

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-FIFTH 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 21st, 2024, in Room 200N of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

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

HF912 (Agbaje) – Minnesota African American Family Preservation Act established, African American Child Welfare Council established, child welfare provisions modified, reports required, and money appropriated.

Representative Agbaje presented HF912.

Testifiers:

- Theodore Rose, Policy Director, Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage (CMAH)
- Kelis Houston, Village Arms
- Cynthia Wilson, President, NAACP Minneapolis Branch
- DeClara Tripp, Impacted mother
- Shadoe Darris, former foster youth
- Rhia Spears, Family law and child protection attorney

Public Testifier:

- Marvalayne Unique Tripp, NAACP Child Protection Committee Member, Community advocate, person with lived experience

Chair Pinto recessed the committee at 9:33A.M.

Chair Pinto reconvened the committee at 9:38A.M.

Representative Perez-Vega moved to re-refer HF912 to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Representative Perez-Vega moved the DE5 Amendment. THE MOTION PASSED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Perez-Vega renewed her motion to re-refer HF912 to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Lead Daniels requested a roll call.

The clerk took the roll.

AYES

PINTO, Dave (Chair)

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There being 15 AYES, 0 NAYS, and 0 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PASSED.

HF4425 (Hemmingsen-Jaeger) – Home day care restrictions prohibited.

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger moved to re-refer HF4425 to the General Register.

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger moved the A1 Amendment. THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED, THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger renewed her motion to re-refer HF4425 as amended to the General Register. THE MOTION PASSED.

Vice Chair Keeler assumed the gavel.

HF5017 (Pinto) – Child protection funding technical challenges.

Chair Pinto moved to re-refer HF5017 to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Testifiers:

Angie Thies, Child Wellbeing Policy Analyst, Association of Minnesota Counties

Chair Pinto renewed his motion to re-refer HF5017 to the Committee on Ways and Means. THE MOTION PASSED.

The committee adjourned at 9:54 A.M.

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

Caleb Rohrer, Committee Legislative Assistant