

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee
Wednesday, April 9th, 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 Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:33 am on April 9th, 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.

Dennis Vesel, Senate Fiscal Analyst, provided the committee with a walkthrough of the budget bill spreadsheet.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals testified on Senate File 2669:

- Commissioner Brooke Cunningham, MD, PhD, Minnesota Department of Health, testified on Senate File 2669.
- Commissioner Shireen Ghandi, Minnesota Department of Human Services, testified on Senate File 2669.
- Commissioner Tikki Brown, Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families, testified on Senate File 2669.
- Alexis Borgeson, Foster Youth Outreach and Engagement Specialist with the Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson, testified on Senate File 2669.
- President Robert Larson, with the Lower Sioux Indian Community, testified on Senate File 2669.
- Rochelle Schultz, CEO of Winona Health, testified in opposition to on Senate File 2669.
- Idil Abdull, private citizen, testified on Senate File 2669.
- Stephanie Radtke, President of Portico HealthNet, testified in opposition to Senate File 2669.
- Patty Bowler, Legislative Committee Co-Chair for the Local Public Health Association of Minnesota, testified on Senate File 2669.
- Tommy Elton, President of the Minnesota Optometric Association, testified on Senate File 2669.
- Mary Krinkie, Vice President of Government Relations with the Minnesota Hospital Association, testified on Senate File 2669.
- Rev. Vanessa Bradby, Pastor with New Spirit United Church and advocate with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, testified on Senate File 2669.
- Kirstin Anderson, Executive Director of AspireMN, testified in support of Senate File 2669.
- Dan Endreson, Senior Director of Policy and Government Relations with the Minnesota Council of Health Plans, testified in opposition to Senate File 2669.
- Buck Humphrey, representing the Minnesota Pharmacy Alliance, testified in support of Senate File 2669.
- Dr. Matthew Cossack, MD, representing the Minnesota Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons, testified in support of Senate File 2669.
- Elliot Butay, Senior Policy Coordinator with the National Alliance of Mental Illness Minnesota, testified in support of Senate File 2669.

- Dr. Tyler Winkelman, Division Director of General Internal Medicine at Hennepin Healthcare, testified on Senate File 2669.
- Dan Murphy, representing the Minnesota Dental Association, testified on Senate File 2669.
- Peter Wotick, Government Relations Manager with The Food Group, testified in support of Senate File 2669.
- Mike Phelps, President of Ridgeview Medical Center and Clinics, testified in opposition to Senate File 2669.
- Paige D'Heilly, representing Minnesota Association of Professional Employees, testified on Senate File 2669.
- Barb Weckman Brekke, Scott County Commissioner and representative of the Minnesota Association of Counties and the Minnesota Inter-County Association, testified on Senate File 2669.
- Stacy Hennen, Executive Director of Western Prairie Human Services and Director of Traverse County Social Services, testified on Senate File 2669 on behalf of the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators.
- Robert Freeman, Vice President of Public Policy with the Alzheimer's Association, testified in support of on Senate File 2669.
- Jinny Palen, Executive Director of the Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health Programs, testified in support of Senate File 2669.
- Amy Johnson Grass, President of the American Association of Birth Centers and Owner of Twin Cities Birth Center, testified on Senate File 2669.

Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:42am.



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



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