

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee

Monday, March 18, 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 Founq Hawj, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Eric R. Pratt, Senator Aric Putnam

Absent: No Members Absent

Chair Senator Champion calls the hybrid Jobs and Economic Development Committee Meeting to order at 12:31pm 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: Present Senator Pratt: Present Senator Putnam: Present Senator Nelson: Present A quorum is present

Call To Order

S.F. 4172: Senator Frentz: Independent living services modification Testifier: Marty Seifert, Minnesota Association of Centers for Independent Living.

S.F. 4172 – Frentz: Independent living services modification presentation begins at 12:33pm by Senator Frentz and ends at 12:34pm.

S.F. 4172 – Frentz: Independent living services modification presentation continues with a testimony by Marty Seifert, Minnesota Association of Centers for Independent Living, starting at 12:34pm and ending at 12:36pm.

Senator Champion lays SF 4172 over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill at 12:36pm

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 4172, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

DEED Overview of Bonding Project Requests

Testifier:

Kevin McKinnon, Deputy Commissioner, DEED

DEED's Bonding Project Requests overview begins at 12:38pm by Kevin McKinnon, Deputy Commissioner, DEED and ends at 12:43pm.

IRRRB Overview of Bonding Project Requests

Testifier- Giants Ridge:

Ida Rukavina, IRRRB Commissioner

Testifier- MN Discovery Center:

Char Conger, MN Discovery Center Executive Director

IRRRB's Bonding Project Requests overview begins at 12:45pm by Ida Rukavina, IRRRB Commissioner, representing Giants Ridge, and ends at 12:50pm.

The overview was halted for questioning at 12:50pm and resumed at 12:59pm

DEED's Bonding Project Requests overview continues with a testimony by Char Conger, MN Discovery Center Executive Director, starting at 1:00pm and ending at 1:05pm.

Questions and comments on the full overview begin at 1:06pm and end at 1:06pm

S.F. 3756: Senator Hauschild: Water infrastructure funding program maximum grant amount increase provision Testifiers: Elizabeth Wefel, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities John Thorson, LiUNA Douglas Gregor, Mayor, Aurora, MN.

Before the presentation on S.F. 3756, water infrastructure funding program maximum grant amount increase provision, begins Senator Hauschild offers the A1 amendment at 1:07pm. Senator Mohamed moves the A1 amendment. The motion prevails and the A1 amendment is adopted via voice vote at 1:08pm

S.F. 3756 – Hauschild: Water infrastructure funding program maximum grant amount increase provision begins at 1:09pm by Senator Hauschild and ends at 1:10pm.

S.F. 3756 – Hauschild: Water infrastructure funding program maximum grant amount increase provision modification presentation continues with a testimony by Elizabeth Wefel, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, starting at 1:11pm and ending at 1:13pm.

S.F. 3756 – Hauschild: Water infrastructure funding program maximum grant amount increase provision modification presentation continues with a testimony by John Thorson, LiUNA, starting at 1:13pm and ending at 1:15pm.

S.F. 3756 – Hauschild: Water infrastructure funding program maximum grant amount increase provision modification presentation continues with a testimony by Douglas Gregor, Mayor, Aurora, MN, starting at 1:16pm and ending at 1:18pm.

Senator Champion lays SF 3756, as amended, over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 3756, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 4925: Senator Putnam: Technical changes to the small business assistance partnerships grant program, Minnesota expanding opportunity fund program, Minnesota emerging entrepreneur program, and community wealth-building grant program pilot project Testifier: Kari Johnson, Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers.

Before the presentation on S.F. 4925, Technical changes to the small business assistance partnerships grant program, Minnesota expanding opportunity fund program, Minnesota emerging entrepreneur program, and community wealth-building grant program pilot project, begins Senator Putnam offers the A-1 amendment at 1:20pm. The motion prevails and the A-1 amendment is adopted via voice vote at 1:21pm

S.F. 4925 – Putnam: Technical changes to the small business assistance partnerships grant program, Minnesota expanding opportunity fund program, Minnesota emerging entrepreneur program, and community wealth-building grant program pilot project presentation begins at 1:21pm by Senator Putnam and ends at 1:22pm.

S.F. 4925 – Putnam: Technical changes to the small business assistance partnerships grant program, Minnesota expanding opportunity fund program, Minnesota emerging entrepreneur program, and community wealth-building grant program pilot project presentation continues with a testimony by Kari Johnson, Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers, starting at 1:22pm and ending at 1:24pm.

Questions and comments on SF 4925 begin at 1:25pm and ends at 1:56pm

- Senator Draheim offers the A-2 amendment at 1:57pm. The motion prevails and the A-2 amendment is adopted at 1:59pm.

Senator Champion moves SF4925, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 4925, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 3164: Senator Mohamed: Fortis Capital revolving loan fund appropriation Testifier: Richard Kolodziejski, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters.

Before the presentation on S.F. 3164, Fortis Capital revolving loan fund appropriation, begins Senator Mohamed offers the A-1 amendment at 2:00pm. The motion prevails and the A1 amendment is adopted via voice vote at 2:01pm

S.F. 3164 – Mohamed: Fortis Capital revolving loan fund appropriation presentation begins at 2:02pm by Senator Mohamed and ends at 2:04pm.

S.F. 3164 – Mohamed: Fortis Capital revolving loan fund appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Richard Kolodziejski, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters, starting at 2:05pm and ending at 2:08pm.

Questions and comments on SF 3164 begins at 2:10pm and ends at 00:00pm

- Senator Draheim offers the A-3 amendment at 2:12pm. The motion fails and the A-3 amendment is not adopted via voice vote.

Senator Mohamed moves that SF 3164 be recommended to pass as amended and be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes at 2:25. The motion prevails via voice vote and SF 3164, as amended, passes as recommended and is re-referred to the committee on Taxes at 2:25pm

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 3164, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Taxes Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27pm



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



Alexis Varner, Legislative Assistant