

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, April 2, 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 12:35pm

Call To Order

PFML Update Hearing

Testifiers:
Evan Rowe, Deputy Commissioner, DEED
Greg Norfleet, Director of Paid Leave, DEED (Virtual)

PFML Update Hearing: Begins at 12:43 ends at 12:51 pm

Evan Rowe begins at 12:43 ends at 1:43pm

Greg Norfleet begins at 12:56 ends at 1:40pm

Questions begin at 12:51pm end at 1:43pm

Laid over for possible inclusion

S.F. 2570: Senator Hauschild: Community energy transition grant program appropriation

Testifier:
Greg Lerud, City Administrator, City of Becker.

SF2570 Hauschild Begins at 1:44 pm ends at 1:46pm

Greg Lerud, begins at 1:46 ends at 1:48pm

Questions begin at 1:48 pm end at 1:49pm

Laid over for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2948: Senator Putnam: OneCommunity Alliance appropriation

Testifiers:

Dr. Hudda Ibrahim, President & Co-Founder, OneCommunity Alliance

Rachel Anderson, Director of Communications, OneCommunity Alliance.

SF2948 Putnam Begins at 1:49 pm ends at 1:51pm

Dr. Huda Ibrahim begins at 1:51pm ends at 1:54pm

Rachel Anderson begins at 1:54pm ends at 1:56pm

Questions begin at 1:56pm end at 2:00pm

Laid over as amended for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2949: Senator Putnam: Ambassadors of Culture, Hooyo Hour, and United Way grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Hodan Omar, Executive Director, Hooyo Hour Organization

Stefanie Rothstein, Director of Education Partnerships, United Way of Central MN (Virtual).

SF2949 Putnam Begins at 2:01pm ends at 2:03pm

Hodan Omar begins at 2:03pm ends at 2:05pm

Stefanie Rothstein begins at 2:05pm ends at 2:07pm

Laid over as amended for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2828: Senator Gruenhagen: Isuroon microbusinesses support through loans, grants, technical assistance, and a business incubator program appropriation

Testifiers:

Fartun Weli, CEO, Isuroon

Mary Turner, Board Chair, Isuroon.

SF2828 Gruenhagen Begins at 12:36 ends at 1:19pm

Fartun Weli begins at 12:38 ends at 12:40pm

Mary Turner (Virtual) begins at 12:40pm ends at 12:41

Questions begin at 12:41pm end at 12:42pm

Laid over for possible inclusion.

S.F. 1798: Senator Hawj: Neighborhood Development Center grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Shahir Ahmed, Vice President of Business Services, NDC

Dalton Outlaw, CEO, Element Fitness and Outlaw Development.

SF1798 Hawj Begins at 2:07 ends at 2:09pm

Shahir Ahmed begins at 2:09pm ends at 2:12pm

Dalton Outlaw begins at 2:12pm ends at 2:15pm

Laid over for possible Inclusion

S.F. 3085: Senator Draheim: Rural Cancer Institute grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Dr. Wade Swenson - Medical Oncologist

Dr. Emily McGovern - Medical Oncologist (Virtual).

SF3085 Draheim Begins at 2:15 ends at 2:16pm

Dr. Wade Swenson begins at 2:16pm ends at 2:18pm

Dr. Emily McGovern at 2:18pm ends at 2:20pm

Questions begin at 2:21pm end at 2:27pm

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S.F. 3177: Senator Mohamed: Explore Minnesota duties and missions modification

Testifier:

Lauren Bennett McGinty, Executive Director, Explore MN.

SF3177 Mohamed Begins at 2:30 ends at 2:31pm

A1 Amendment, Motion Prevails and A1 amended

Lauren Bennett McGinty 2:31pm ends at 2:32pm

Questions begin at 2:32pm end at 2:37pm

Laid over for possible inclusion

S.F. 2500: Senator Mohamed: Somali American Youth Enrichment Club (SAYEC) appropriation.

SF2500 Mohamed Begins at 2:37 ends at 2:39pm

Mohamed Ishma Said 2:39pm ends at 2:41pm

Musa Hanshi 2:40pm ends at 2:41pm

Questions begin at 2:41pm end at 2:41pm

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S.F. 2426: Senator Champion: MAD DADS of Minneapolis appropriation for a youth workforce development program

Testifiers:

Jordan Borer Nelson, Executive Director, MAD DADS

Dario Otero, Workforce Development Program Director.

SF2426 Champion Begins at 2:43 ends at 2:44pm

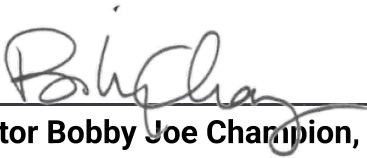
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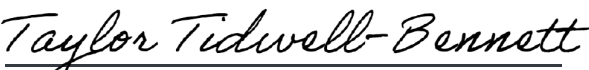
Questions begin at 2:48pm end at 2:53pm

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The meeting was recessed at 2:50pm



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



Taylor Tidwell-Bennett, Legislative Assistant