



Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

12:30pm

MSB 1100

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. S.F1410 Mann, Bloomington workforce development efforts appropriation

Testifiers:

- Kim Berggren, Community Development Director
- Holly Masek, Port Authority Administrator

3. Workforce Board Overview

Testifiers:

- Cate Duin, Executive Director of the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB)
- Elena Foshay, Operations Chair of the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB), Director of Workforce Development at the City of Duluth
- Rosemary Ugboajah, Member of the Minneapolis Workforce Development Board

4. S.F1300 Klein, Neighbors, Inc. grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Dawn Wambeke, Executive Director for Neighbors Inc
- Nay Zar, Neighbors Inc participant

5. S.F0800 Putnam, EquaSpace grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Sarah Clyne, EquaSpace, Executive Director

6. S.F240 Draheim, grants prohibition to nonprofit organizations with highly compensated officers or employees

7. S.F240 Draheim, Grants prohibition to nonprofit organizations with highly compensated officers or employees

Testifiers:

- Marie Ellis, Public Policy Director, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
- (Against)

8. S.F1061 Frentz, World Junior Hockey Championships appropriation

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Testifiers:

- Wendy Blackshaw, President and CEO of Minnesota Sports and Events (MNSE)
- St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter, Co-Chair of World Junior Hockey Advisory Council
- Bob Motzko, Head Coach of the University of Minnesota Men's Hockey Team
- Sky Boucha, World Junior Hockey Advisory Council

9. Adjourned