

Minnesota State Senate

State and Local Government Committee
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
12 Noon, 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

Senator Tou Xiong called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM

Call to Order

A quorum was present

S.F. 447: Senator Rest: Consumer protection restitution account establishment, public compensation payments exclusion from certain calculations of income, and appropriation.

Testifiers:
Thomas Elness - Director of Public Policy, AARP MN
Prentiss Cox - Professor, University of Minnesota
Dennis Anderson - Maplewood Resident
Dawn Patton - Savage Resident
Jessica Whitney - Deputy Attorney General, MN Attorney General's Office

Vice Chair Maye Quade moved an oral amendment to SF 447 as below:
Page 8, line 26, delete "retroactively"
Page 8, line 27, delete "2023" and insert "2025"
Page 10, line 14, delete "retroactively"
Page 10, line 15, delete "2023" and insert "2025"

The motion prevailed. The oral amendment was adopted.

Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 447, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1592: Senator Kupec: State songs designation.

Testifiers:
Dr. Betsy McCann - Marching and Athletic Bands Director, University of Minnesota
Ted Fiskevold - Resident, Becker County
Sharon Nelson - Sister of Prince
Mary Palcich Keyes - Hibbing Historical Society

Senator Cwodzinski moved the A1 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 1592, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1690: Senator Kupec: Stewardship program establishment for circuit boards, batteries, and electrical products.

Testifiers:

- Andrew Morley - Environmental Policy Director, MN Chamber of Commerce
- Tammy Walhof - Director, Lutheran Advocacy-MN
- Kirk Koudelka - Assistant Commissioner, MN Pollution Control Agency
- Brian Martinson - Policy Analyst, Association of MN Counties
- Maria Jensen - Co-Director, Recycling Electronics for Climate Action
- Miriam Holsinger - Co-President, Eureka Recycling
- Tony Kwilas - AGC; Consumer Technology Association

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 1690, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.
- **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 787: Senator Mann: Open meeting laws unlimited remote participation authorization modification provision.

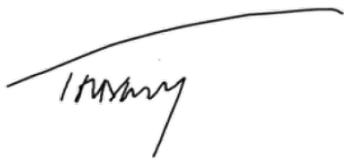
Testifiers:

- Laura Oksnevad - School Board Member, ISD 282
- Dr. Terry Morrow - General Counsel, MN School Board Association

Senator Carlson moved the A1 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 787, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM



Senator Tou Xiong, Chair



Sebastian Gonzalez, Legislative Assistant