

Minnesota State Senate

Human Services Committee
Wednesday, March 26, 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 3:09pm. Senator Maye Quade took the gavel at 5:09pm. Sen Hoffman took the gavel at 5:16. Senator Maye Quade took the gavel at 5:17pm. Sen Hoffman took the gavel at 5:22pm. Sen Maye Quade took the gavel at 5:26pm. Sen Hoffman took the gavel at 5:46pm.

Call to Order

S.F. 2640: Senator Maye Quade: Community first services and supports reimbursement rates modifications provision, certain consumer-directed community supports budgets increase provision, Minnesota Caregiver Defined Contribution Retirement Fund Trust establishment provision, and appropriation.

Testifiers:

- Monica Flavin, SEIU Healthcare MN and IA
- Rick Verco, SEIU Healthcare MN & IA

SF 2640 was laid on the table, and then taken back up at the end of the committee meeting and voted on.

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 2640, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2896: Senator Coleman: Nonemergency medical transportation provisions modifications.

Testifiers:

- Phil Stalboerger, Senior Vice President – Public Affairs: MTM-Inc.
- Buck McAlpin, MN Ambulance Association & R 80 Medical Transportation Coalition

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2972: Senator Dibble: Private equity company acquisitions of nursing homes and assisted living facilities regulation.

Testifiers:

- Parichay Rudina, Legislative Specialist; OOLTC
- Kyle Berndt, Long-Term Care Imperative (oppose)
- Erin Huppert, Long-Term Care Imperative (oppose)
- Sean Burke, O’Connell Consulting, LLC – Representing Elder Voice Advocates

Senator Abeler moves the A-1 amendment. Amendment is adopted.

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2972, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2732: Senator Fateh: Twin Cities Recovery Project grant for posttreatment recovery support appropriation.

Testifiers:

- Cynthia Elmore, Grief and Trauma Coordinator/CPRS
- LaTricia Tate, B.S., CPRS, Co-Founder, President, & CEO; Twin Cities Recovery Project, Inc.

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2297: Senator Abeler: Family residential services and life sharing services new rates implementation delaying provision and Family Residential Services Advisory Task Force establishment provision and appropriation.

Testifiers:

- Sara Grafstrom, Senior Director of State and Federal Policy, AARM
- Alicia Olson, FRS provider with Olson Homes

Senator Abeler moves the A-1 Amendment. Amendment is adopted.

As amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2902: Senator Abeler: Cost of care exemption for certain committed persons and 48-hour rule for admissions provisions extensions, Priority Admissions Review Panel establishment provision, and Direct Care, Treatment admissions dashboard creation and a limited exemption for admissions from hospital settings provision.

Testifiers:

- Sue Abderholden, Executive Director; NAMI
- Jin Lee Palen, MN Association of Community Mental Health Programs
- Danny Ackert, Director of State Government Relations; MHA

Senator Abeler moved that S.F. 2902, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 626: Senator Rasmusson: Department of Direct Care and Treatment establishment.

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2805: Senator Mohamed: Opioids, substance use, and addiction subcabinet members added provision.

Testifiers:

- Jeremy Drucker, Director; MN Office of Addiction and Recovery

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2733: Senator Mohamed: Niyyah Recovery Initiative grant appropriation.

Testifiers:

- Farhia Budul, Founder and ED of Niyyah Recovery Initiative

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 476: Senator Hoffman: Certain medical assistance services expansion to include coverage of care evaluation.

Senator Hoffman moves that A-1 Amendment. Amendment is adopted.

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 476, as amended, be recommended to pass. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2031: Senator Hoffman: Restoration for All, Inc. mental health and suicide prevention services and resources grant appropriation.

Be laid on the table.

S.F. 2876: Senator Hoffman: Coordinated services organization demonstration project establishment and appropriation.

Testifiers:

- George Klauser, CEO: Altair and parent advocate
- Danielle Fox, CEO; Mount Olivet Rolling Acres
- Scott Shifsky, Department of Human Services

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2934: Senator Hoffman: Assisted living provisions modifications.

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

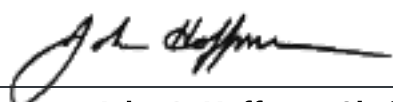
S.F. 2894: Senator Boldon: Supplemental nursing provisions modification.

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2893: Senator Mann: Health case mix reimbursement modification for federal conformity.

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm



Senator John A. Hoffman, Chair



David Zak, Committee Administrator