

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee  
Tuesday, February 18th, 2025  
8:30 am Livestream YouTube

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### Minutes

Present: Senator Melissa H. Wiklund – Chair, Senator Alice Mann – Vice Chair, Senator Paul Utke – Minority Lead, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator John Hoffman Senator Mark Koran, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Lindsey Port

Absent:

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Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:31 am on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

**AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 1503 (Oumou Verbeten): Facility fees prohibition for nonemergency services provided at provider-based clinics**

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 1503, authored by Senator Oumou Verbeten as follows:

**Senate File 1503 (Oumou Verbeten): Facility fees prohibition for nonemergency services provided at provider-based clinics**

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A1 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Oumou Verbeten provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1503, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 1503:**

- Melissa Finnegan, private citizen, testified in support of Senate File 1503.
- Ben Baglio, Government Relations Specialist with Minnesota Nurses Association, testified in support of Senate File 1503.
- Joe Schindler, Vice President of Finance at the Minnesota Hospital Association, testified in opposition to Senate File 1503.
- Dr. Dana Seifert, private citizen, testified in support of Senate File 1503.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Oumou Verbeten provided closing comments on Senate File 1503, as amended.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 1503, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1503, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 91 (Hoffman): Teacher's aides rules amendment by the commissioner of children, youth, and families requirement**

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 91, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

**Senate File 91 (Hoffman): Teacher's aides rules amendment by the commissioner of children, youth, and families requirement**

Senator Hoffman moved to divide the A2 Amendment into two parts: Part 1 is Lines 1.1 to 1.14 and Part 2 is Lines 1.15 to 1.27.

Senator Hoffman moved the first part of the A2 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE FIRST PART OF THE A2 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Senator Hoffman provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 91, as amended, to the committee.

***The following individuals testified on Senate File 91:***

- Clare Sanford, Government Relations Chair for the board of Minnesota Child Care Association, provided a walk-through of Senate File 91.
- Jennifer Orth, owner of Hypointe Child Care Center, testified in support of Senate File 91.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Hoffman provided closing comments on Senate File 91, as amended.

**Senator Hoffman moved that Senate File 91, as amended, be recommended to pass and be placed on general orders.**

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 91, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND PLACED ON GENERAL ORDERS.**

**AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 446 (Rasmussen): Home and community-based services standards for out-of-home respite care services for children modification**

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 446, authored by Senator Rasmussen as follows:

**Senate File 446 (Rasmussen): Home and community-based services standards for out-of-home respite care services for children modification**

Senator Rasmussen provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 446 to the committee.

***The following individuals testified on Senate File 446:***

- Sarah Grafstrom, Senior Director of State and Federal Policy at ARRM, testified in support of Senate File 446.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Rasmussen provided closing comments on Senate File 446.

Senator Abeler moved that Senate File 446 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 446 WAS PASS AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 684 (Hoffman): Notice to the revisor of statutes of federal approval of legislative enactments clarification provision**

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 684, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

**Senate File 684 (Hoffman): Notice to the revisor of statutes of federal approval of legislative enactments clarification provision**

Senator Hoffman provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 684 to the committee.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 684 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 971 (Mann): Immunity from criminal liability for health care providers when providing health treatment and services establishment**

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 971, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

**Senate File 971 (Mann): Immunity from criminal liability for health care providers when providing health treatment and services establishment**

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 971 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 971:**

- Adam Karlen, Chief Nursing Officer at M Health Fairview Southdale Hospital and Policy and Advocacy Chair for the Minnesota Organization of Leaders in Nursing, testified in support of Senate File 971.
- Dr. Patrice Nerad, PhD, testified in opposition to Senate File 971.
- Kelly Hagen, Chief Nursing Officer at Rainy Lake Medical Center, testified in support of Senate File 971.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

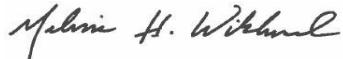
Senator Lieske moved the A1 Amendment.

Committee Members' questions and discussion on the A1 Amendment followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 971, noting it would be posted again for further action at a later date.

**Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:05am**

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Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

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Hailey Ryan, Committee Legislative Assistant