

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee
Monday, March 3, 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 Carla J. Nelson, Senator Susan Pha, Senator Eric R. Pratt

Absent: No Members Absent

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

Call To Order

S.F. 1726: Senator Hauschild: Minnesota STEM Ecosystem grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Emily Saed, Executive Director, MN STEM Ecosystem
Heidi Jedlicka-Halvarson, Medtronic
Cheryl Moeller, High Tech Kids
Saniyah Taher, Student.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1726:
Emily Saed, Executive Director, MN STEM Ecosystem began at 12:36pm and ended at 12:38pm
Heidi Jedlicka-Halvarson, Medtronic began at 12:38pm and ended at 12:40pm
Cheryl Moeller, High Tech Kids began at 12:40pm and ended at 12:42pm
Saniyah Taher, Student began at 12:42pm and ended at 12:44pm

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 1726, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1945: Senator Hauschild: Entrepreneur Fund grant appropriation

Testifier:
Shawn Wellnitz, CEO, Entrepreneur Fund.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1945:
Shawn Wellnitz, CEO, Entrepreneur Fund began at 12:58pm and ended at 1:00pm

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 1945, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1900: Senator Pappas: Sanneh Foundation appropriation

Testifier:

Tony Sanneh, CEO, Sanneh Foundation

George Medina, Youth Employee Program Participant.

Senator Pappas offers a Authors amendment at 1:11pm

Senator Mohamed moves to adopt the A-1 Amendment.

Motion prevails and the A-1 Amendment is adopted.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1900:

Tony Sanneh, CEO, Sanneh Foundation began at 1:14pm and ended at 1:16pm

George Medina, Youth Employee Program Participant began at 1:16pm and ended at 1:18pm

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 1900, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 1424: Senator Fateh: Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Accion Latina (COPAL) appropriation

Testifier:

Francisco Segovia, Executive Director, COPAL.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1424:

Francisco Segovia, Executive Director, COPAL begins at 1:28pm and ends at 1:30pm

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 1424, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1808: Senator Mohamed: Recently released inmates jobs skills training appropriation

Testifiers:

PJ Hubbard, CEO, Better Futures MN

Jason Allen, Director of Enterprise Services, Better Futures MN

Tino Jones, Integrated Care Team Manager, Better Futures MN.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1808:

PJ Hubbard, CEO, Better Futures MN begins at 1:58pm and ends at 2:00pm

Jason Allen, Director of Enterprise Services, Better Futures MN begins at 2:00pm and ends at 2:02pm

Tino Jones, Integrated Care Team Manager, Better Futures MN begins at 2:02pm and ends at 2:03pm

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 1808, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1745: Senator Champion: Emerge Community Development grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Terra Mayfield, Executive Vice President of Programs, EMERGE

Larcell Mack, Director of Reentry Programs, EMERGE.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1745:

Terra Mayfield, Executive Vice President of Programs, EMERGE begins at 2:08pm ends at 2:10pm

Larcell Mack, Director of Reentry Programs, EMERGE begins at 2:10pm and ends at 2:12pm

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 1745, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14pm


Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair


Taylor Tidwell-Bennett, Legislative Assistant