



## Minnesota Senate Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy

Minnesota Senate Building 1150

Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

3:00 – 5:00 pm

### Agenda

*\*\*Agenda order subject to change\*\**

#### Members & Support Staff

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#### 1. Call to Order

#### 2. MN Indian Affairs Council (MIAC) Legacy Update

- *Shannon Geshick, Executive Director, MIAC*
- *Ethan Neerdahls, Executive Director, Dakota Iapi Okhodakichiye*
- *David Sutherland, Culture Language Arts Network (CLAN), Minneapolis American Indian Center*

#### 3. SF 1973 (Rest) Sweet Potato Comfort Pie organization appropriation

- *Rose McGee, Founder, Sweet Potato Comfort Pie*
- *Niila Herbert, Board Chair, Sweet Potato Comfort Pie*

#### 4. SF 2398 (Champion) Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts appropriation

- *Ammy Casserly Ellis, Executive Director, Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts*

#### 5. SF 2424 (Champion) Capri appropriation

- *Kevin D. West Interim Director, Capri Theater*

#### 6. SF 2573 (Gustafson) Public educational radio stations appropriation

- *Joel Glaser, President & CEO, Association of Minnesota Public Educational Radio Stations (AMPERS)*

#### 7. SF 2790 (Pha) Urban Debate League appropriation

- *Amy Cram Helwich, Executive Director, MN Urban Debate League, Program of Augsburg University*
- *Jamie Maiers, Teacher Debate Coach, MNUDL*
- *Sai Yang, Johnson High School Debate Student (REMOTE)*

**8. SF 2812 (Pratt) Minnesota's thoroughbred racing culture support appropriation**

- *Justin Revak, President, MN Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association*

**9. SF 92 (Hoffman) Taste of Minnesota appropriation**

- *Former Senator and Sgt. Major Jerry Newton*
- *Jojo Kilimanjaro, Chef and Artist*
- *Adam Duininck, CEO & President, Mpls Downtown Council*

**10. SF 2834 (McEwen) Lake Superior Zoological Society appropriation**

**11. SF 2865 (Hawj) Dedicated funding website maintenance appropriation (NOTE: This will be the omnibus Legacy bill)**

**12. SF 2590 (Hawj) United Hmong Family appropriation**

- *Maycee Vang, Program Manager, the United Hmong Family*

**13. SF 2543 (Hawj) Southeast Asian Music Festival appropriation**

- *Apichart Klaysingha, Executive Director, Siengkane Lao MN*

**14. SF 2785 (Hawj) Asian Economic Development Association outdoor programs for youth appropriation**

- *Va-Megn Thoj, Executive Director, AEDA*

**15. SF 2656 (Hawj) Tou Ger Xiong mural and statue appropriation**

- *Andy Rodriguez, Parks & Recreations Director, City of St. Paul*
- *Mo Chang, Owner, Mo's Tropical Market*
- *Moslais Xiong, Sister of Tou Ger Xiong, Teacher*

**16. SF 1763 (Hawj) Lake Phalen winter festival appropriation**

- *Andy Rodriguez, Parks & Recreations Director, City of St. Paul*
- *Lisa Jacobson, President & CEO, St. Paul Heritage Foundation*

**17. Adjourn**