

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Wednesday, March 26th, 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 John Hoffmann

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:33 am on Wednesday, March 26th, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 328 (Putnam): St. Cloud Area School District preschool programs grant appropriation

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 328, authored by Senator Putnam as follows:

Senate File 328 (Putnam): St. Cloud Area School District preschool programs grant appropriation

Senator Putnam provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 328 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 328:

- Amy Trombley, Private Citizen and St. Cloud Rotarian, testified in support of Senate File 328.
- Dr. Laurie Putnam, EdD, Superintendent for St. Cloud Area Schools, testified in support of Senate File 328.

Committee members' question and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 328 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Human Services on Child Care Modernization Regulation Project

The second item on the agenda was a presentation from the Minnesota Department of Human Services on the Child Care Regulation Modernization Project

The following individuals gave a presentation on the Child Care Modernization Regulation Project:

- Larry Hosch, Manager of the Policy and Legislative Team with the Office of Inspector General at the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

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

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 1232 (Wiklund): Modernization of family childcare regulations modification

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 1232, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

Senate File 1232 (Wiklund): Modernization of family childcare regulations modification

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks on Senate File 1232 to the committee.

Senator Wiklund moved the A4 Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund explained Senate File 1232, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1232:

- o Cyndi Cunningham, Family Childcare Provider and Public Policy Chair for Lead and Care MN, testified in support of Senate File 1232.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Wiklund offered the A3 Amendment.

Cyndi Cunningham provided a walkthrough of the A3 Amendment.

Senator Wiklund moved the A3 Amendment.

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

Senator Wiklund offered the A5 Amendment.

Cyndi Cunningham provided a walkthrough of the A5 Amendment.

Senator Wiklund moved the A5 Amendment.

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

Chair Mann laid over Senate File 1232, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

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

AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 2135 (Hauschild): Childcare conditional license requirements modifications provision, commissioner creation of standardized visit timelines and requirements provision, education definition modification provision, background study liaison establishment provision, and appropriation

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 2135, authored by Senator Hauschild as follows:

Senate File 2135 (Hauschild): Childcare conditional license requirements modifications provision, commissioner creation of standardized visit timelines and requirements provision, education definition modification provision, background study liaison establishment provision, and appropriation

On behalf of Senator Hauschild. Senator Boldon presented Senate File 2135 to the committee.

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 2135, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2135:

- Ericca Maas, Director of Policy and Advocacy with Think Small, testified in support of Senate File 2135.
- Nate Byrne, Co-Director at Summit School in Duluth, testified in support of Senate File 2135.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2135, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 1629 (Hauschild): Unrelated individual providing childcare to two families exemption from licensure provision

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 1629, authored by Senator Hauschild as follows:

Senate File 1629 (Hauschild): Unrelated individual providing childcare to two families exemption from licensure provision

On behalf of Senator Hauschild, Senator Boldon presented Senate File 1629 to the committee.

Senator Boldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1629 to the committee.

Senator Boldon provided closing comments on Senate File 1629.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1629 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Senate File 1896 (Boldon): Requirements modification for dental administrator rates in the medical assistance and MinnesotaCare programs

The sixth item on the agenda was Senate File 1896, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

Senate File 1896 (Boldon): Requirements modification for dental administrator rates in the medical assistance and MinnesotaCare programs

Senator Boldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1896 to the committee.

Senator Boldon moved and explained the A2 Amendment.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed the A2 Amendment.

Senator Boldon withdrew the A2 Amendment.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1896:

- Dr. Shelia Riggs, DDS, President of the Association of Critical Access Dental Providers of Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 1896.
- Dan Murphy, on behalf of the Minnesota Dental Association, testified on Senate File 1896.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Boldon provided closing comments on Senate File 1896.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1896 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Senate File 2571 (Kupiec): Occupational therapy licensure and application requirements modification

The seventh item on the agenda was Senate File 2571, authored by Senator Kupiec as follows:

Senate File 2571 (Kupiec): Occupational therapy licensure and application requirements modification

Senator Kupiec provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2571 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2571:

- Christina Bourland, Executive Director for the Minnesota Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, testified in support of Senate File 2571.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2571 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:45am.



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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