

Minnesota State Senate

Human Services Committee
Monday, March 10, 2025
3:00 PM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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Minutes

Present: Senator John A. Hoffman - **Chair**, Senator Jordan Rasmusson - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Glenn H. Gruenhagen, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Zaynab Mohamed, Senator Paul J. Utke, Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

Absent: Senator Omar Fateh - **Vice Chair**

Senator John A. Hoffman called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

Call to Order

S.F. 1138: Senator Mann: Change the Outcome appropriation to provide opioid prevention and education.

- The following individuals testified on S.F.1138:
1. Colleen Ronnei, Executive Director; Change the Outcome
 2. Megan Wagner, LADC, Director of Programming; Change the Outcome

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 1138, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 1689: Senator Kupec: funding increase for regional and local dementia grants.

- The following individuals testified on S.F.1689:
1. Robert Freeman, Vice President of Public Policy; Alzheimer's Association

Senator Abeler moved that S.F. 1689, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 1177: Senator Abeler: Disability services technology and advocacy expansion grant establishment and appropriation.

- The following individuals testified on S.F.1177:
1. Alaina Gallagher, Executive Project Manager; ARRM

Senator Abeler moved that S.F. 1177, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 2052: Senator Fateh: Community first services and support rates modifications.

- The following individuals testified on S.F.2052:
1. Wes Blomme, Board Member; Minnesota First Provider Alliance
 2. Rick Varco, Political Director; SEIU Healthcare Minnesota

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 2052, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 2053: Senator Fateh: Direct support services rate calculations report requirement provision.

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 2053, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 2168: Senator Fateh: Assisted living service providers direct care staff compensation requirements exemption provision.

Senator Erin Maye Quade moved that the A-1 amendment be adopted to SF 2168. **MOTION ADOPTED**

The following individuals testified on S.F.2168:

1. Jon Sondergaard, Executive Director of the Lodgers; RPAMN
2. Ken Bence, Director of Research, Analysis and Policy, ARRM

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 2168, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 1925: Senator Maye Quade: Essential community supports eligibility modifications provision, essential community supports services available expansion provision, caregiver respite services grants increased funding provision, and appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1925:

1. Robert Freeman, Vice President of Public Policy; Alzheimer's Association
2. Tuesday Glover, Director of Culturally Responsive Caregiver Support & Dementia Services; Volunteers of America of Minnesota and Wisconsin

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 1925, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 2125: Senator Seeberger: Nonemergency medical transportation payment rates increase.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2125:

1. Scott Isacson, President; R-80 NEMT Association
2. Philip Stalboerger, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs; MTM, Inc.

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 2125, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 1948: Senator Hauschild: Critical access nursing facilities increased funding appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1948:

1. Adam Masloski, Executive Director; Boundary Waters Care Center

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 1948, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 2144: Senator Putnam: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud appropriation for its operation of the Catholic Charities senior dining program.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2144:

1. Aaron Fisk, President & CEO; Catholic Charities of the Dioceses

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 2144, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

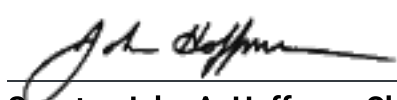
S.F. 1789: Senator Gruenhagen: Minnesota Board on Aging appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1789:

1. Maureen Schneider, Chair; Minnesota Board on Aging
2. Reena Shetty, Executive Director; MBA

Senator Gruenhagen moved that S.F. 1789, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm.



Senator John A. Hoffman, Chair



Cassie Sohr, Legislative Assistant