



Minnesota Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband and Rural Development

Monday, April 21st, 2025

3:00pm | Room 1150

Agenda

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1. Call to Order by Chair Putnam
2. SF 188 (Gustafson) Ortho-phthalate testing results reporting of packaged food requirement
 - Michael Hanson, Scientist, Consumer Reports – Remote
 - Hannah Olson, Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate - Remote
 - Avonna Stark, Executive Director, Clean Water
 - Lori Olinger, Coalition for Plastic Reduction
 - Megan Baumler, PhD, RDN, LDN, Associate Professor, St. Catherine University
 - Dr. Zeke McKinney, MD HealthPartners and Professor at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health - Recorded Message
 - Darin Broton, Executive Director AgriGrowth
 - Andrew Morley, Director, Environmental Policy, MN Chamber of Commerce
3. SF 2473 (Hoffman) Minnesota Black Farmers Association purchase of advanced 21st century farming equipment for use by a cooperative of Black veteran farmers appropriation
 - Farhio Khalif, Somali American Farmers Association
 - Julius Cochran
 - Angela Dawson, MN Farmer
4. Women's Environmental Institute Farm Incubator Project
 - Karen Clark, Women's Environmental Institute, Activist Executive Director
 - Farhio Khalif, Somali American Farmers Institute
 - Thierno Sow, Beginning Farmer, Farming Business student at WEI
5. SF 2653 (Kupec) Solar pollinator programs special license plate establishment and agrivoltaic solar sites eligibility for solar site management practices provision

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- Rob Schultz, Vice President, Audubon Upper Mississippi River
- Sarah Whebbe, Senior Policy & Regulatory Affairs Associate, Minnesota Solar Energy Industries Association (MnSEIA)
- Colleen Hollinger, Director, Natural Resource Services
- Sophia Lenarz-Coy, Executive Director, The Food Group
- Eric Buchanan, Director of Renewable Energy, University of Minnesota West Central Outreach Center-REMOTE

6. SF 3083 (McEwen) Pesticides from treated seeds addition to the Commissioner of Agriculture's pesticide management plan requirements; appropriating money

- Erin Rupp, Minnesota Pollinator Stewardship Council – REMOTE
- Dave Legvold, Minnesota Farmer - REMOTE
- Monta Hayner, Fly Fishing Women of Minnesota, Orvis Endorsed Guide Driftless Fly Fishing Company
- Dawn Georgieff, Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Minnesota
- Julia Brokaw, Xerces Society
- Jane Windsperger, Minnesota Farmer
- Ashley Runholt, Agronomy Sales Manager, Cottonwood Oil Co-op
- Lee Helgin, Executive Director, MN Crop Production Retailers
- Bruce Kleven, Representing Multiple Ag. Organizations

7. Adjournment