



Minnesota Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband and Rural Development

Monday, February 3rd, 2025

3:00 pm | Room 1150

Agenda

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- 1) Call to Order by co-chair Westrom
- 2) Greet FFA Representatives
 - Lauren Stoel, Minnesota FFA State President, Murray County Central FFA
 - Cole Sundeen, Minnesota FFA State Treasurer, Rockford FFA
- 3) SF 296 (Dahms) Minnesota Agricultural Education and Leadership Council grants appropriation

Testifiers:

- Sara Dornink, Sarah Dornink, Executive Director MN Agricultural Educational Leadership Council
- Andrew Duerr, Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators
- Hunter Pederson, Public Policy Specialist Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation

- 4) SF 391 (Lieske) Cottage foods exemption amendment

Testifiers:

- Kathy Zeman, Executive Director Minnesota Farmers’ Market Association (via zoom)
- Jennifer Carriveau, Vice President Minnesota Cottage Food Producer’s Association
- Meagan Forbes, Director of Legislation Institute for Justice

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- Steve Barthel, Director for Government Relations
Minnesota Grocers Association

5) SF 310 (Dornink) Employee definition modified for the purposes of earned sick and safe time

Testifiers:

- Darin Broton, Executive Director AgriGrowth
- Bruce Kleven,
- Hunter Pederson, Public Policy Specialist
Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
- Jon Boesche, State Director National Federation
of Independent Businesses
- Josiah Moore, Legislative Director Minnesota
Department of Labor and Industry

6) Adjournment

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