

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Thursday, March 27th, 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 Mark Koran, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Lindsey Port

Absent: Senator John Hoffman

Chair Boldon called the meeting to order at 8:32 am on Thursday, March 27th, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 2669 (Wiklund): Health and Human Services provisions modifications

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 2669, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

Senate File 2669 (Wiklund): Health and Human Services provisions modifications

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2669 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2669:

- Wendy Underwood, Deputy Commissioner with the Minnesota Department of Health, provided the committee with an overview of Senate File 2669 and recent federal actions.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Continued testimony on Senate File 2669:

- Brendan Wright, Legislative Budget Director for the Minnesota Department of Health, assisted with answering members' questions on Senate File 2669
- Tom Hogan, Environmental Health Division Director with the Minnesota Department of Health, assisted with answering members' questions on Senate File 2669.

Senator Wiklund moved the A3 Amendment.

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

Continued testimony on Senate File 2669:

- Elyse Bailey, Budget Director for the Minnesota Department of Human Services, provided the committee with an overview of Senate File 2669.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Boldon laid over Senate File 2669, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 2705 (Wiklund): Department of Children, Youth, and Families governor's budget bill

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 2705, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

Senate File 2705 (Wiklund): Department of Children, Youth, and Families governor's budget bill

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2705 to the committee.

Senator Wiklund moved the A25-0031 Amendment.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A25-0031 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2705:

- Ashley Reisenauer, Chief Financial Officer with the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families, provided the committee with an overview of Senate File 2705.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Boldon laid over Senate File 2705, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 2620 (Wiklund): Human services provisions modifications

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 2620, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

Senate File 2620 (Wiklund): Human services provisions modifications

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 2620, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2620:

- Ari Didion, Legislative Director for the Minnesota Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General, provided the committee with an overview of Senate File 2620.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Boldon laid over Senate File 2620, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

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

AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 2778 (Kupec): Department of Children, Youth and Families provisions modifications

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 2778, authored by Senator Kupec as follows:

Senate File 2778 (Kupec): Department of Children, Youth and Families provisions modifications

Senator Kupec provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2778 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2778:

- Nic Demm, Legislative Director with the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families, provided the committee with an overview of Senate File 2778
- Shana Morse, Legislative Director of Early Childhood with the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families provided the committee with an overview of Senate File 2778.

- Sarah Florman, Legislative Director for Child Safety and Permanency with the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families, provided the committee with an overview of Senate File 2778.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Kupec moved that Senate File 2778 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 2778 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 2607 (Kupec): Applicability of prior authorization clinical criteria changes and utilization review provisions modification

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 2607, authored by Senator Kupec as follows:

Senate File 2607 (Kupec): Applicability of prior authorization clinical criteria changes and utilization review provisions modification

Senator Kupec provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2607 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2607:

- Kristy Graume, Director of State Government Relations with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, provided the committee with an overview of Senate File 2607.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Abeler moved the A1 Amendment.

Senator Abeler withdrew the A1 Amendment.

Committee members' questions and discussion continued.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2607 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Senate File 2499 (Mohammed): Emergency medical services overdose data modification

The sixth item on the agenda was Senate File 2499, authored by Senator Mohammed as follows:

Senate File 2499 (Mohammed): Emergency medical services overdose data modification

Senator Mohammed provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2499 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2499:

- Jeremy Drucker, Director of the Office of Addiction and Recovery with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, testified on Senate File 2499.
- Dylan Ferguson, Director of the Minnesota Office of Emergency Medical Services, testified on Senate File 2499.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Mann moved that Senate File 2499 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 2499 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Senate File 2806 (Mohammed): Prescription monitoring program provisions modifications

The seventh item on the agenda was Senate File 2806, authored by Senator Mohammed as follows:

Senate File 2499 (Mohammed): Prescription monitoring program provisions modifications

Senator Mann moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Mohammed provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2806, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2806:

- Jeremy Drucker, Director of the Office of Addiction and Recovery with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, testified on Senate File 2806.
- Matthew Flanders, Legislative and Policy Director with the Citizens' Council of Health Freedom, testified in opposition to Senate File 2806.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2806, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #8 Senate File 2507 (Boldon): Licensing and certification regulations modification relating to children and families

The eighth item on the agenda was Senate File 2507, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

Senate File 2507 (Boldon): Licensing and certification regulations modification relating to children and families

Senator Boldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2507 to the committee.

Senator Boldon moved and explained the A1 Amendment.

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

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2507:

- Ari Didion, Legislative Director for the Minnesota Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General, provided the committee with an overview of Senate File 2507.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2507, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #9 Senate File 2506 (Boldon): Children's Mental Health Act update

The ninth item on the agenda was Senate File 2506, authored by Senator Boldon as follows:

Senate File 2506 (Boldon): Children's Mental Health Act update

Senator Boldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2506 to the committee.

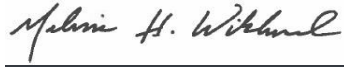
The following individuals testified on Senate File 2506:

- Kristy Graume, Director of State Government Relations with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, provided the committee with an overview of Senate File 2607.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2506 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:36am.



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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