

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee  
Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 John Hoffman, Senator Mark Koran, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Lindsey Port

**Absent:**

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Chair Mann called the meeting to order at 8:30 am on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 2706 (Wiklund): 2024 children, youth, and families recodification follow-up and technical changes**

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 2706, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

##### **Senate File 2706 (Wiklund): 2024 children, youth, and families recodification follow-up and technical changes**

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2706 to the committee.

##### **The following individuals testified on Senate File 2706:**

- Aly Hoffman Litchy, Senate Counsel, provided an overview of Senate File 2706.

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 2706 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 2706 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

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

#### **AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 1407 (Mann): Evaluation process modification for mandated health benefit proposals**

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 1407, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

##### **Senate File 1407 (Mann): Evaluation process modification for mandated health benefit proposals.**

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1407 to the committee.

Senator Mann moved and explained the A4 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A4 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

##### **The following individuals testified on Senate File 1407:**

- Bentley Graves, Director of Health Care and Transportation Policy with the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, testified on Senate File 1407.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 1407, 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 1407, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.**

**AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 1054 (Mann): Coverage of vasectomies by health plans, the medical assistance program, and MinnesotaCare requirement provision**

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 1054, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

**Senate File 1054 (Mann): Coverage of vasectomies by health plans, the medical assistance program, and MinnesotaCare requirement provision**

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1054 to the committee.

***The following individuals testified on Senate File 1054:***

- Bentley Graves, Director, Health Care and Transportation Policy with the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce testified in opposition to Senate File 1054.
- Sarah Gangelhoff, Director of Advocacy and Innovation at the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 1054.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1054 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 1085 (Mann): Health plans requirement to develop a maternal mental health program provision, medical assistance program coverage of the maternal mental health program requirement, and appropriation**

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 1085, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

**Senate File 1085 (Mann): Health plans requirement to develop a maternal mental health program provision, medical assistance program coverage of the maternal mental health program requirement, and appropriation**

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1085 to the committee.

Senator Mann moved and explained the A3 Amendment.

Committee members' questions and discussion on the A3 Amendment followed.

Senator Wiklund renewed the motion to vote on the A3 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A3 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

***The following individuals testified on Senate File 1085:***

- Dr. Sogand Ghassemi, MD, Director of Perinatal Program Services at PrairieCare Medical Group, testified in support of Senate File 1085.

Members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann provided closing comment on Senate File 1085, as amended.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1085, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 1806 (Mann): Certain formulary changes during the plan year prohibition provision and medical assistance program formulary changes implementation for certain enrollees prohibition provision**

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 1806, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

**Senate File 1806 (Mann): Certain formulary changes during the plan year prohibition provision and medical assistance program formulary changes implementation for certain enrollees prohibition provision**

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1806 to the committee.

Senator Mann moved and explained the A5 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A5 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 1806:**

- Dr. Kate Smentek, MD, President of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and on behalf of the Minnesota Medical Association, testified in support of Senate File 1806.
- Sarah Knispel, Public Policy Coordinator with the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota testified in support of Senate File 1806.
- Joe Sellwood, testifying on behalf of the Association for Accessible Medicines, testified on Senate File 1806.
- Michelle Mack, Senior Director of State Affairs with the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, testified on Senate File 1806.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1806, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.**

**AGENDA ITEM #6: Senate File 1877 (Mann): Pharmacy benefit managers and health carriers usage of prescription drug rebates and other compensation requirement to benefit covered persons provision**

The sixth item on the agenda was Senate File 1877, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

**Senate File 1877 (Mann): Pharmacy benefit managers and health carriers usage of prescription drug rebates and other compensation requirement to benefit covered persons provision**

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1877 to the committee.

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 1877:**

- Dan Endreson, Senior Director of Policy and Government Affairs with the Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified in opposition to Senate File 1877.
- Michelle Mack, Senior Director of State Affairs with the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, testified on Senate File 1877.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann provided closing comments on Senate File 1877.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 1877 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 1877 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.**

**AGENDA ITEM #7 Senate File 1876 (Mann): Pharmacy benefit managers and health carriers inclusion of lower-cost drugs in formularies requirement provision and lowest out-of-pocket-cost drug to patient formulary tiering preference provision**

The seventh item on the agenda was Senate File 1876, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

**Senate File 1876 (Mann): Pharmacy benefit managers and health carriers inclusion of lower-cost drugs in formularies requirement provision and lowest out-of-pocket-cost drug to patient formulary tiering preference provision**

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1876 to the committee.

Senator Mann moved and explained the A3 Amendment.

**On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A3 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

**The following individuals testified on Senate File 1876:**

- Dan Endreson, Senior Director of Policy and Government Affairs with the Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified in opposition to Senate File 1876.
- Joe Sellwood, testifying on behalf of the Association for Accessible Medicines, testified on Senate File 1876.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 1876, 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 1876, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION.**

Senator Utke and Senator Abeler asked questions about the upcoming committee schedule.

Senator Wiklund provided committee members with an update on budget targets and deadlines, and how these will shape the committee's work over the next few meetings.

**Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 9:58am.**



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant