

Minnesota State Senate

Labor Committee
Thursday, March 7, 2024
12:30 PM, 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Jennifer A. McEwen - Chair, Senator Grant Hauschild - Vice Chair, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Glenn H. Gruenhagen, Senator Robert J. Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator John Marty, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Sandra L. Pappas, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Jennifer A. McEwen called the meeting to order at 12:34pm.

Call to Order

S.F. 4483: Senator Oumou Verbeten: Misclassification of employees prohibition.

Chair Jen McEwen called the Senate Labor Committee to order at 12:34pm.

Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten presented Senate File 4483.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved the A-1 amendment.
The A-1 amendment was adopted along a voice vote.

Commissioner Nicole Blissenbach of the Department of Labor & Industry joined the witness table to walk through SF4483 as amended.

The following individuals offered testimony in support of SF4483 as amended:

- Melissa Hysing, Minnesota AFL-CIO Legislative Director
- Mark Bradly, SAG-AFTRA Twin Cities, President
- Richard Kolodziejcki, North Central Regional Council of Carpenters, Government Affairs Director
- Micayla Ter Wee, AFL-CIO, former misclassified worker
- Charlie Cushing, IATSE Local 745, Business Representative
- Jesse Madison, Purple Tally Productions, CEO & Founder

The following individuals offered testimony in opposition to SF4483 as amended:

- Laura Ziegler, Associated General Contractors, Government Affairs Director
- John Hausladen, Minnesota Trucking Association, President
- Peter Coyle, Larkin-Hoffman Lobbyist on behalf of Housing First Minnesota
- Adam Hanson, Associated Builders & Contractors of Minnesota and North Dakota

Discussion.

Commissioner Blissenbach rejoined the witness stand to answer technical questions.

Carin Mrotz, Sr. Policy Advisor to the Minnesota Attorney General’s office joined the witness stand to answer technical questions.

Senator Dornink moves the A-2 amendment.

The A-2 amendment fails along a voice vote, and is not adopted.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that SF4483 as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Senate State & Local Government and Veterans Committee.

Senator Gruenhagen requested a roll call vote.


AYE: McEwen, Hauschild, Kupec, Marty, Oumou Verbeten, Pappas.

NAY: Dornink, Gruenhagen, Lieske, Wesenberg.

There being 6 ayes and 4 nays, the motion is adopted and Senate File 4483, as amended is recommended to pass and re-referred to the Senate State & Local Government and Veterans Committee.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 4483, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. - MOTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21pm.


Senator Jennifer A. McEwen, Chair


Jack Fischer, Legislative Assistant