

Minnesota State Senate

State and Local Government Committee
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
12:30 PM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Tou Xiong - **Chair**, Senator Heather Gustafson - **Vice Chair**, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade - **Vice Chair**, Senator Andrew R. Lang - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Calvin K. Bahr, Senator Jim Carlson, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Steve Drazkowski, Senator Justin D. Eichorn, Senator Omar Fateh, Senator Ann M. Johnson Stewart, Senator Mark W. Koran

Absent: No Members Absent

Chair Tou Xiong called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM

Call to Order

A quorum was present

S.F. 856: Senator Gustafson: Office of the Inspector General creation.

Co-presenter: Senator Michael Kreun

Vice Chair Gustafson moved the A7 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Vice Chair Gustafson moved the A8 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Testifier:

- Rich Neumesiter, Open Government Advocate

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 856, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 449: Senator Cwodzinski: Public television grants appropriation.

Testifiers:

Les Heen - Government Relations Specialist, Libby Law Office P.A.

Patty Mester - President, Minnesota Public Television Association

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 449, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 263: Senator Rasmusson: Legislative auditor requirement to submit a report to the legislature related to an agency's implementation of internal control or fiscal management recommendations.

Senator Drazkowski moved the A2 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Testifiers:

Judy Randall - Legislative Auditor, Office of the Legislative Auditor
RaeAnna Lee - Legislative and Coalitions Director, Americans for Prosperity

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 263, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

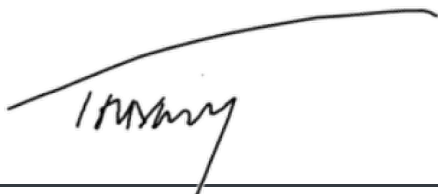
S.F. 475: Senator Mathews: Whistleblower protections for public employees modifications.

Vice Chair Maye Quade moved an oral amendment to SF 475 as follows:
delete everything after "means" on page 1, line 8, and insert "the misuse of authority or position for personal gain or to cause harm to others, including the improper use of state resources or programs contrary to their intended purpose." Then delete page 1, line 9.
Page 1, line 10, delete everything before the period.

Vice Chair Maye Quade withdrew the oral amendment.

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 475, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM



Senator Tou Xiong, Chair



Sebastian Gonzalez, Legislative Assistant