

STATE OF MINNESOTA FIFTY-THIRD MEETING
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

MINUTES

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. April 1, 2022, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll

Members present:

HANSEN, Rick (Chair)
WAZLAWIK, Ami (Vice Chair)
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (Lead)
ACOMB, Patty
AKLAND, Susan
BACKER, Jeff
BECKER-FINN, Jamie
ECKLUND, Rob
FISCHER, Peter
GREEN, Steve
IGO, Spencer
JORDAN, Sydney
KEELER, Heather
LEE, Fue
LIPPERT, Todd
LUECK, Dale
MORRISON, Kelly
NELSON, Nathan
THEIS, Tama

A quorum was present.

Representative Wazlawik moved that the minutes of March 29, 2022, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Fischer moved that the minutes of March 31, 2022, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

A presentation was given by researchers at the University of Minnesota on air pollution, it's health impacts and disparities in exposure.

- Dr. Dylan Millet, Department of Soil, Water and Climate, University of Minnesota.
- Dr. Jason Hill, Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering, University of Minnesota.

Representative Lee moved that HF 3146 (Lee) be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Lee moved that the A4 amendment be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Lee presented HF 3146, as amended, Environment; air quality permit analysis requirements modified, environmental justice area identified, and demographic analysis required.

Testifying on HF 3146, as amended:

- Dr. Greg Pratt, Citizen.
- Sherilyn A. Young, St. Paul Community Member.
- Tony Kwilas, Director of Environmental Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.
- Craig McDonnell, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).
- Meghan Hassett, Midwest Clean Energy Advocate, Union of Concerned Scientists.
- Alejandro Caceres-Aranda, COPAL MN.
- Steven Pak, Air Quality Permits Section Manager, MPCA.

Representative Lee renewed his motion that HF 3146, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Representative Ecklund moved that HF 3311 (Ecklund) be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Ecklund presented HF 3311, Clean Water Act; funding provided for state to assume 404 permitting, report required, and money appropriated.

Testifying on HF 3311:

- Les Lemm, Wetlands Section Manager, Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).
- Carol Andrews, P.E., St. Louis County Public Works Environmental Project Manager
- Katie Smith, Ecological and Water Resources Division Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Representative Ecklund renewed his motion that HF 3311 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Representative Lippert moved that HF 2624 (Lippert) be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Lippert presented HF 2624; Property assessed clean energy program modified.

Testifying on HF 2624:

- Pete Klein, Vice-President of Finance, Saint Paul Port Authority.
- Brad Jordahl Redlin, Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program, Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Vice-Chair Wazlawik assumed the gavel at 10:18 A.M.

Representative Hansen moved that the A1 amendment be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Lippert renewed his motion that HF 2624, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Representative Hansen moved that HF 4736 (Hansen) be recommended to be re-referred to the Capital Investment Committee.

Representative Hansen moved that the A2 amendment be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hansen presented HF 4736, as amended, Wastewater and water supply project climate issue rulemaking required.

Testifying on HF 4736, as amended:

- Dana Vanderbosch, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).
- Jeff Freeman, Executive Director, Minnesota Public Facilities Authority.

Representative Hansen renewed his motion that HF 4736, as amended, be recommended to be re-referred to the Capital Investment Committee.

Vice-Chair Wazlawik directed the clerk to take the roll on HF 4736, as amended.

AYES:

HANSEN, Rick

WAZLAWIK, Ami

ACOMB, Patty

BECKER-FINN, Jamie

FISCHER, Peter

JORDAN, Sydney

KEELER, Heather

LEE, Fue

LIPPERT, Todd

MORRISON, Kelly

NAYS:

HEINTZEMAN, Josh

AKLAND, Susan
BACKER, Jeff
GREEN, Steve
IGO, Spencer
LUECK, Dale
NELSON, Nathan
THEIS, Tama

EXCUSED:
ECKLUND, Rob

There being 10 ayes, 8 nays and 1 excused, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Hansen moved that HF 3916 (Sandell), as amended, be taken from the table.

Vice-Chair Wazlawik directed the clerk to take the roll on the motion.

AYES:
HANSEN, Rick (Chair)
WAZLAWIK, Ami (Vice Chair)
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (Lead)
ACOMB, Patty
AKLAND, Susan
BACKER, Jeff
BECKER-FINN, Jamie
ECKLUND, Rob
FISCHER, Peter
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MORRISON, Kelly
NELSON, Nathan
THEIS, Tama

NAYS:
IGO, Spencer

There being 18 ayes and 1 nay, THE MOTION PREVAILED. House File 3916, as amended, was taken off the table.

Representative Hansen moved that the A6 amendment be adopted.

Representative Hansen presented the A6 amendment.

Testifying on the A6 amendment:

- Susan Damon, Lands and Minerals Division Assistant Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Representative Hansen renewed his motion that the A6 amendment be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hansen renewed his motion that HF 3916, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:13 A.M.

Rick Hansen
Chair of Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

Scotland Kraker
Committee Legislative Assistant