

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee
Monday, February 24, 2025
12:30 PM, 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Senator Rich Draheim, Senator Heather Gustafson, Senator FOUNG Hawj, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Zaynab Mohamed, Senator Susan Pha

Absent: Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Eric R. Pratt

Senator Bobby Joe Champion called the meeting to order at 12:30pm

Call To Order

S.F. 1514: Senator Pha: Coalition of Asian American Leaders grant appropriation

Testifiers:
ThaoMee Xiong, Executive Director, Coalition of Asian American Leaders
Derlee Moua, Business Owner.

S.F. 1514– Pha: Coalition of Asian American Leaders grant appropriation presentation begins at 12:34 PM by Senator Pha and ends at 12:39 PM.

S.F. 1514 – Pha: Coalition of Asian American Leaders grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by ThaoMee Xiong, Executive Director, Coalition of Asian American Leaders at 12:40 PM and ending at 12:42 PM.

S.F. 1514 – Pha: Coalition of Asian American Leaders grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Laura Boller, Business Owner at 12:42 PM and ending at 12:44 PM.

Questions Begin at 12:45 PM and ends at 1:01 PM

The following individuals testified on S.F.1514:
ThaoMee Xiong, Executive Director, Coalition of Asian American Leaders
Derlee Moua, Business Owner

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 1514, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1521: Senator Pha: Small business assistance partnerships program appropriation

Testifiers:

Esther Obaigwa, Founder & Owner, Kare Healthcare Agency

Kari Tribble, Founder & Owner, Avari Beauty.

S.F. 1521 – Pha: Small business assistance partnerships program appropriation presentation begins at 1:04 PM by Senator Pha and ends at 1:13 PM.

S.F. 1521 – Pha: Small business assistance partnerships program appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Esther Obaigwa, Founder & Owner, Kare Healthcare Agency at 1:13 PM and ending at 1:15 PM.

S.F. 1521 – Pha: Small business assistance partnerships program appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Michael Wemeke, Public Testifier at 1:15 PM and ending at 1:17 PM.

S.F. 1521 – Pha: Small business assistance partnerships program appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Kari Tribble, Founder & Owner, Avari Beauty at 1:17 PM and ending at 1:19 PM.

Questions Begin at 1:19 PM and ends at 1:19 PM

The following individuals testified on S.F.1521:

Esther Obaigwa, Founder & Owner, Kare Healthcare Agency

Kari Tribble, Founder & Owner, Avari Beauty

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 1521, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1583: Senator Green: Fraud reporting portal requirement for employers

Testifier:

Brad Fitzgerald, CFO, Occupational Development Center (Virtual).

S.F. 1583– Green: Fraud reporting portal requirement for employers presentation begins at 1:20 PM by Senator Green and ends at 1:23 PM.

S.F. 1583 – Green: Fraud reporting portal requirement for employers presentation continues with a testimony by Brad Fitzgerald, CFO, Occupational Development Center (Virtual) at 1:23 PM and ending at 1:25 PM.

Questions Begin at 1:25 PM and ends at 1:44 PM

The following individuals testified on S.F.1583:

Brad Fitzgerald, CFO, Occupational Development Center (Virtual)

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 1583, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1453: Senator Putnam: Made in Minnesota Program and Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. appropriation

Testifier:

Bob Kill, President & CEO of Enterprise Minnesota.

S.F. 1453– Putnam: Made in Minnesota Program and Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. appropriation presentation begins at 1:45 PM by Senator Putnam and ends at 1:51 PM.

S.F. 1453 – Putnam: Made in Minnesota Program and Enterprise Minnesota, Inc. Appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Bob Kill, President & CEO of Enterprise Minnesota at 1:51 PM and ending at 1:53 PM.

Questions Begin at 1:53 PM and ends at 1:59 PM

The following individuals testified on S.F.1453:

Bob Kill, President & CEO of Enterprise Minnesota

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 1453, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1624: Senator Putnam: Propel Nonprofits grant appropriation

Testifier:

Garrett Backes, Chief Advancement Officer.

S.F. 1624– Putnam: Propel Nonprofits grant appropriation presentation begins at 2:00 PM by Senator Putnam and ends at 2:03 PM.

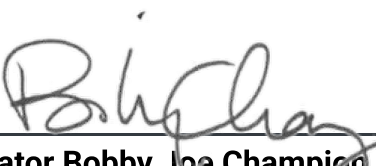
S.F. 1453 – Putnam: Propel Nonprofits grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Garnet Backes, Chief Advancement Officer of Propel Nonprofits at 2:03 PM and ending at 2:05 PM.

Questions Begin at 2:05 PM and ends at 2:07 PM

The following individuals testified on S.F.1624:

Garrett Backes, Chief Advancement Officer

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08pm



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



Taylor Tidwell-Bennett, Legislative Assistant