

# Minnesota State Senate

State and Local Government Committee  
Thursday, March 27, 2025  
5:30 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 Omar Fateh, Senator Ann M. Johnson Stewart, Senator Mark W. Koran

**Absent:** Senator Jeremy R. Miller

Senator Tou Xiong called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

Call to Order Senator Latz:

A quorum was present

**S.F. 2856: Senator Carlson: Payments termination to program participants under certain circumstances.**

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 2856, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.  
- **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 1734: Senator Klein: Minnesota Business Filing Fraud Prevention Act.**

Testifier:  
Lauren Bethke - Deputy General Counsel, Office of the Secretary of State

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 1734, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 2322: Senator Wiklund: Minnesota Health Care Workforce Advisory Council establishment.**

Testifier:  
Nitika Moibi - Minnesota Resident (Remote)

Senator Fateh moved an oral amendment to the A3 amendment as follows:  
delete lines 1.18 to 2.28  
page 2, line 29, delete "9" and insert "8"  
page 2, line 31, delete "10" and insert "9"  
The motion prevailed. The oral amendment was incorporated.

Senator Fateh moved the A3 amendment as amended by the oral amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Senator Drazkowski moved the A2 amendment.

Vice Chair Maye Quade requested a 12.10 roll call vote for the adoption of A2 amendment.

Request supported by Maye Quade, Drazkowski, Bahr, Cwodzinski

4/7 (Ayes: Lang, Bahr, Drazkowski, Koran; Nays: Xiong, Gustafson, Maye Quade, Carlson, Cwodzinski, Fateh, Johnson Stewart)

The motion did not prevail. The amendment was not adopted.

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2322, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Rules and Administration Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 2530: Senator Hauschild: Orderly and environmentally responsible development of the states gas resources facilitation provision and appropriation.**

Testifiers:

Aaron Klemz - Chief Strategy Officer, MN Center for Environmental Advocacy

Joe Henderson - Director, Lands and Minerals Division, MN Department of Natural Resources

Senator Drazkowski moved the A9 amendment.

Senator Drazkowski moved an oral amendment to the A9 amendment as follows:

page 1, line 3, delete "20" and insert "19"

Senator Drazkowski requested a roll call vote for the adoption of A9 amendment as amended by the oral amendment.

2/8 (Ayes: Bahr, Drazkowski; Nays: Xiong, Gustafson, Maye Quade, Lang, Carlson, Cwodzinski, Fateh, Johnson Stewart)

**MOTION FAILED**

Senator Carlson moved the A11 amendment.

Senator Carlson withdrew the A11 amendment.

Senator Carlson moved the A10 amendment. The motion did not prevail.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 2530, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 1492: Senator Latz: Civil Commitment Coordinating Division establishment.**

Testifier:

Sue Abderholden - Executive Director, NAMI

Senator Carlson moved the A7 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 1492, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**H.F. 286: Senator Howe: Criminal background checks under certain circumstances by local units of government authorization.**

Testifier:

Tony Reznicek - Policy Chief, Waite Park

Senator Cwodzinski moved that H.F. 286, be recommended to pass. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 1464: Senator Pha: Minnesota Sustainable Foraging Task Force establishment.**

Testifiers:

Tara Erickson - Erickson Public Affairs

Peter Martignacco - President, Minnesota Mycological Society

Senator Carlson moved the A7 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Senator Gustafson moved that S.F. 1464, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Rules and Administration Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 2819: Senator Rarick: Green burials requirements establishment provision and permanent care and improvement funds dedicated proceeds amount modification provision.**

Testifier:  
Matt Connel - Caretaker, Loving Earth Memorial Gardens

Senator Carlson moved the A4 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Senator Drazkowski moved that S.F. 2819, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM**

  
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Senator Tou Xiong, Chair

  
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Sebastian Gonzalez, Legislative Assistant