

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Tuesday, April 1st, 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:

Chair Boldon called the meeting to order at 8:33 am on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 1691 (Champion): Grant appropriation to plan and develop an African American-focused Homeplace model

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 1691, authored by Senator Champion as follows:

Senate File 1691 (Champion): Grant appropriation to plan and develop an African-American-focused Homeplace model

Senator Champion provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1691 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1691:

- o Cyreta Howard-Oduniyi, Chief Operating Officer for HomePlace, testified in support of Senate File 1691.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Champion provided closing comments on Senate File 1691.

Chair Boldon laid over Senate File 1691 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 2349 (Champion): Human services commissioner requirement to provide updates on and seek federal approval on children's mental health projects and identifying funding gaps in children's residential facilities; crisis stabilization facility establishment; legislative task force on children's residential facilities establishment; licensing for facilities for youth with sexual behavior concerns; appropriating money

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 2349, authored by Senator Champion as follows:

Senate File 2349 (Champion): Human services commissioner requirement to provide updates on and seek federal approval on children's mental health projects and identifying funding gaps in children's residential facilities; crisis stabilization facility establishment; legislative task force on children's residential facilities establishment; licensing for facilities for youth with sexual behavior concerns; appropriating money

Senator Abeler moved the A1 Amendment.

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

Senator Champion provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2349, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2349:

- Commissioner Jeffery Lunde, Hennepin County Commissioner for District 1 and Former Chair of the Working Group on Youth Interventions

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Champion provided closing comments on Senate File 2349, as amended.

Chair Boldon laid over Senate File 2349, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 2109 (Pappas): Reimbursement rates provided by birth centers in the medical assistance program modification

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 2109, authored by Senator Pappas as follows:

Senate File 2109 (Pappas): Reimbursement rates provided by birth centers in the medical assistance program modification

Senator Pappas provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2109 to the committee.

Senator Abeler moved the A1 Amendment.

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

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2109:

- Amy Johnson Grass, President of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Association of Birth Centers and Twin Cities Birth Center, testified in support of Senate File 2109.

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

Continued testimony on Senate File 2109:

- Dr. Shekina Fashaw Walters, private citizen and past patient of Roots Community Birth Center, testified in support of Senate File 2109.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Pappas provided closing comments on Senate File 2109, as amended.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2109, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 1030 (Mann): Dementia Services Program establishment and appropriation

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 1030, authored by Senator Mann as follows:

Senate File 1030 (Mann): Dementia Services Program establishment and appropriation

Senator Mann provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1030 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1030:

- Robert Freeman, Vice President of Public Policy for the Minnesota and North Dakota Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, testified in support of Senate File 1030.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1030 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 2371 (Dibble): Medical cannabis provisions modification

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 2371, authored by Senator Dibble as follows:

Senate File 2371 (Dibble): Medical cannabis provisions modification

Senator Dibble provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2371 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2371:

- Eric Taubel, Interim Director for the Office of Cannabis Management, testified on Senate File 2371.
- Maren Schroeder, Minnesota Cannabis and Drug Policy Resource Center, testified in support of Senate File 2371.

Senator Koran moved and explained the A5 Amendment.

Committee members' questions and discussion on the A5 Amendment followed.

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

Senator Koran moved and explained the A6 Amendment.

Committee members' questions and discussion on the A6 Amendment followed.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE A6 AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Committee members' questions and discussion on the underlying bill followed.

Senator Koran moved that Senate File 2371, as amended, 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 2371, AS AMENDED, WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Senate File 2670 (Maye-Quade): Phototherapy lights individual pricing requirement

The sixth item on the agenda was Senate File 2670, authored by Senator Maye-Quade as follows:

Senate File 2670 (Maye-Quade): Phototherapy lights individual pricing requirement

Senator Abeler moved the A1 Amendment

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

Senator Maye-Quade provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2670, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2670:

- Cameo Zehnder, Chief Administrative Officer with Pediatric Home Service, testified in support of Senate File 2670.
- Dr. Gigi Chawla, MD, Chief of General Pediatrics at Children's Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 2670.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2670, as amended, for possible inclusion for an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Senate File 1162 (Xiong): Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis operation of the homeless elders program appropriation

The seventh item on the agenda was Senate File 1162, authored by Senator Xiong as follows:

Senate File 1162 (Xiong): Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis operation of the homeless elders program appropriation

Senator Xiong provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1162 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1162:

- Bill Thompson, Catholic Charities Twin Cities Homeless Elders Program Participant, testified in support of Senate File 1162.
- Keith Kozerski, Chief Program Officer at Catholic Charities Twin Cities, testified in support of Senate File 1162.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1162 for possible inclusion for an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #8: Senate File 1538 (Baldon): Minnesota Epilepsy Program creation and appropriation

The eighth item on the agenda was Senate File 1538, authored by Senator Baldon as follows:

Senate File 1538 (Baldon): Minnesota Epilepsy Program creation and appropriation

Senator Baldon moved the A2 Amendment.

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

Senator Baldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1538, as amended, to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1538:

- Angela Bowles Edwards, Regional Outreach Manager for the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 1538.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1538, as amended, for possible inclusion for an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #9: Senate File 831 (Baldon): Health care worker-well being grant program appropriation

The ninth item on the agenda was Senate File 831, authored by Senator Baldon as follows:

Senate File 831 (Baldon): Health care worker-well being grant program appropriation

Senator Baldon provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 831 to the committee.

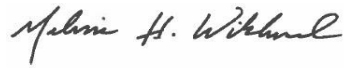
The following individuals testified on Senate File 831:

- Dr. Michelle Chestovich, MD, testified on behalf of the Minnesota Medical Association, in support of Senate File 831.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 831 for possible inclusion for an omnibus bill.

Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:11am

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Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

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Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant