

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

12:30 PM, 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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Minutes

Present: Senator Bobby Joe Champion - Chair, Senator Zaynab Mohamed Vice Chair, Senator Rich Draheim, Senator Heather Gustafson, Senator Fong Hawj, Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Eric R. Pratt, Senator Aric Putnam

Absent: Senator Karin Housley

Chair Senator Champion calls the hybrid Jobs and Economic Development Committee Meeting to order at 12:30pm conducted in Minnesota Senate Building room 1100 and over zoom broadcast. Chair, Senator Champion: Present Vice Chair, Senator Mohamed: Present Ranking, Senator Draheim: Present Senator Gustafson: Present Senator Hawj: Present Senator Housley: Senator Pratt: Present Senator Putnam: Present Senator Nelson: Present A quorum is present.

Call To Order

S.F. 4150: Senator Putnam: Equaspace grant appropriation Testifiers: Sarah Clyne, Executive Director Equaspace Anne Leland, Executive Director of Exodus Lending.

S.F. 4150-Putnam: Equaspace grant appropriation presentation begins at 12:33pm by Senator Putnam and ends at 12:58pm.

S.F. 4150-Putnam: Equaspace grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Sarah Clyne, Executive Director Equaspace, starting at 12:35pm and ending at 12:37pm.

The presentation was halted for questions at 12:37pm and questions end at 12:44pm

S.F. 4150-Putnam: Equaspace grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Anne Leland, Executive Director of Exodus Lending, starting at 12:45pm and ending at 12:47pm.

Questions and comments on S.F. 4150 begin at 12:47pm and end at 12:56pm

- Senator Draheim offers an A1 amendment regarding transparency at 12:49pm
- Discussion on the A1 amendment starts at 12:49pm and end at 12:52pm
- Senator Champion motions for a vote on the A1 amendment. The motion prevails and the amendment is adopted via voice vote at 12:53pm.
- Questions and comments on the S.F. 4150 presentation resumes at 12:53pm.

Senator Champion lays over S.F. 4150 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill at 12:58pm.

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 4150, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 3645: Senator Hawj: International Institute of Minnesota grant appropriation Testifiers: Jane Graupman, Executive Director Sandra Salinas, Business Pathway program graduate.

S.F. 3645-Hawj: International Institute of Minnesota grant appropriation presentation begins at 12:58pm by Senator Hawj and ends at 1:15pm.

S.F. 3645-Hawj: International Institute of Minnesota grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Jane Graupman, Executive Director, International Institute, starting at 1:00pm and ending at 1:02pm.

S.F. 3645-Hawj: International Institute of Minnesota grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Sandra Salinas, Business Pathway Program Graduate, starting at 1:03pm and ending at 1:05pm.

Questions and comments on S.F. 3645 begins at 1:06pm and ends at 1:13pm

- Senator Pratt offers the A1 amendment regarding transparency and accountability at 1:09pm
- Senator Champion motions for a vote on the A1 amendment. The motion prevails and the amendment is adopted via voice vote at 1:12pm.

Senator Champion lays over S.F. 3645 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill at 1:15pm

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 3645, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 4027: Senator Champion: Membership modification of the energy transition advisory committee Testifiers: Matt Varilek, Commissioner, DEED Marc Majors, Deputy Commissioner, DEED Kevin McKinnon, Deputy Commissioner, DEED.

Before the presentation on S.F. 4027- Champion, Membership modification of the energy transition advisory committee, begins, Senator Champion offers an A1 delete all amendment that incorporates all policy changes into one bill at 1:17pm

Senator Gustafson moves the A1 amendment. The motion prevails and the amendment is adopted via voice vote at 1:18pm

The A2 amendment is offered by Senate Counsel to make technical changes to the bill on lines 1.3, 1.4, and 1.5 at 1:18pm.

Senator Putnam moves the A2 amendment. The motion prevails and the amendment is adopted via voice vote at 12:18pm.

S.F. 4027-Champion: Membership modification of the energy transition advisory committee presentation begins at 12:19pm by Senator Champion and ends at 00:00pm.

S.F. 4027-Champion: Membership modification of the energy transition advisory committee presentation continues with a testimony by Matt Varilek, Commissioner, DEED, starting at 12:20pm and ending at 12:23pm.

S.F. 4027-Champion: Membership modification of the energy transition advisory committee presentation continues with a testimony by Marc Majors, Deputy Commissioner, DEED, starting at 12:24pm and ending at 12:27pm.

S.F. 4027-Champion: Membership modification of the energy transition advisory committee presentation continues with a testimony by Kevin McKinnon, Deputy Commissioner, DEED, starting at 12:27pm and ending at 1:30pm.

Questions and comments on S.F. 4027 begins at 1:31pm and ends at 2:02pm

Senator Mohamed lays over S.F 4027 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 4027, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03pm



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



Alexis Varner, Legislative Assistant

