

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee  
Thursday, March 7th, 2024  
8:30am Livestream YouTube

### Minutes

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**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

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Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:31 am on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

**Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Mann who assumed the role of Chair.**

**AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 4570 (WIKLUND): Marriage & family therapy guest licensure and fees establishment**

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 4570, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

**Senate File 4570 (Wiklund):** Marriage and family therapy guest licensure and fees establishment

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4570 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 4570:**

- Jennifer Mohlenhoff, Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, testified on Senate File 4570.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Wiklund provided closing comments for Senate File 4570.

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 4570 be recommended to pass & be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 4570 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS.**

**Chair Mann passed the gavel back to Senator Wiklund who resumed the role of Chair.**

**AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 4235 (FATEH): Nursing assistants and medication aides training requirements modifications**

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 4235, authored by Senator Fateh as follows:

**Senate File 4235 (Fateh):** Nursing assistants and medication aides training requirements modifications

Senator Fateh provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4235 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 4235:**

- Johanna Kegg, co-owner of Vida Interpreting, testified in support of Senate File 4235
- Bobbi Koons, clinical nurse educator with Ecumen, testified in support of SF 4235.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Fateh provided closing comments for Senate File 4235.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 4235 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

**AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 3984 (ABELER): Behavioral science health licensing and eligibility requirements modifications**

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 3984, authored by Senator Abeler as follows:

**Senate File 3984 (Abeler):** Behavioral science health licensing and eligibility requirements modifications

Senator Abeler provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 3984 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 3984:**

- Brian Zirbes, Executive Director of MAARCH, testified in support of Senate File 3984.
- Dr. Jorgia Jamison, professor at the Hazelden/Betty Ford Graduate School, testified in support of Senate File 3984.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Abeler provided final comments on Senate File 3984

Senator Abeler moved that Senate File 3984 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the committee on Human Services.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 3984, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

**AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 3531 (MORRISON): Provider health conditions questions on credentialing applications prohibition; joy in medicine recognition grant program establishment; physician wellness program establishment; well-being of health care workers awareness campaign; appropriating money**

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 3531, authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

**Senate File 3531 (Morrison):** Provider health conditions questions on credentialing applications prohibition; joy in medicine recognition grant program establishment; physician wellness program establishment; well-being of health care workers awareness campaign; appropriating money

Senator Morrison moved the A2 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A2 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Morrison provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 3531, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 3531:**

- Dr. Michelle Chetovich, practicing family physician and representative for the Minnesota Medical Association, testified in support of Senate File 3531.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Morrison provided closing comments for Senate File 3531.

Senator Morrison moved that Senate File 3531, 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 3531, AS AMENDED WAS PASSED AND RE-REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 2846 (MAYE-QUADE): Informed consent for sensitive examinations of an anesthetized or unconscious patient requirement**

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 2846, authored by Senator Maye-Quade as follows:

**Senate File 2846 (Maye-Quade):** Informed consent for sensitive examinations of an anesthetized or unconscious patient requirement

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Maye Quade provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2846, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 2846:**

- Mollie Montague, representative for the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network, testified in support of Senate File 2846.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Maye-Quade provided closing comments on Senate File 2846

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 2846, 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 2846, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND RE-REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**AGENDA ITEM #6: Senate File 4001 (KUNESH): Fiscal analyses of the child welfare system report requirement**

The sixth item on the agenda was Senate File 4001, authored by Senator Kunesh as follows:

**Senate File 4001 (Kunesh):** Fiscal analyses of the child welfare system report requirement

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Kunesh provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4001, as amended to the committee.

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Mann who assumed the role of Chair.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 4001:**

- Kirsten Anderson, Executive Director of AspireMN, testified in support of Senate File 4001.
- Joanna Woolman, Executive Director of the Institute to Transform Child Protection at Mitchell-Hamline School of Law, testified in support of Senate File 4001.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Kunesh provided closing comments on Senate File 4001.

Senator Utke moved that Senate File 4001, 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 4001, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS.**

**AGENDA ITEM #7: Senate File 4480 (KUNESH): Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act modification**

The seventh item on the agenda was Senate File 4480 authored by Senator Kunesh as follows:

**Senate File 4480 (Kunesh):** Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act modification

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Kunesh provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4480, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 4480:**

- Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate Judge for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court, testified in support of Senate File 4480.
- Cheri Goodwin, Red Lake Nation, testified in support of Senate File 4480.
- Lauren York, Executive Director of the White Earth Nation and American Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Advisory Council Co-Chair, testified in support of Senate File 4480.
- Robert Larson, President of the Lower Sioux Indian Community and Chair of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council testified in support of Senate File 4480.
- Erin Johnson, Assistant Washington County Attorney and member of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association, testified in opposition of Senate File 4480.
- Julie Hanson, Director of Social Services for Mahnommen County and member of the Minnesota Association of County Social Services Administrators, testified in opposition to Senate File 4480.

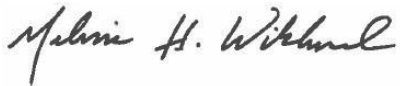
Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Kunesh provided closing comments on Senate File 4480.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 4480, 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 4480, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**Chair Mann adjourned the meeting at 10:17 am.**



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Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant