

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Wednesday, March 5th, 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 Boldon called the meeting to order at 9:03 am on Wednesday, March 5th, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 1059 (Marty): Patient-Centered Care program establishment

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 1059, authored by Senator Marty as follows:

Senate File 1059 (Marty): Patient-Centered Care program establishment

Senator Marty provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1059 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1059:

- Sonja Batalden, Midwifery Director with Riverland Community Health, testified in support of Senate File 1059.
- Chelsea Olson, Legislative and Health Policy Manager with the Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified in opposition to Senate File 1059.
- Joel Ulland, Vice President of Public Affairs at UCare, testified in opposition to Senate File 1059.

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

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Marty provided closing comments on Senate File 1059.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1059.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 1567 (Port): Office of patient protection establishment provision

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 1567, authored by Senator Port as follows:

Senate File 1567 (Port): Office of patient protection establishment provision

Senator Port provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1567 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1567

- Trisha Harms, private citizen, testified in support of Senate File 1567.
- Dr. Bridget Keller, MD, practicing OBGYN, testified in support of Senate File 1567.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Port provided closing comments on Senate File 1567.

Senator Port moved that Senate File 1567 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1567 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

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

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 2043 (Wiklund): Spoken language health care interpreter working group establishment and appropriation

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 2043, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

Senate File 2043 (Wiklund): Spoken language health care interpreter working group establishment and appropriation

Senator Wiklund moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2043, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2043:

- Rosa Tock, Executive Director of the Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs, testified in support of Senate File 2043
- Dr. Talee Vang, Vice President of Health Equity at Hennepin Healthcare, testified in support of Senate File 2043.
- Yvonne Araiza, Healthcare Interpreter and President of the Upper Midwest Translators and Interpreters Association, testified in support of Senate File 2043.

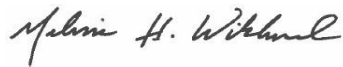
Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Wiklund provided closing comments on Senate File 2043, as amended.

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 2043, 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 2043 WAS PASS, AS AMENDED, AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Chair Boldon adjourned the meeting at 10:37am.



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Committee Legislative Assistant

