

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, March 19, 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 12:33pm

Call To Order

S.F. 2505: Senator Putnam: Gateways2Growth Initiative appropriation to expand training in information technology, transportation, and healthcare across the state

Testifiers:
Hajah Kabbay, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Gateways2Growth beneficiary
Abdirizak Mohamed, Recent Software Engineering Graduate, Gateways2Growth beneficiary
Abdikadir Bashir, Executive Director, CAIRO.

SF2505 Putnam Begins at 12:35 ends at 12:37 pm

Abdikadir Bashir begins at 12:37 ends at 12:39pm

Hajah Kabbay begins at 12:40 ends at 12:42pm

Abdirizak Mohamed begins at 12:42 ends at 12:44pm

Questions begin at 12:45pm end at 12:58

Laid over for possible inclusion

S.F. 2295: Senator Mohamed: Twin Cities RISE for the Empowerment Institute appropriation

Testifiers:
Emma Corrie, Twin Cities RISE, President & CEO
Steve Johnson, LiUNA Local 563 - Metro Dispatcher/ Organizer, Recruiter & Retention AND TCR Empowerment Institute client partner.

SF2295 Mohamed Begins at 12:59 pm ends at 1:01pm

Emma Corrie, begins at 1:02 ends at 1:04pm

Steve Johnson begins at 1:05pm ends at 1:07pm

Questions begin at 1:08pm end at 1:16pm

Laid over for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2351: Senator Clark: Workforce innovation and job placement programs for individuals in recovery appropriation

Testifier:

Abdirahman Warsame, Executive Director, Generation Hope (VIRTUAL).

SF2351 Clark Begins at 1:43pm ends at 1:45pm

Oral Amendment requested on line 1.7

Senator Gustafson calls that the word “general” be replaced with “Workforce Development Fund”.

Motion Prevails.

Abdirahman Warsame, 1:46pm ends at 1:48pm

Questions begin at 1:49pm end at 1:55pm

Laid over as amended for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2336: Senator Port: WomenVenture grant appropriation

Testifiers:

LeeAnn Rasachak, CEO, WomenVenture

Tiffany Calderon, Xo’XoColati Chocolate.

SF2336 Port Begins at 1:18pm ends at 1:19pm

LeeAnn Rasachak begins at 1:20pm ends at 1:22pm

Tiffany Calderon begins at 1:22pm ends at 1:24pm

A1 Amendment requested on line 1.7

Senator Mohamed calls that the word “general” be replaced with “Workforce Development Fund”.

Motion Prevails.

Questions begin at 1:25pm end at 1:40pm

Laid over as amended for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2292: Senator Hawj: 30,000 Feet appropriation

Testifiers:

Vanessa Young, Co-Founder, 30,000 Feet

Robert Clark, Student.

SF2292 Hawj Begins at 1:56pm ends at 1:58pm

Vanessa Young begins at 1:58pm ends at 2:00pm

Robert Clark begins at 2:00pm ends at 2:02pm

Questions begin at 2:02pm end at 2:07pm

Oral Amendment requested on line 1.6

Senator Hawj calls that the word “general” be replaced with “Workforce Development Fund”.

Motion Prevails.

Laid over as amended for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2301: Senator Hawj: Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Ruby Lee, CEO & President, CLUES

Jennifer Mendoza, Career Development Navigator & Community Liaison Greater MN-Willmar, CLUES

Edgar Cruz, student, 2024 CDL Cohort (VIRTUAL).

SF2301 Hawj Begins at 2:08 ends at 2:10pm

A1 Amendment requested on line 1.6

Senator Hawj calls that the word “general” be replaced with “Workforce Development Fund”.

Motion Prevails and adopted.

Ruby Lee begins at 2:10pm ends at 2:12pm

Jennifer Mendoza begins at 2:12pm ends at 2:14pm

Questions begin at 2:14pm end at 2:14pm

Laid over as amended for possible inclusion.

S.F. 993: Senator Champion: Hospitality education grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Noah Rosenberger, ProStart Alumni

Ava Smith, ProStart Student, Cambridge Isanti

Lauren Schreder, ProStart Alum & ProStart Advisor Cambridge Isanti

Hanna Zinn, Director of Government Relations, Hospitality Minnesota.

SF0993 Champion Begins at 2:15 ends at 2:16pm

Noah Rosenberger begins at 2:16pm ends at 2:18pm

Ava Smith begins at 2:18pm ends at 2:20pm

Lauren Schreder begins at 2:20pm ends at 2:21pm

Hannah Zinn begins at 2:21pm ends at 2:23pm

Questions begin at 2:23pm end at 2:27pm

S.F. 2167: Senator Champion: Mind the G.A.P.P. appropriation

Testifiers:

David E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, Mind the GAPP
Deena Zubulake, Chief Operating Officer, Mind the GAPP.

SF2167 Champion Begins at 2:27 ends at 2:29pm

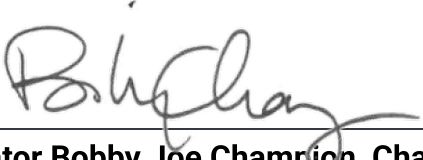
David E. Johnson begins at 2:29pm ends at 2:31pm

Deena Zubulake begins at 2:31pm ends at 2:33pm

Questions begin at 2:32pm end at 2:32pm

Laid over for possible inclusion

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32pm


Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair


Taylor Tidwell-Bennett, Legislative Assistant