

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Tuesday, March 4th, 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 Mark Koran, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Lindsey Port

Absent: Senator John Hoffman

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:32 am on Tuesday, March 4th, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 1861 (Hauschild): Certain hospital swing beds licensing conditions modifications

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 1861, authored by Senator Hauschild as follows:

Senate File 1861 (Hauschild): Certain hospital swing beds licensing conditions modifications

Senator Hauschild provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1861 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1861:

- Kimber Wraalstad, CEO North Shore Health, testified in support of Senate File 1861.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Hauschild provided closing comments on Senate File 1861.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1861.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 164 (Weber): Public postsecondary institutions maintenance of a supply of opiate antagonists on system campuses requirement

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 164, authored by Senator Weber as follows:

Senate File 164 (Weber): Public postsecondary institutions maintenance of a supply of opiate antagonists on system campuses requirement

Senator Weber provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 164 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 164

- Will Rops, private citizen, testified in support of Senate File 164.
- Alaina Dahlquist, State Government Affairs Manager at the National Safety Council, testified in support of Senate File 164.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Weber provided closing comments on Senate File 164.

Senator Abeler moved that Senate File 164 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 164 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 1175 (Boldon): Presumptive disability determination process for medical assistance eligibility establishment

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 1175, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

Senate File 1175 (Boldon) Presumptive disability determination process for medical assistance eligibility establishment

Senator Boldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1175 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1175:

- Erica Barnes, Executive Director of the Minnesota Rare Disease Advisory Council, testified in support of Senate File 1175.
- Dr. Paul Orchard, Professor with the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical School, testified in support of Senate File 164.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon provided closing comments on Senate File 1175.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 1175 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1175 WAS PASS AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 143 (Boldon): Medical assistance coverage of prescription drugs in cases of cost-effective health coverage clarification

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 143, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

Senate File 143 (Boldon): Medical assistance coverage of prescription drugs in cases of cost-effective health coverage clarification

Senator Boldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 143 to the committee

Senator Boldon moved the A1 Amendment.

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

The following individuals testified on Senate File 143:

- Jillian Nelson, Policy Director for the Autism Society of Minnesota and Medicaid recipient, testified in support of Senate File 143.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 143, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 1173 (Kupec): Persons on probation or parole access to certain mental health services authorization

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 1173, authored by Senator Kupec as follows:

Senate File 1173 (Kupec): Persons on probation or parole access to certain mental health services authorization

Senator Kupec provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1173 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1173

- Senator Mather, State Senator in North Dakota, testified in support of Senate File 1173.
- Ty Heglund, CEO of Prairie St. John's, testified in support of Senate File 1173.
- Madison Hanson, representing the National Alliance on Mental Illness North Dakota, testified in support of Senate File 1173.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Kupec moved that Senate File 1173 be recommended to pass and be placed on general orders.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1173 WAS PASSED AND PLACED ON GENERAL ORDERS.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Senate File 1858 (Mann): Healthy eating, here at home program transfer to the Department of Health provision, fresh bucks pilot program

The sixth item on the agenda was Senate File 1858, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

Senate File 1858 (Mann): Healthy eating, here at home program transfer to the Department of Health provision, fresh bucks pilot program

Senator Mann moved the A2 Amendment.

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

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1858, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1858

- Tamara Wolter, private citizen and Market Bucks program participant, testified in support of Senate File 1858.
- Zachary Paige, Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems Coordinator with the University of Minnesota Extension Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, testified in support of Senate File 1858

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 1858, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1858, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Chair Wiklund passed the gavel to Senator Mann who assumed the role of Chair.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Senate File 1599 (Wiklund): Emergency mental health services provisions modifications, mobile crisis intervention co-payments, coinsurance and deductibles elimination provision, and appropriation

The seventh item on the agenda was Senate File 1599, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

Senate File 1599 (Wiklund): Emergency mental health services provisions modifications, mobile crisis intervention co-payments, coinsurance and deductibles elimination provision, and appropriation

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1599 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1599

- Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 1599.
- Karen Meyering, Director of Crisis Services at Woodland Center, testified in support of Senate File 1599.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Elyse Bailey, Budget Director at the Minnesota Department of Human Services, assisted Senator Wiklund with answering members' questions on Senate File 1599.

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 1599 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Mann adjourned the meeting at 10:06am



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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