

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee

Tuesday, March 11th, 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 8:35 on Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 1622 (Mann): Federally qualified health centers reimbursement procedures modifications

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 1622 authored by Senator Mann as follows:

Senate File 1622 (Mann): Federally qualified health centers reimbursement procedures modifications

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1622, as amended to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1622:

- Lee Homan, CEO of Lake Superior Community Health Center and member of Minnesota Association of Community Health Centers testified in support of Senate File 1622.
- Becky Howard, Acting Chief Operations Officer of Community Health Services Inc, testified in support of Senate File 1622.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1622, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 1785 (Mann): Medication repository program procedures modifications provision and appropriation

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 1785, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

Senate File 1785 (Mann): Medication repository program procedures modifications provision and appropriation

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1785 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1785:

- Rachel Rockwell, PharmD, Managing Director and Pharmacist at RoundtableRx, testified in support of Senate File 1785

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann provided closing comments on Senate File 1785.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1785 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 333 (Dahms): Premium security plan account transfer to the commissioner of commerce removal provision; Commerce commissioner requirement to request the continuation of a state innovation waiver provision; money transfer from the general fund to a premium security plan account authorization

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 333, authored by Senator Dahms as follows:

Senate File 333 (Dahms): Premium security plan account transfer to the commissioner of commerce removal provision; Commerce commissioner requirement to request the continuation of a state innovation waiver provision; money transfer from the general fund to a premium security plan account authorization

Senator Dahms provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 333 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 333:

- Dan Endreson, Senior Director of Policy and Government Affairs with the Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified in support of Senate File 333.
- Bentley Graves, Director of Health Care and Transportation Policy with the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of Senate File 333.
- Anne Neu Bridley, Health Policy Director with the Minnesota Business Partnership, testified in support of Senate File 333.
- Mike Anderson, past President of the National Association of Benefit and Insurance Professionals MN and member of the Agents Coalition for Health Reform, testified in support of Senate File 333.
- Leota Goodney, retired CPA and member of Isaiah Minnesota, testified in opposition to Senate File 333.
- Matt Flanders, Legislative and Policy Director at Citizens' Council for Health Freedom, testified in opposition to Senate File 333.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 333.

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

AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 1024 (Wiklund): MNsure premium subsidy program establishment, providing a sunset for the Minnesota premium security plan, and appropriation

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 1024, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

Senate File 1024 (Wiklund): MNsure premium subsidy program establishment, providing a sunset for the Minnesota premium security plan, 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 1024, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1024:

- Olivia Bergen, organizer with Isaiah, testified in support of Senate File 1024.
- Stu Lorey, Government Relations Director with the Minnesota Farmers Union, testified in support of Senate File 1024.
- Dan Endreson, Senior Director of Policy and Government Affairs with Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified in opposition to Senate File 1024.
- Mike Anderson, past President of the National Association of Benefit and Insurance Professionals MN and member of the Agents Coalition for Health Reform, testified in opposition of Senate File 1024.
- Matt Flanders, Legislative and Policy Director at Citizens' Council for Health Freedom, testified in opposition to Senate File 1024.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Wiklund moved the A2 Amendment.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed the A2 Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund withdrew the A2 Amendment.

Senator Wiklund moved the Senate File 1024, as amended, 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 1024, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.

Chair Mann adjourned the meeting at 10:18am.



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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