

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Thursday, February 20th, 2025
8:30 am Livestream YouTube

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:

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:36am on Thursday, February 20th, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 942 (Kunesh): School attendance reporting requirement to a local welfare agency

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 942, authored by Senator Kunesh as follows:

Senate File 942 (Kunesh): School attendance reporting requirement to a local welfare agency

Senator Mann moved the A2 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A2 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Kunesh provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 942, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 942:

- Dr. Vera Ndumbe, Program Manager for Educational Advocates (EA) and the Parents and Children Excel (Pace) Program in Olmsted County, testified in support of Senate File 942.
- Michelle Miller, Child and Family Services Manager with Wright County Health and Human Services, testified in support of Senate File 942.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Kunesh provided closing comments on Senate File 942, as amended.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 942, 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 942, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Health on Maternal and Infant Health

The second item on the agenda was a presentation from Minnesota Department of Health on maternal and infant health in Minnesota.

The following individuals gave a presentation on maternal and infant health in Minnesota:

- Commissioner Brooke Cunningham, MD, PhD, Minnesota Department of Health.
- Dr. Mira Sheff, PhD, MS, Maternal and Child Health Epidemiologist with the Minnesota Department of Health.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 1113 (Maye-Quade): Medical assistance coverage of birth services provided at home requirement

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 1113, authored by Senator Maye-Quade as follows:

Senate File 1113 (Maye-Quade): Medical assistance coverage of birth services provided at home requirement

Senator Abeler moved the A2 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A2 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Maye-Quade provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1113, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1113:

- Rosa Oesterreich, Certified Professional Midwife and President of the Minnesota Coalition of Certified Professional Midwives, testified in support of Senate File 1113.
- Sasha Bariffe, Certified Professional Midwife and Member of the Minnesota Coalition of Certified Professional Midwives, testified in support of Senate File 1113.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Maye-Quade provided closing comments on Senate File 1113, as amended.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1113, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 1167 (Maye-Quade): Maternal death studies requirements clarification

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 1167, authored by Senator Maye-Quade as follows:

Senate File 1167 (Maye-Quade): Maternal death studies requirements clarification

Senator Maye-Quade offered an oral amendment to Senate File 1167 as follows:

Page 1, line 6, after "conduct" insert "an annual"

Page 1, line 7, strike "studies" and insert "study"

Senator Boldon moved the oral amendment to Senate File 1167.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE ORAL AMENDMENT TO SENATE FILE 1167 WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Maye-Quade provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1167, as amended, to the committee.

Senator Lieske moved the A1 Amendment.

Committee members' questions and discussion on the A1 amendment followed.

Autum Baum, Assistant Legislative Director at the Minnesota Department of Health, assisted Senator Maye-Quade with answering members' questions about the A1 Amendment and Senate File 1167.

Senator Lieske withdrew the A1 Amendment.

Committee members' questions and discussion on the underlying bill continued.

Dr. Rachel McGraw, DNP, RN, Women's Health Consultant at the Minnesota Department of Health assisted Senator Maye-Quade with answering members' questions about Senate File 1167.

Senator Maye-Quade provided closing comments on Senate File 1167, as amended.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1167, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 183 (Maye-Quade): Informed consent for sensitive examinations of and anesthetized or unconscious patient requirement

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 183, authored by Senator Maye-Quade as follows:

Senate File 183 (Maye-Quade): Informed consent for sensitive examinations of and anesthetized or unconscious patient requirement

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Maye-Quade provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 183, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 183:

- Molly Montague, Director of State Legislative Affairs at RAINN, testified in support of Senate File 183.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Maye-Quade provided closing comments on Senate File 183, as amended.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 183, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Senate File 971 (Mann): Immunity from criminal liability for health care providers when providing health treatment and services establishment

The sixth 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

Chair Wiklund explained that on the 18th of February the committee was hearing Senate File 971, and they were dealing with the A1 Amendment at the time when it was laid over. She stated that the committee would now resume discussion on the A1 Amendment which was offered by Senator Lieske.

Senator Lieske withdrew the A1 Amendment.

Senator Mann moved the A3 Amendment.

Committee members' questions and discussion on the A3 amendment followed.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A3 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 971, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 971, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:29am.



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant