director for the Minnesota Behavioral Health and Therapy, testified on Senate File 1445

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Morrison provided final comments on Senate File 1445

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 1445, 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 1445, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 4076 (MORRISON): Social work services interstate compact establishment

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 4076, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

Senate File 4076 (Morrison): Social work services interstate compact establishment

Senator Morrison provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4076 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 4076:

- Youa Yang, Executive Director for the Minnesota Board of Social Work, testified in support of Senate File 4076.
- Eden Liebenthal, student at the UMN Social Work Master’s Program, testified in support of Senate File 4076.
- Renita Johnson, practicing licensed clinical social worker testified in support of Senate File 4076

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Morrison provided closing comments for Senate File 4076.

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 4076 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 4076 WAS PASSED AND RE-REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 2394 (KUPEC): Physician Assistant Licensure Compact establishment

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 2394, authored by Senator Kupec as follows:

Senate File 2394 (Kupec): Physician Assistant Licensure Compact establishment

Senator Kupec provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2394 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2394:

- o Leslie Clayton, practicing family medicine PA & representative for the Minnesota Academy of Physician Assistants, testified in support of Senate File 2394.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Kupec provided closing comments on Senate File 2394

Senator Kupec moved that Senate File 2394 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 2394 WAS PASSED AND RE-REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Senate File 1572 (ABELER): Occupational therapist licensure compact establishment

The sixth item on the agenda was Senate File 1572, authored by Senator Abeler as follows:

Senate File 1572 (Abeler): Occupational therapist licensure compact establishment

Senator Abeler provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1572 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1572:

- o Karen Sames, volunteer with the Minnesota Occupational Therapy Association, testified in support of Senate File 1572.
- o Christina Bourland, Executive Director for the Minnesota Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, testified on Senate File 1572.

Senator Abeler moved to orally amended Senate File 1572 as follows:

Page 2, Line 24, Delete “Or” and Insert “And”

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE ORAL AMENDMENT TO SENATE FILE 1572 WAS ADOPTED.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Abeler provided closing comments on Senate File 1572.

Senator Abeler moved that Senate File 1572, 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 1572, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Senate File 2656 (BOLDON): Audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact creation

The seventh item on the agenda was Senate File 2656 authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

Senate File 2656 (Boldon): Audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact creation

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 2656, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2656:

- o Jason Leyendecker, practicing audiologist and past President of the Minnesota Academy of Audiology, testified in support of Senate File 2656
- o Nancy Thul, practicing speech language pathologist, SLP program director at Alexandria Technical and Community

College, and past President of the Minnesota Speech-Language-Hearing Association, testified in support of Senate File 2656.

- Josh Ney, representative for the Minnesota Speech-Language- Hearing Association, testified on Senate File 2656.

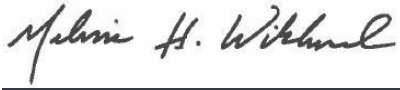
Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon provided closing comments on Senate File 2656.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 2656, 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 2656, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 9:56am.



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant