

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee  
Thursday, March 13th, 2025  
8:30 am Livestream YouTube

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### 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 Lindsey Port

**Absent:** Senator John Hoffman, Senator Bill Lieske

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Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:33 on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

**AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 1682 (Maye-Quade): Child in need of protection or services definition modification to clarify when a child is considered to be without the special care made necessary by a physical, mental, or emotion condition provision**

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 1682, authored by Senator Maye-Quade as follows:

**Senate File 1682 (Maye-Quade): Child in need of protection or services definition modification to clarify when a child is considered to be without the special care made necessary by a physical, mental, or emotion condition provision**

Senator Maye-Quade provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1682 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 1682**

- Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 1682.
- Michele Wood, private citizen, testified in support of Senate File 1682.
- Argie Manolis, private citizen, testified in support of Senate File 1682.
- Lisa Harrison Hadler, Ombudsman with the Minnesota Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, testified in support of Senate File 1682.
- Nikki Conway, Director of Children and Family Services in Dakota County and member of Minnesota Association of County Social Services Administrators, testified on Senate File 1682.
- Danny Ackert, Director of State Government Relations with the Minnesota Hospital Association, testified on Senate File 1682

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Maye-Quade provided closing comments on Senate File 1682, as amended.

Senator Boldon moved that Senate File 1682, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee of Judiciary and Public Safety.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1682, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 1732 (Boldon): Family supportive housing programs funding**

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 1732, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

**Senate File 1732 (Boldon): Family supportive housing programs funding**

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 1732, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 1732**

- Ben Helvick Anderson, Vice President of Policy and Organizing at Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, testified in support of Senate File 1732.
- Alexandra Zosel, private citizen and former supportive housing counselor testified in support of Senate File 1732.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon provided closing comments on Senate File 1732, as amended

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1732, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 2022 (Kupec): Commissioner of human services requirement to establish a minimum per diem rate for a specified psychiatrist residential treatment facility**

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 2022, authored by Senator Kupec as follows:

**Senate File 2022 (Kupec): Commissioner of human services requirement to establish a minimum per diem rate for a specified psychiatrist residential treatment facility**

Senator Kupec moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Kupec provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2022, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 2022**

- Stephen Larson, County Administrator with Clay County, testified in support of Senate File 2022.
- Steve Summer, Director of Grants and Special Projects for Solution Behavioral Health, testified in support of Senate File 2022.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Kupec provided closing comments on Senate File 2022, as amended.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2022, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 1953 (Mann): Mental illness definition modification provision, medical assistance transportation reimbursement rates modification modifications provision, children at risk of bipolar disorder grant program establishment provision, and children's first episode of psychosis program appropriation**

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 1953, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

**Senate File 1953 (Mann): Mental illness definition modification provision, medical assistance transportation reimbursement rates modification modifications provision, children at risk of bipolar disorder grant program establishment provision, and children's first episode of psychosis program appropriation**

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1953 to the committee.

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

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

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 1953:**

- Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 1953.
- Jewels Lindholm, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker at the MHealth Fairview Psychiatry Clinic testified in support of Senate File 1953.
- Robert Larson, President of the Lower Sioux Indian Community, testified in support of Senate File 1953.
- Anna Solem, Director of Case Management for Aspirus St. Luke's Hospital, testified in support of Senate File 1953.
- Matt Freeman, Human Services Policy Analyst for the Association of Minnesota Counties and Executive Director of the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrator, testified on Senate File 1953.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 1953, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 1953, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 2134 (Mohamed): Mental health terminology modification**

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 2134, authored by Senator Mohamed as follows:

**Senate File 2134 (Mohamed): Mental health terminology modification**

Senator Boldon moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Mohamed provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2134, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 2134:**

- Sue Abderholden, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 2134

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2134, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #6: Senate File 2124 (Mohamed): Emergency services grants and innovative homeless response**

**grants and provider building capacity appropriations**

The sixth item on the agenda was Senate File 2124, authored by Senator Mohamed as follows:

**Senate File 2124 (Mohamed): Emergency services grants and innovative homeless response grants and provider building capacity appropriations**

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Mohamed provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2124, as amended, to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 2124:**

- Mayor Jacob Frey, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, testified in support of Senate File 2124.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed Mayor Jacob Frey's testimony.

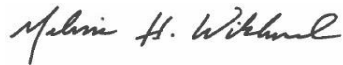
**Continued Testimony:**

- Commissioner Rena Moran, Ramsey County Commissioner of District 4, testified in support of Senate File 2124.
- Reed Olson, Executive Director of the Nameless Coalition for the Homeless, testified in support of Senate File 2124.
- Rico Morales, private citizen, testified in support of Senate File 2124.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2124, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:33am.**



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Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant