

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee  
Wednesday, March 20th, 2024  
8:30 am Livestream YouTube

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### Minutes

**Present:** Senator Melissa H. Wiklund – Chair, Senator Alice Mann – Vice Chair, Senator Paul Utke – Minority Lead  
Senator Jim Abeler, Senator John Hoffman, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Kelly Morrison

**Absent:** Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Bill Lieske

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Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:34 am on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

**AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 4423 (DZIEDZIC): Scalp hair prosthetics for hair loss caused by cancer treatment health plan coverage requirement provision**

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 4423, authored by Senator Dzedzic as follows:

**Senate File 4423 (Dzedzic):** Scalp hair prosthetics for hair loss caused by cancer treatment health plan coverage requirement provision

Senator Dzedzic provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4423 to the committee.

Senator Mann moved the A2 Amendment.

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

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 4423:**

- o Ellen Lafontaine, Oncology Social Worker at Fairview Health Services, testified in support of Senate File 4423.
- o Bentley Graves, representing the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, testified in opposition to Senate File 4423.
- o Dan Endreson, representing the Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified in opposition to Senate File 4423.

Member questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 4423, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 2209 (DIBBLE): Gender-affirming care health plan and medical assistance coverage requirement clarification**

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 2209, authored by Senator Dibble follows:

**Senate File 2209 (Dibble):** Gender-affirming care health plan and medical assistance coverage requirement clarification

Senator Dibble provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2209 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 2209:**

- o Kat Rohn, Executive Director for OutFront Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 2209.
- o Ash Tifa, Legal Services Program Coordinator with Rainbow Health, testified in support of Senate file 2209.
- o Rebecca Delahunt, Director of Public Policy with Minnesota Family Council, testified in opposition to Senate File 2209
- o Sam Hunt Outside Counsel for Minnesota Catholic Conference, testified in opposition to Senate File 2209.
- o Camille Kiefel, President of Detrans Help, testified in opposition to Senate File 2209.

- Sue Illg, private citizen, testified in opposition to Senate File 2209.
- Diogo Reis, Diogo Reis, Division Director of Health Improvement and Benefit Design Division – Minnesota Department of Human Services, testified on Senate File 2209.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Hoffman moved the A4 Amendment.

Member questions and discussion on the A4 Amendment followed.

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

Senator Abeler moved the A6 Amendment.

Member questions and discussion on the A6 Amendment followed.

**Senator Abeler withdrew the A6 Amendment.**

Member questions and discussion continued.

Senator Dibble provided closing comments on Senate File 2209.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2209, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 1704 (MAYE-QUADE): Coverage requirement for infertility treatment**

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 1704, authored by Senator Maye-Quade as follows:

**Senate File 1704 (Maye-Quade):** Coverage requirement for infertility treatment

Senator Maye-Quade provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1704 to the committee.

Senator Morrison moved the A9 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A9 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 1704:**

- Dr. April Batcheller, Medical Director at CCRM Minneapolis & Professor of OBGYN at the University Of Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 1704.
- Miraya & Andy Gran, private citizens, testified in support of Senate File 1704.
- Dory Warren, practicing pediatric & Adolescent gynecologist nurse practitioner at Children's Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 1704.
- Kylie Fowler, MD, pediatric and adolescent gynecologist at Children's Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 1704.
- Dana Bacon, Senior Director of State Government Affairs with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, testified in support of Senate File 1704.
- Andy Wilke, private citizen, testified in support of Senate File 1704.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Utke moved the A16 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE A16 AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Senator Maye-Quade provided closing comments on Senate File 1704.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1704, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 3351 (HOFFMAN): Coverage requirement for orthotic and prosthetic devices**

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 3351, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

**Senate File 3351 (Hoffman):** Coverage requirement for orthotic and prosthetic devices

Senator Hoffman moved the A5 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A5 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Hoffman provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 3351, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 3351:**

- Nicole Ver Kuilen, Manager of Public Engagement for the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association, testified in support of Senate File 3351.
- Vincent Lynick, private citizen, testified in support of Senate File 3351.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Hoffman provided closing comments for Senate File 3351.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 3351, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 3967 (MANN): Alternate hospital inpatient payment rate specification provision**

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 3967, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

**Senate File 3967 (Mann):** Alternate hospital inpatient payment rate specification provision

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 3967 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 3967:**

- Megan Peterson Executive Director of Gender Justice, testified in support of Senate File 3967.
- Karen Adante, private citizen, testified in opposition to Senate File 3967
- Eliza O'Brien, clinic manager at Whole Woman's Health, testified in support of Senate File 3967.
- Renee Carlson, general counsel of Truth North Legal, testified in opposition to Senate File 3967.
- Cathy Blazer, Co-Executive Director of Minnesota Citizen Concerned for Life, testified in opposition to Senate File 3967.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Hoffman moved the A3 Amendment.

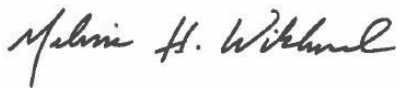
**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A3 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Mann provided closing comments on Senate File 3967.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 3967, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**Senate File 3511 and Senate File 3926 were not heard during this committee.**

**Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:58am.**



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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