

Minnesota State Senate

State and Local Government Committee
Tuesday, April 1, 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 Omar Fateh, Senator Ann M. Johnson Stewart, Senator Mark W. Koran, Senator Jeremy R. Miller

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Tou Xiong called the meeting to order at 12:34 PM

Call to Order

A quorum was present

S.F. 2668: Senator Wiklund: Group insurance program eligibility modification for certain spouses of retired state employees.

Testifier:
Mark Schoenbaum - MN Resident (REMOTE)

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 2668, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2132: Senator 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

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

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 2132, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 3044: Senator Xiong: Attorney General duties and activities appropriation, consumer protection restitution account establishment provision, 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

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 3044, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1717: Senator Hoffman: YouLead2025 appropriation.

Testifiers:

Steve Heckler - Board Member, Global Synergy Group

Brad Martens - YouLead

Alex Zuiev - YouLead

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 1717, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2521: Senator 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

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 2521, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1063: Senator Pha: Common interest community ombudsperson creation and appropriation.

Senators Susan Pha and John Marty co-presented SF 1064.

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 1063, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 3055: Senator 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, MN Department of Management and Budget

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 3055, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 3057: Senator Carlson: State personnel management provisions modifications.

Testifiers:

Blake Chaffee - Deputy Commissioner, MN Department of Management and Budget

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

Senator Carlson moved the SF 3057, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. The motion prevailed.

****Towards the end of the meeting, Vice Chair Maye Quade moved to reconsider SF 3057 before the committee. The motion prevailed. See updated motion below.****

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 3057, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2501: Senator Xiong: State contracts provisions modifications.

Testifiers:

Betsy Hayes - Assistant Commissioner, MN Department of Administration

John Mule - General Counsel, MN State Board of Investment

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

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 2501, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2089: Senator Clark: Data practices modification.

Testifiers:

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

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 2089, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1598: Senator McEwen: Prohibition removal on banning merchant bags.

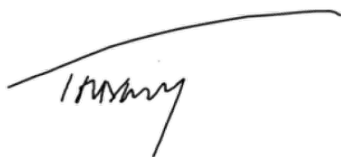
Senator Fateh presented SF 1598.

Testifiers:

Avonna Starck - Clean Water Action Minnesota
Steve Barthel - Government Relations Director, MN Grocers Association
Doug Heuer - Volunteer, MN Delegation of Wildlife Refuge

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 1598, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM



Senator Tou Xiong, Chair



Sebastian Gonzalez, Legislative Assistant