



# Minnesota Senate Taxes Committee

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

8:30 a.m.

Room G-15

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## **Agenda**

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of minutes from 3/5/2024

3. SF 4247 (Hauschild) – Local government aid and county program aid annual inflation and population adjustments to appropriations provisions.

Testifier:

- Jason Sjoblom – Koochiching County Commissioner and Board Chair
- Annie Harala – St. Louis County Commissioner
- Bradley Peterson – Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities
- Nathan Jesson – League of Minnesota Cities

4. SF 3757 (Hauschild) – Town aid amount increase and town aid calculation modification provisions.

Testifier:

- Gary Burdorf – President, Minnesota Association of Townships
- Daniel Gilbert – Township Supervisor, Harris Township

5. SF 4422 (Hauschild) – Soil and water conservation district aid appropriation increase provision.

Testifiers:

- Sheila Vanney – Assistant Director, MN Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

6. SF 3886 (Hauschild) – Onetime aid program for certain licensed ambulance services establishment and appropriation.

Testifier:

- Melanie Olmstead – EMS Director, Hoyt Lakes Fire and Ambulance
- Dena Suikhonen – EMS Director, Tower Ambulance
- David Setterberg – Mayor of Tower
- Erik Jankila – Fire Chief, City of Hibbing
- Pete Hyduke – Mayor, City of Hibbing
- Larry Cuffe – Mayor, City of Virginia
- Heidi Omerza – Mayor, City of Ely
- Paul Peltier – Executive Director, RAMS
- Tony Chladek – City Administrator, City of Rushford
- Kevin Lee – North Memorial Hospital
- Michael Juntunen – In-coming President, MN Ambulance Association
- Erik Simonson – Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities
- Cap O'Rourke – Executive Director, Minnesota Small Cities

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment

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