

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Tuesday, March 19th, 2024
8:30 am 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 8:34 am on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 3838 (REST): Supplemental medical assistance program to provide payments to a provider of level I trauma care and statewide emergency medical services development requirement

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 3838, authored by Senator Rest as follows:

Senate File 3838 (Rest): Supplemental medical assistance program to provide payments to a provider of level I trauma care and statewide emergency medical services development requirement

Senator Abeler moved the A2 Authors Amendment.

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

Senator Rest provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 3838, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 3838:

- Trevor Sawallish, CEO of North Memorial Hospital, testified in support of Senate File 3838.
- Commissioner Jeff Lunde, Hennepin County Commissioner – District 1, testified in support of Senate File 3838.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Rest provided closing comments for Senate File 3838.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 3838, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 3819 (PAPPAS): Hospital construction moratorium exception provision

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 3819, authored by Senator Pappas follows:

Senate File 3819 (Pappas): Hospital construction moratorium exception provision

Senator Pappas provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 3819 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 3819:

- Sean Stricker, CEO of Regency Hospital, testified in support of Senate File 3819.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 3819 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 3674 (HOUSELY): Permitted number of hospital beds in connection with a project to replace a hospital revision provision

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 3674, authored by Senator Housley as follows:

Senate File 3674 (Housley): Permitted number of hospital beds in connection with a project to replace a hospital revision provision

Senator Housley provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 3674 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 3674:

- Brandi Lunneborg, President of Lakeview Hospital, testified in support of Senate File 3674.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Housley provided closing comments on Senate File 3674.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 3674 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 4833 (SEEBERGER): Permitted number of hospital beds in connection with a project to replace a hospital revision provision

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 4833, authored by Senator Seeberger as follows:

Senate File 4833 (Seeberger): Permitted number of hospital beds in connection with a project to replace a hospital revision provision

Senator Mann moved the A2 Amendment

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

Senator Seeberger provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4833, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 4833:

- Chuck Slane, past President of the Minnesota Association for Justice & an owner of TSR Injury Law, testified in support of Senate File 4833.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Seeberger provided closing comments for Senate File 4833.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 4833, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 4238 (MANN): Alternate hospital inpatient payment rate specification provision

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 4238, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

Senate File 4238 (Mann): Alternate hospital inpatient payment rate specification provision

Senator Mann moved the A2 Amendment.

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

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4238, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 4238:

- Patrick Nolan, Chief Financial Officer with Gillette Children's Hospital and Clinics, testified in support of Senate File 4238.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 4238, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Senate File 4462 (MANN): Hospital payment rates modification

The sixth item on the agenda was Senate File 4462 authored by Senator Mann as follows:

Senate File 4462 (Mann): Hospital payment rates modification

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4462 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 4462:

- Danny Ackert, Director of State Government Relations, testified in support of Senate File 4462.
- Rick Bruer, CEO of Community Memorial Hospital, testified in support of Senate File 4462.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann provided closing comments on Senate File 4462.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 4462, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Senate File 2885 (MORRISON): Temporary funding establishment for settings that receive high-acuity patients discharged from hospitals

The seventh item on the agenda was Senate File 2885 authored by Senator Morrison as follows:

Senate File 2885 (Morrison): Temporary funding establishment for settings that receive high-acuity patients discharged from hospitals

Senator Morrison moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Morrison provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2885, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2885:

- Mary Krinkie, Vice President of Government Affairs with the Minnesota Hospital Association, testified in support of Senate File 2885.
- Jennifer DeCubellis, CEO of Hennepin Healthcare, testified in support of Senate File 2885.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2885, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #8: Senate File 4602 (KUPEC): Debt collection, garnishment and consumer finance provisions modifications; debtor protections authorization; related statutory review requirement

The eighth item on the agenda was Senate File 4602 authored by Senator Kupec as follows:

Senate File 4602 (Kupec): Debt collection, garnishment and consumer finance provisions modifications; debtor protections authorization; related statutory review requirement

On behalf of Senator Kupec, Senator Boldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4602 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 4602

- Bennet Hartz, Assistant Attorney General in Consumer Protection with the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, testified on Senate File 4602 and the A1 Amendment.
- Walt Myers, volunteer at Cancer Legal Care, testified in support of Senate File 4602.

- Mary Krinkie, Vice President of Government Affairs, testified on Senate File 4602.

Senator Boldon provided closing comments on Senate File 4602.

Senator Boldon moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 4602, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:29am.



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant