

# Minnesota State Senate

Human Services Committee  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
3:00 PM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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## Minutes

**Present:** Senator John A. Hoffman - **Chair**, Senator Omar Fateh - **Vice 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:** No Members Absent

Senator John A. Hoffman called the meeting to order at 3:08pm. Senator Rasmusson took the gavel at 3:14pm. Senator Hoffman took the gavel at 4:43pm.

### DHS Discussion: Federal Payment Issues

#### Call to Order

The following individuals testified on DHS presentation and Discussion: Federal Payment Issues:

1. Elyse Bailey, Budget Director; Department of Human Services (DHS)

**S.F. 2215: Senator Hoffman: Waiver Reimagine requirements modification; Legislative Task Force on Waiver Reimagine establishment.**

Senator Hoffman moved that the A-1 amendment be adopted to SF 2215. **MOTION ADOPTED**

The following individuals testified on S.F.2215:

1. Kathy Jo Ware, advocate
2. Tricia Brisbane, advocate
3. Lisa Vala, Volunteer; Disability Voice Advocates
4. Katrin Bachmeier, advocate
5. Debbie Harris, advocate
6. Maren Christenson Hofer, Multicultural Autism Action Network
7. Jean Bender, advocate

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 2215, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government Committee. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

**S.F. 2347: Senator Hoffman: Culturally specific peer recovery and outreach programs appropriation.**

The following individuals testified on S.F.2347:

1. Abdirahman Warsame, Co-Founder and Executive Director; Generation Hope
2. Ridwan Mohamud, Certified Peer Support Specialist, Generation Hope
3. Sharmarke Abdi, Certified Peer Support Specialist, Generation Hope

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 2347, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

**S.F. 2383: Senator Maye Quade: Senior nutrition programs appropriation.**

Senator Maye Quade moved that the A-1 amendment be adopted to SF 2383. **MOTION ADOPTED**

The following individuals testified on S.F.2383:

1. Dawn Simonson, President and CEO Trellis; Metropolitan Area on Aging
2. Leah Hebert Welles, CEO; Open Arms of Minnesota
3. Jeff Wyant, Senior Services Director, Southeastern Minnesota Area Agency on Aging

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 2383, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

**S.F. 2310: Senator Rasmusson: Supported-decision-making programs grant availability for supported-decision-making programs extension; appropriating money.**

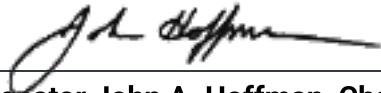
The following individuals testified on S.F.2310:

1. Megan Thomas, Adult Services Manager; Rice County Community Services
2. Nate Danielson, Senior Director of Supported Decision-Making Guardianship Options, and Pooled Trust; Lutheran Social Service

Senator Rasmusson moved that S.F. 2310, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm.**



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**Senator John A. Hoffman, Chair**



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**Cassie Sohr, Legislative Assistant**