

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee  
Thursday, March 6th, 2025  
8:30 am Livestream YouTube

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### Minutes

**Present:** Senator Melissa H. Wiklund – 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 Alice Mann, Senator John Hoffman

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Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:32 am on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 1083 (Kupec): Physician assistance collaborative agreement requirements modification**

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 1083, authored by Senator Kupec as follows:

##### **Senate File 1083 (Kupec): Physician assistance collaborative agreement requirements modification**

Senator Kupec provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1083 to the committee.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1083 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 1534 (Boldon): Speech language pathology assistants requirements clarification provision, amending licensure fees, and appropriation**

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 1534, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

##### **Senate File 1534 (Boldon): Speech language pathology assistants requirements clarification provision, amending licensure fees, and appropriation**

Senator Boldon moved the A1 Amendment

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

Senator Boldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1534, as amended, to the committee.

##### **The following individuals testified on Senate File 1534:**

- Jeremy Brown, practicing Speech Language Pathologist and member of the Minnesota Speech Language Hearing Association, testified in support of Senate File 1534.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon provided closing comments on Senate File 1534.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1534, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 832 (Boldon): Licensed certified midwife definitions modifications; certified midwife licensure establishment; licensed certified midwife services medical assistance coverage expansion**

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 832, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

**Senate File 832 (Boldon): Licensed certified midwife definitions modifications; certified midwife licensure establishment; licensed certified midwife services medical assistance coverage expansion**

Senator Boldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 832 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 832**

- Mary-Signe Chojnacki, APRN, certified nurse midwife and board member of the Minnesota Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives, testified in support of Senate File 832.
- Dr. Todd Stanhope, practicing OBGYN and member of the Minnesota Chapter of the American College of OBGYN's, testified in support of Senate File 832.
- Rebecca Polston, certified professional midwife and owner of Roots Community Birth Center, testified in support of Senate File 832.
- Kylie Saari, private citizen and certified nurse midwife, testified in support of Senate File 832.

Committee Members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon provided closing comments on Senate File 832.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 832 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 832 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 1786 (Maye-Quade): Relative foster care licensing, training, and background study requirements modifications provision, Minnesota Family Investment program modifications provision, and appropriation**

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 1786, authored by Senator Maye-Quade as follows:

**Senate File 1786 (Maye-Quade): Relative foster care licensing, training, and background study requirements modifications provision, Minnesota Family Investment program modifications provision, and appropriation**

Senator Kupec 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 1786, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 1786**

- Ana Beltran, Director of Grandfamilies and Kinship Support Network with Generations United, testified in support of Senate File 1786.
- Christina Ziese, Executive Director of Ampersand Families, testified in support of Senate File 1786.
- Kate Rickord, Director of Quality Parenting Initiative MN, testified in support of Senate File 1786.

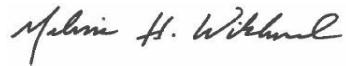
Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Maye-Quade provided closing comments on Senate File 1786, as amended.

Senator Port moved that Senate File 1786, 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 1786, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

*Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 9:37am*



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant