

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Wednesday, March 19th, 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: Senator Alice Mann

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:31 am on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 2128 (Seeberger): Community emergency medical technician certification requirements modification; community emergency medical technician services medical assistance coverage modification

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 2128, authored by Senator Seeberger as follows:

Senate File 2128 (Seeberger): Community emergency medical technician certification requirements modification; community emergency medical technician services medical assistance coverage modification

Senator Seeberger provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2128 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2128

- Dylan Ferguson, Director for the Office of Emergency Medical Services, testified on Senate File 2128.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2128 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 1688 (Seeberger): Ambulance service grant programs and a rural emergency medical services uncompensated care pool payment program establishment

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 1688, authored by Senator Seeberger as follows:

Senate File 1688 (Seeberger): Ambulance service grant programs and a rural emergency medical services uncompensated care pool payment program establishment

Senator Lieske moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Seeberger provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1688, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1688

- Dylan Ferguson, Director for the Office of Emergency Medical Services, testified on Senate File 1688.
- Mike Dobesh, Fire Chief for the City of Richfield, testified in support of Senate File 1688.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid Senate File 1688, as amended, over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 1132 (Hoffman): Ambulance service training and staffing grant program establishment

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 1132, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

Senate File 1132 (Hoffman): Ambulance service training and staffing grant program establishment

Senator Hoffman provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1132 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1132

- Tom Fennell, Regulatory Officer for Mayo Clinic Ambulance, testified in support of Senate File 1132.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1132 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 1133 (Hoffman): Ambulance attendant education costs reimbursement requirements modification and appropriation

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 1133, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

Senate File 1133 (Hoffman): Ambulance attendant education costs reimbursement requirements modification and appropriation

Senator Hoffman provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1133 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1133

- Buck McAlpin, on behalf of the Minnesota Ambulance Association, testified in support of Senate File 1133.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1133 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Wiklund recessed the committee at 9:07am.

Chair Wiklund reconvened the meeting at 9:38am

AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 1326 (Hauschild): Medical assistance payment raise increase for ambulance services

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 1326, authored by Senator Hauschild as follows:

Senate File 1326 (Hauschild): Medical assistance payment raise increase for ambulance services

Senator Boldon moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Hauschild provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1326, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1326

- Buck McAlpin, on behalf of the Minnesota Ambulance Association, testified in support of Senate File 1326.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1326, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Senate File 1080 (Hauschild): Ambulance operating deficit grant program establishment

The sixth item on the agenda was Senate File 1080, authored by Senator Hauschild as follows:

Senate File 1080 (Hauschild): Ambulance operating deficit grant program establishment

Senator Hauschild provided opening remarks to Senate File 1080 to the committee.

Senator Abeler moved the A2 Amendment.

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

Senator Hauschild explained Senate File 1080, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1080

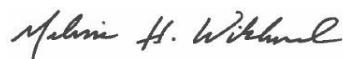
- Mark Ebeling, Operation Manager for Perham Area EMS Services, testified in support of Senate File 1080.
- Dena Suihkonen, Ambulance & EMS Director for the City of Tower, testified in support of Senate File 1080.
- Nathan Zacharias, Technology and Policy Analyst for the Association of Minnesota Counties, testified in support of Senate File 1080.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Erik Simonson with the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities assisted Senator Hauschild in answering members' questions on Senate File 1080.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1080, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:12am.



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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