

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee  
Wednesday, April 3rd, 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 Liz Boldon, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Kelly Morrison

**Absent:** Senator John Hoffman

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Chair Boldon called the meeting to order at 8:32 am on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

**AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 4570 (WIKLUND): Marriage and 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 on Senate File 4570 and asked Senate Counsel to provide an overview of the bill and walk through of the A6 Amendment.

Nolan Hudalla, Senate Counsel, provided the committee with a walk through of A6 Amendment.

Member questions and discussion on the A6 Amendment followed.

Senator Wiklund moved the A6 Amendment

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A6 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

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

- Dr. Lauren Haverly, past President of the Minnesota Optometric Association, testified in support of Senate File 4570.
- Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of NAMI Minnesota & representing the Mental Health Alliance of Minnesota, testified in opposition to Senate File 4570.
- Siri Fiebiger, MD representing the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, testified in support of Senate File 4570.
- Mandy Huber, practicing nurse midwife & Legislative Chair of the American College of Nurse Midwives, testified in support of Senate File 4570.
- Tom Lehman, representing the Minnesota Academy of Physician Assistants, testified in support of Senate File 4570.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Wiklund moved and explained the A14 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A14 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Wiklund moved and explained the A10 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A10 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Kupec moved the A15 Amendment.

Member questions and discussion on the A15 Amendment followed.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A15 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Abeler moved and explained the A12 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A12 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED**

Senator Mann moved and explained the A8 Amendment.

Member questions and discussion on the A8 Amendment followed.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A8 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

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

Senator Boldon moved and explained the A7 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A7 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Boldon moved the A9 Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund provided closing comments on Senate File 4570.

**Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 4570, 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 4570, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS.**

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

**AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 4018 (MOHAMED): Shelter and support grant appropriation**

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 4018, authored by Senator Mohamed follows:

**Senate File 4018 (Mohamed): Shelter and support grant appropriation**

Senator Abeler moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Mohamed provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4018, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 4018:**

- Commissioner Angela Conley, commissioner with Hennepin County, testified in support of Senate File 4018.
- Travis Earth-Warner, Chief Program Officer with American Indian Community Development Corporation testified in support of Senate File 4018.
- Steve Horsfield, Executive Director of Simpson Housing, testified in support of Senate File 4018.
- Rico Morales, lived experience advisor and consultant with Heading Home Hennepin, testified in support of Senate File 4018.
- Danielle Werder, Manager of the Office to End Homelessness Homeless with Hennepin County, testified on Senate File 4018.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mohamed provided closing comments on Senate File 4018.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 4018, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 4779 (MARTY): Ramsey County families experiencing homelessness appropriation**

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 4779 authored by Senator Marty as follows:

**Senate File 4779 (Marty): Ramsey County families experiencing homelessness appropriation**

**Senator Kupec moved the A1 Amendment.**

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

Senator Marty provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4779, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 4779:**

- Commissioner Trista Martinson, Chair of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners & Chair of Heading Home Ramsey, testified in support of Senate File 4779.
- Deputy Mayor Jamie Tincher, Deputy Mayor in the City of St. Paul & Vice Chair for Heading Home Ramsey, testified in support of Senate File 4779.
- Larene Randle Wade, Chief Executive Officer at Minnesota One Stop for Communities, testified in support of Senate File 4779.
- Shiloh Keleekai, Vice President of Heading Home Ramsey Youth Advisory Board, testified in support of Senate File 4779

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Marty provided closing comments on Senate File 4779.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 4779, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 4807 (CHAMPION): Chosen Vessels Midwifery Services appropriation to provide culturally relevant education and support on breastfeeding to African American families**

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 4807, authored by Senator Champion as follows:

**Senate File 4807 (Champion):** Chosen Vessels Midwifery Services appropriation to provide culturally relevant education and support on breastfeeding to African American families

Senator Champion provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 4807 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 4807:**

- Dr. Lavonne Moore, practicing nurse midwife and lactation consultant with Chosen Vessels Midwifery Services, testified in support of Senate File 4807

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Champion provided closing comments for Senate File 4807.

**Senator Mann moved to orally amend Senate File 4807 as follows:**

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**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE ORAL AMENDMENT TO SENATE FILE 4807 WAS ADOPTED.**

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 4807, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 5032 (DIBBLE): Pregnant and parenting homeless youth study requirement and appropriation**

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 5032, authored by Senator Dibble as follows:

**Senate File 5032 (Dibble):** Pregnant and parenting homeless youth study requirement and appropriation

Senator Dibble provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 5032 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 5032:**

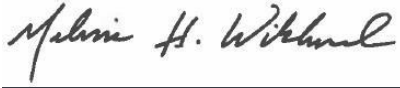
- Katherine Meerse, Executive Director for Avenues for Youth & co-chair of the policy committee for Youth Services Network, testified in support of Senate File 5032.
- Lele Exum, private citizen, testified in support of Senate File 5032.

Member questions and discussion followed.

Senator Dibble provided closing comments on Senate File 5032.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 5032 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:34am.**

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Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

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Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant