

Minnesota Senate

Committee on State and Local Government

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

1200 Minnesota Senate Building

Agenda

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Sebastian Gonzalez (DFL) 651-296-6820 Sebastian.gonzalez@mnsenate.gov 1. Call to Order

2. **S.F. 2668 (Wiklund)** Group insurance program eligibility modification for certain spouses of retired state employees

Testifier:

- Mark Schoenbaum (REMOTE)
- 3. S.F. 2132 (Cwodzinski) Giant beaver designation as the state fossil

Testifiers:

- Dr. Alex Hastings, Paleontology Fitzpatrick Chair,
 Science Museum of Minnesota
- Holly Menninger, Executive Director, The Bell Museum
- 4. S.F. 1717 (Hoffman) YouLead2025 appropriation
- 5. S.F. 2521 (Hawj) Ramsey County Economic
 Development Authority establishment provision
 and Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment
 Authority powers expansion provision

Testifiers:

- Mai Chong Xiong, Commissioner, Ramsey County
- Kari Collins, Deputy County Manager, Ramsey County
- 6. S.F. 3044 (Xiong) Attorney General duties and activities appropriation, consumer protection restitution account establishment provision,

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consumer litigation account provisions modifications, and proceeds of litigation or settlement account establishment provision Testifiers:

- John Keller, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General
- Laura Sayles, Director of Government Affairs,
 Office of the Minnesota Attorney General

7. S.F.1063 (Pha) Common interest community ombudsperson creation and appropriation

- 8. S.F. 3055 (Mann) Technology platform, pharmacy benefit manager, and data protection in vendor contracts provisions modifications
 - Testifiers:
 - Buck Humphrey, PBM Accountability Project
 - Galen Benshoof, Enterprise Director for Employee Insurance, Minnesota Management and Budget
- 9. S.F. 3057 (Carlson) State personnel management provisions modifications

Testifier:

- Blake Chaffee, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Management and Budget

10. S.F. 2501 (Xiong) State contracts provision modifications

11. S.F. 2089 (Clark) Data practices modification

Testifiers:

- Taya Moxley-Goldsmith, Director, Data Practices
 Office, Department of Administration
- Casey Carmody, Assistant Director, Data Practices
 Office, Department of Administration

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12. S.F. 1598 (McEwen) Prohibition removal on banning merchant bags.

Testifiers:

- Avonna Starck, Clean Water Action Minnesota
- Steve Barthel, Government Relations Director,
 Steve Barthel

13. Adjournment

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