

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Wednesday, March 13th, 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 8:32 am on Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 4402 (PUTNAM): SNAP eligibility for students enrolled in higher education modification

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 4402, authored by Senator Putnam as follows:

Senate File 4402 (Putnam): SNAP eligibility for students enrolled in higher education modification

Senator Boldon moved the A2 Amendment.

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

Senator Putnam provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4402, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 4402:

- Jess Weis, Winona State University student and participant of the Community Leadership Fellowship program testified in support of Senate File 4402.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Putnam provided closing comments for Senate File 4402.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 4402, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the committee on Higher Education

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 4402, AS AMENDED WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 3532 (MORRISON): Prior authorization and coverage of health services requirements modification; ground for disciplinary action against physicians modification; commissioner of commerce and legislature report requirements; classifying data

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 3532, authored by Senator Morrison follows:

Senate File 3532 (Morrison): Prior authorization and coverage of health services requirements modification; ground for disciplinary action against physicians modification; commissioner of commerce and legislature report requirements; classifying data

Senator Morrison moved the A4 Authors Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A4 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Morrison provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 3532, 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 3532:

- Laurel Ries, practicing family physician and President of the Minnesota Medical Association, testified in support of Senate File 3532.
- Maureen Alderman, patient advocate with the Minnesota Rare Disease Advisory Council, testified in support of Senate File 3532.
- Dziwe Ntaba, MD, practicing emergency medicine doctor, testified in support of Senate File 3532.
- Nicole Hiljus, Manager of Prior Authorization at Children's Hospital of Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 3532.
- Michelle Crimmins, registered lobbyist representing Prime Therapeutics, testified in opposition to Senate File 3532.
- Nick Zerwas, representing American Health Insurance Providers, testified in opposition to Senate File 3532.
- Dan Enderson, representing the Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified in opposition to Senate File 3532.
- Michelle Benson, representing the Health Plan Partnership of Minnesota, testified in opposition to Senate File 3532.
- Bentley Graves, representing the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, testified in opposition to Senate File 3532.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Morrison provided closing comments for Senate File 3532.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 3532, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

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

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 3989 (HOFFMAN): Medical assistance eligibility timeline modifications for certain hospital patients, providing supplemental payments for certain disability waiver services, and providing additional permissible circumstances for the appointment of an emergency guardian

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 3989, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

Senate File 3989 (Hoffman): Medical assistance eligibility timeline modifications for certain hospital patients, providing supplemental payments for certain disability waiver services, and providing additional permissible circumstances for the appointment of an emergency guardian

Senator Hoffman provided opening remarks and presented Senate File 3989 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 3989:

- Jill Pooler, Aging & Disability Social Services Manager with Wright County Health and Human Services and representing the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators, testified on Senate File 3989.
- Danny Ackert, Director of State Government Relations Minnesota Hospital Association, testified in support of Senate File 3989.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Hoffman provided closing comments on Senate File 3989.

Senator Hoffman moved that Senate File 3989 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the committee on Human Services.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 3989 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 4135 (MANN): Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program restaurant meals program implementation requirement

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 4135, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

Senate File 4135 (Mann): Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program restaurant meals program implementation requirement.

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4135 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 4135:

- Rena Moran, Ramsey County Commissioner, testified in support of Senate File 4135.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 4135 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 3313 (LATZ): Collateral Consequences of Conviction Model Act

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 3313, authored by Senator Latz as follows:

Senate File 3313 (Latz): Collateral Consequences of Conviction Model Act

Senator Latz provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 3313 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 3313:

- Michele Timmons, Uniform Law Commissioner, testified on Senate File 3313 and explained the A2 Amendment

Senator Mann moved the A2 Amendment.

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

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Latz provided closing comments on Senate File 3313

Senator Abeler moved that Senate File 3313, 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 3313, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND RE-REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS.

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

AGENDA ITEM #6: Senate File 4861 (WIKLUND): 340B covered entities reporting requirements modifications

The sixth item on the agenda was Senate File 4861, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

Senate File 4861 (Wiklund): 340B covered entities reporting requirements modifications

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4861 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 4861:

- Danny Ackert, Director of State Government Relations Minnesota Hospital Association, testified on Senate File 4861.
- Stefan Gildemeister, Director of the Health Economics Program at the Minnesota Department of Health, testified on Senate File 4861 and the A2 Amendment

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Wiklund moved the A1 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 4861, 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 4861, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS.

Chair Mann adjourned the meeting at 10:32 am.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Melissa H. Wiklund".

Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hailey Ryan".

Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant