

Minnesota State Senate

Human Services Committee
Monday, March 25, 2024
3:00 PM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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Minutes

Present: Senator John A. Hoffman - Chair, Senator Omar Fateh Vice Chair, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Alice Mann, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Nicole Mitchell, Senator Jordan Rasmusson, Senator Paul J. Utke, Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator John A. Hoffman called the meeting to order at 3:05pm. Senator Abeler took the gavel at 3:21pm. Senator Hoffman took the gavel at 3:36pm. Senator Abeler took the gavel at 4:50pm.

Call To Order

Presentation from the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care

The following individuals testified on Presentation from the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care:
1. Cheryl Hennen: State Ombudsman for Long-Term Care

S.F. 4296: Senator Hoffman: Licensed assisted living facilities staff required training modification.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4296:
1. Parichay Rudina: Legislative Specialist; OOLTC
2. Matthew Bergeron: Residential Providers Association of MN
3. Angela Garin: Senior Director of Advocacy; Care Providers on behalf of Long-Term Care Imperative

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 4296, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 1969: Senator Housley: Assisted living facilities and services provisions modification.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1969:
1. Erin Huppert: VP, Advocacy, LeadingAge MN on behalf of Long-Term Care Imperative
2. Suzanne Scheller: Legal Counsel; Elder Voice Advocates

Senator Abeler moved that the A5 amendment be adopted. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 1969, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4268: Senator Kupec: Informed choice and expedited service authorization for technology systems demonstration partnership for people receiving home and community based services authorization.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4268:
1. Steve Pontius: CEO, HealtheMed
2. Nanci Klocke: MA, LPCC, Clinical Counselor, Therapist

Senator Utke moved that the A1 amendment be adopted. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 4268, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4094: Senator Maye Quade: Grant establishment for a pilot program for pediatric hospital discharge to home care nursing services.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4094:

1. Maribel Rubio-Lopez: patient's mother (Interpreter w/ The Language Banc: Johan Fullard)
2. Cameo Zehnder: Chief Administrative Officer; Pediatric Home Service

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 4094, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4030: Senator Maye Quade: Lifework Services, Inc. payment provision for a disability inclusion pilot project.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4030:

1. Kevin Kmetz: Vice President of Program; North Region, Lifeworks
2. Mamady Konneh: Founder and Executive Director; WeNetworkNow

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 4030, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4931: Senator Maye Quade: Dakota County disability services workforce shortage appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4931:

1. Laurie Halverson: Commissioner; Dakota County
2. Evan Henspeter: Social Services Director, Dakota County

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 4931, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 4984: Senator Abeler: Culturally responsive supports and resources related to well-being and long term services and supports grant establishment and appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4984:

1. Victor Obisakin: Director of Culture & Community Engagement, SAMHSA Lead; Wellness In The Woods

Senator Abeler moved that S.F. 4984, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 903: Senator Hoffman: Care evaluation as a covered medical assistance home care service establishment; medical assistance homecare rates modification.

The following individuals testified on S.F.0903:

1. Kathy Messerli: Executive Director; MN Home Care Association
2. KC Ferk: Home Health Program Director; Accra

Senator Hoffman moved that the A2 amendment be adopted. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 903, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 2968: Senator Hoffman: Reimbursement rates modification for transitional supports under the home and community-based services waivers.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2968:

1. Chelsea Marten: Housing Director, Oak Tree Support Services
2. Deirdre White: Cheif Executive Officer, Oak Tree Support Services

Senator Hoffman moved that the A4 amendment be adopted. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 2968, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

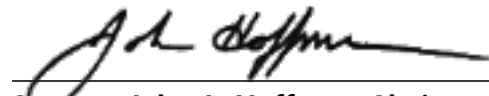
S.F. 4220: Senator Hoffman: DirectCourse curriculum pilot project grant establishment and appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4220:

1. Fartun Weli: MPH, MAPP, CEO; Isuroon

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 4220, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11pm.



Senator John A. Hoffman, Chair



Cassie Sohr, Legislative Assistant