

## **FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING – State Government Finance Division 2019-2020 Regular Session**

STATE OF MINNESOTA FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Representative Michael V. Nelson, Chair of the State Government Finance Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM, March 12, 2020 in the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

NELSON, Michael V. Chair  
KLEVORN, Ginny Vice Chair  
ALBRIGHT, Tony GOP Lead  
ACOMB, Patty  
ELKINS, Steve  
FREIBERG, Mike  
GREEN, Steve  
HERTAUS, Jerry  
HUOT, John  
JORDAN, Sydney  
KIEL, Debra  
LIPPERT, Todd  
LONG, Jamie  
MASIN, Sandra  
NASH, Jim  
OLSON, Liz  
QUAM, Duane  
VOGEL, Bob

A quorum was present.

Representative Quam moved that the minutes from the committee meeting on March 11, 2020 be approved.  
THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Nelson moved HF1424 be held over for further consideration.

HF1424 (Stephenson); Establishing a student loan advocate; requiring licensure of student loan servicers; prohibiting certain practices in student loan servicing; requiring a report; appropriating money.

The following testified on HF1424:

The Honorable Zack Stephenson, State Representative  
Adam Welle, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General  
Lori Haak, Biology Teacher, Simley High School in Inver Grove Heights  
Andrew Wold, Senior Staff Attorney, Office of Higher Education  
Mike Sonn, Member, AFSCME Council 5

Chair Nelson held HF1424 over for further consideration.

Chair Nelson moved HF1257 be rereferred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HF1257 (Cantrell); Requiring prescription drug benefit transparency and disclosure.

The following testified on HF1257:

The Honorable Hunter Cantrell, State Representative  
Galen Benshoof, Assistant Director of SEGIP (State Employee Group Insurance Program), Minnesota Management and Budget

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF1257 be rereferred to the Committee on Ways & Means. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The committee recessed at 8:49 AM.

The committee reconvened at 8:51 AM.

Chair Nelson moved HF4 be rereferred to the Committee on Ways & Means.

HF4 (Lesch); Prohibiting a manufacturer or wholesale drug distributor from charging unconscionable prices for prescription drugs; requiring the Board of Pharmacy, the commissioner of human services, and health plan companies to notify the attorney general of certain prescription drug price increases; authorizing the attorney general to take action against drug manufacturers and wholesalers related to certain price increases; imposing civil penalties; appropriating money.

The following testified on HF4:

The Honorable John Lesch, State Representative

James Canady, Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General

Chair Nelson moved Amendment H0004A6.

Chair Nelson incorporated an oral amendment to Amendment H0004A6. On Line 1.6 delete "\$267,000" in both instances, and insert "\$527,000" in both instances.

Chair Nelson moved Amendment H0004A6, as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED, WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF4, as amended, be rereferred to the Committee on Ways & Means. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

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Representative Michael V. Nelson, Chair

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Sydney Spreck, Committee Legislative Assistant