

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Thursday, April 3rd, 2025
8:30 am Livestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Melissa H. Wiklund – Chair, Senator Paul Utke – Minority Lead, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator John Hoffman, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Mark Koran, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Lindsey Port

Absent: Senator Alice Mann – Vice Chair

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:32 am on Thursday, April 3rd, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Senate File 2815 (Weber): Quarterly pharmacy tax refunds establishment

The first item on the agenda was Senate File 2815, authored by Senator Weber as follows:

Senate File 2815 (Weber): Quarterly pharmacy tax refunds establishment

Senator Weber provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2815 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2815:

- Randy Shindelar, Chief Financial Officer Astrup Companies & Sterling Specialty Pharmacy, testified in support of Senate File 2815.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Utke moved that Senate File 2815 be recommended to pass and be referred to the Committee on Taxes.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 2815 WAS PASSED AND REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON TAXES.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Senate File 3121 (Kupec): Pharmacy intern provisions modifications

The second item on the agenda was Senate File 3121, authored by Senator Kupec as follows:

Senate File 3121 (Kupec): Pharmacy intern provisions modifications

Senator Kupec provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 3121 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 3121:

- Aaron Patterson, Interim Executive Director at the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, testified in support of Senate File 3121.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Kupec provided closing comments on Senate File 3121.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 3121 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Senate File 2819 (Rarick): Green burials requirements establishment provisions

The third item on the agenda was Senate File 2819, authored by Senator Rarick as follows:

Senate File 2819 (Rarick): Green burials requirements establishment provisions

Senator Rarick provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2819 to the committee.

Senator Rarick offered and explained the A5 Amendment.

Senator Utke moved the A5 Amendment.

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

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2819:

- Commissioner Dan Reed, Carlton County Commissioner, testified in support of Senate File 2819.
- Eric Braun, private citizen, testified in support of Senate File 2819.
- Matt Connell, Caretaker of Loving Earth Memorial Garden, testified on Senate File 2819.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Jill Freudenwald, Agency Policy Specialist at Minnesota Department of Health assisted Senator Rarick in answering questions about Senate File 2819 to the committee.

Senator Rarick provided closing comments on Senate File 2819, as amended.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 2819, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Senate File 1676 (Hoffman): Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority restructuring and renaming to Minnesota Health and Education Facilities Authority provision, Authority construction and financing of health care facilities authorization provision, and increasing bonding capacity

The fourth item on the agenda was Senate File 1676, authored by Senator Hoffman as follows:

Senate File 1676 (Hoffman): Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority restructuring and renaming to Minnesota Health and Education Facilities Authority provision, Authority construction and financing of health care facilities authorization provision, and increasing bonding capacity

Senator Hoffman provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 1676 to the committee.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 1676:

- Barry Fick, Executive Director of the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority, testified in support of Senate File 1676.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Hoffman provided closing comments on Senate File 1676.

Chair Wiklund laid over Senate File 1676 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

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

AGENDA ITEM #5: Senate File 2986 (Wiklund): Assertive community treatment and intensive residential treatment services statutory language recodifying provision

The fifth item on the agenda was Senate File 2986, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

Senate File 2896 (Wiklund): Assertive community treatment and intensive residential treatment services statutory language recodifying provision

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2986 to the committee.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Chair Boldon laid over Senate File 2986 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #6: Senate File 2127 (Wiklund): Central service technicians requirements establishment

The sixth item on the agenda was Senate File 2127, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

Senate File 2127 (Wiklund): Central service technicians requirements establishment

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2127 to the committee.

Senator Wiklund moved the A1 Amendment.

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

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2127:

- Josephine Colacci, Director of Government Affairs for the Healthcare Sterile Processing Association, testified in support of Senate File 2127.
- Matt Thell, Chapter President for the Minnesota Sterile Processing Association, testified in support of Senate File 2127.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

Senator Wiklund provided closing comments on Senate File 2127.

Chair Boldon laid over Senate File 2127, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

AGENDA ITEM #7: Senate File 2988 (Wiklund): Commissioner of health assessed fees governing provisions modifications

The seventh item on the agenda was Senate File 2988, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows

Senate File 2988 (Wiklund): Commissioner of health assessed fees governing provisions modifications

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2988 to the committee.

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 2988 be recommended to pass.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 2988 WAS PASSED.

AGENDA ITEM #8: Senate File 2990 (Wiklund): Environmental laboratories accreditation provisions modifications

The eighth item on the agenda was Senate File 2990, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

Senate File 2990 (Wiklund): Environmental laboratories accreditation provisions modifications

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 2990 to the committee.

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 2990 be recommended to pass.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 2988 WAS PASSED.

AGENDA ITEM #9: Senate File 3137 (Wiklund): Cross-references correction in the definition of childcare background study

The ninth item on the agenda was Senate File 3137, authored by Senator Wiklund as follows:

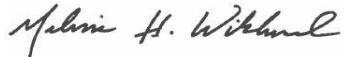
Senate File 3137 (Wiklund): Cross-references correction in the definition of childcare background study

Senator Wiklund provided opening remarks and explained Senate File 3137 to the committee.

Senator Wiklund moved that Senate File 3137 be recommended to pass.

On a voice vote, THE MOTION PREVAILED AND SENATE FILE 3137 WAS PASSED.

Chair Boldon adjourned the meeting at 9:31am



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant