

Minnesota State Senate

Human Services Committee
Wednesday, March 19, 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 Erin Maye Quade called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.

Call to Order

Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board Presentation

The following individuals testified the Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board Presentation:
1. Leah Solo, Executive Director of the Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board; Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

S.F. 2480: Senator Pappas: Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board rule establishing nursing home minimum wage standards affecting medical assistance reimbursement rates effecting provision.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2480:
1. Teresa Brees, member; SEIU Healthcare Minnesota & Iowa
2. Matt Jenson, member, AFSCME (worker at Sanford Bemidji)
3. Erin Huppert; Long-Term Care Imperative
4. Kyle Berndt; Long-Term Care Imperative

Senator Rasmusson moved that the A-1 amendment be adopted to SF 2480. **MOTION FAILED**
Senator Rasmusson moved that the A-2 amendment be adopted to SF 2480. **MOTION FAILED**

Senator Rasmusson moved that S.F. 2480, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 855: Senator Abeler: Temporary nursing facility rate increases establishment.

The following individuals testified on S.F.0855:
1. Erin Huppert; Long-Term Care Imperative
2. Kyle Berndt; Long-Term Care Imperative

Senator Abeler moved that S.F. 855, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 1725: Senator Hoffman: Elderly waiver rates and nursing facility reimbursement rates modification.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1725:
1. Toby Pearson, CEO; Care Providers of MN
2. Laura Salonek, Administrator; Good Samaritan Society - Howard Lake
3. Brady Johnsrud, Executive Director; Nelson Care by Vivie

4. Karie Thurlow, Leading Age of MN

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 1725, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 2630: Senator Hoffman: Governor's Council on an Age-Friendly Minnesota conversion into the Age-Friendly Minnesota Council, codifying existing grants, and appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2630:

- 1. Sherrie Pugh, Chair; Age-Friendly Minnesota Council
- 2. Adam Suomala, Executive Director; MN Leadership Council on Aging

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 2630, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 2537: Senator Rasmusson: Assisted living facilities and services modifications.

Senator Rasmusson moved that the A-1 amendment be adopted to SF 2537. **MOTION ADOPTED**

The following individuals testified on S.F.2537:

- 1. Nicole Mattson, Care Providers of MN ; Long-Term Care Imperative
- 2. Rachel Babcock, Willows Landing; Monticello, MN
- 3. Nancy Haugen, RN; President of the Board of Directors; Elder Voices Advocates
- 4. Parichay Rudina, Ombudsman for Long Term Care

Senator Rasmusson moved that S.F. 2537, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 2628: Senator Rasmusson: County cost modification of care provisions.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2628:

- 1. Tarryl Clark, Stearns County Commissioner; Association of Minnesota Counties
- 2. Kevin Magnuson, Washington County Attorney, Minnesota County Attorneys Association
- 3. Bill Hutton; Minnesota Sheriffs' Association
- 4. Dr. Kylee Ann Stevens, Executive Medical Director; Direct Care and Treatment

Senator Rasmusson moved that S.F. 2628, be laid on the table. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.



Senator Erin K. Maye Quade



Cassie Sohr, Legislative Assistant