

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE THIRTY-SIXTH MEETING
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:33 A.M. on March 26th, 2024, in Room 200N of the State Office Building.

Members Present:

PINTO, Dave (Chair)
KEELER, Heather (Vice Chair)
BURKEL, John
COULTER, Nathan
DAVIS, Ben
HANSON, Jessica
HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HICKS, Kim
HUDSON, Walter
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
LEE, Liz
NELSON, Nathan
PÉREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Members Excused:

DANIELS, Brian (GOP Lead)

A presentation titled, “2024 Governor’s Capital Bonding Recommendations Early Childhood Facilities”.

Presenting:

- Jennifer Sommerfeld, Director of Legislative and External Affairs, Children and Family Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services

A Quorum was present.

Vice Chair Keeler moved that the minutes from March 19th, 2024 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3699 (Lee, K.) Child care improvement grant program funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Lee moved HF3699 before the committee.

Representative Lee presented HF3699.

Testifier(s):

- Suzanne Pearl, Minnesota Director, First Children’s Finance

Chair Pinto laid over HF3699.

HF3826 (Keeler) Child care services grants funding provided for staff training, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Keeler moved HF3826 before the committee.

Vice Chair Keeler moved the DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Vice Chair Keeler presented HF3826 as amended.

Testifier(s):

- Sean Burke, O’Connell Consulting LLC, on behalf of Kids Count On Us

Chair Pinto laid over HF3826 as amended.

Vice Chair Keeler assumed the gavel at 8:58.

HF4697 (Pinto) Membership and requirements for child mortality review panel modified, review process for child fatalities and near fatalities related to maltreatment modified, Department of Human Services child systemic critical incident review team requirements modified, and critical incident public information portal established.

Chair Pinto moved HF4697 before the committee.

Chair Pinto presented HF4697.

Vice Chair Keeler laid over HF4697.

Chair Pinto assumed the gavel at 9:05.

HF4950 (Keeler) Pregnant and parenting homeless youth study required, report required, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Keeler moved HF4950 before the committee.

Vice Chair Keeler presented HF4950.

Testier(s):

- Lele Exum, Youth Advocate
- Beth Holger, Executive Director, The Link

Chair Pinto laid over HF4950.

HF4192 (Hollins) Child welfare system fiscal analysis directed, report required, and money appropriated.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved HF4192 before the committee.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved the DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hollins presented HF4192 as amended.

Testifier(s):

- Joanna Woolman, Professor of Law and Director, Institute to Transform Child Protection.
- Kirsten Anderson, Aspire MN

Chair Pinto laid over HF4192 as amended.

HF5036 (Finke) Emergency shelter for LGBTQIA+ youth experiencing homelessness needs analysis funding provided, report required, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Keeler moved HF5036 before the committee.

Representative Finke presented HF5036.

Chair Pinto laid over HF5036.

The committee adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

Caleb Rohrer, Committee Legislative Assistant