

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

**MINUTES**

Representative Rena Moran, Chair of the Committee, called the hybrid Ways and Means Committee meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted in Capitol Room 120 and over Zoom, and broadcast via House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

MORAN, Rena (Chair)  
OLSON, Liz (Vice Chair)  
GAROFALO, Pat (GOP Lead)  
ALBRIGHT, Tony  
BECKER-FINN, Jamie  
BERNARDY, Connie  
ECKLUND, Rob  
HANSEN, Rick  
HASSAN, Hodan  
HERTAUS, Jerry  
HORNSTEIN, Frank  
JOHNSON, Brian  
KRESHA, Ron  
LIEBLING, Tina  
LILLIE, Leon  
MARIANI, Carlos  
MARQUART, Paul  
MILLER, Tim  
NASH, Jim  
NELSON, Michael  
NOOR, Mohamud  
O'NEILL, Marion  
PELOWSKI, Gene Jr.  
PETERSBURG, John  
PINTO, Dave  
SCHOMACKER, Joe  
SCHULTZ, Jennifer  
SCOTT, Peggy  
SUNDIN, Mike

A quorum was present.

HF 4017 (M. Nelson) Retirement; various retirement provisions modified related to disability assessments, military service credit purchases, correctional plan, vesting service, reinstating segmented annuities, Duluth Transit Authority, volunteer firefighters, earnings limitation, state auditor's volunteer fire relief association working group, annual investment reports, State Board of Investment, and police officer disability benefits; and administrative, technical, and clarifying changes made.

Representative Nelson moved that HF 4017 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Nelson moved to adopt the H4017A1 amendment and explained the amendment.

Representative Nelson renewed the motion to adopt the H4017A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Nelson presented HF 4017.

Following discussion, Representative Nelson renewed the motion that HF 4017, as amended, be recommended to be placed on the General Register. A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

AYES

Moran  
Olson  
Garofalo  
Albright  
Becker-Finn  
Bernardy  
Ecklund  
Hansen  
Hornstein  
Johnson  
Kresha  
Liebling  
Lillie  
Mariani  
Marquart  
Miller  
Nash  
Nelson  
Noor  
O'Neill  
Pelowski  
Petersburg  
Pinto  
Schomacker  
Schultz  
Scott  
Sundin

NAYS

ABSENT

Hertaus

EXCUSALS

Hassan

There being 27 ayes, no nays, 1 absent, and 1 excusal, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1683 (Hornstein) Omnibus transportation bill.

Representative Hornstein moved HF 1683 before the committee.

Representative Hornstein presented HF 1683.

Testifying on HF 1683:

- Anna Odegaard, Legislative Advocate, Minnesota Asset Building Coalition

Representative Hornstein moved to adopt the H1683A40 amendment and explained the amendment.

Representative Hornstein renewed the motion to adopt the H1683A40 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Moran temporarily laid over HF 1683 as amended.

HF 4324 (Ecklund) Military and veteran affairs budget established; policy and technical changes made to various military and veterans affairs provisions, including veteran housing, benefits, services, bonus program, and service office grant program; veteran service organizations grant program created; report required; and money appropriated.

Representative Ecklund moved HF 4324 before the committee.

Representative Ecklund moved to adopt the H4324A5 amendment and explained the amendment.

Representative Ecklund renewed the motion to adopt the H4324A5 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Ecklund presented HF 4324 as amended.

Chair Moran temporarily laid over HF 4324 as amended.

HF 4306 (Murphy) Minnesota State Retirement System plans, Public Employees Retirement Association plans, Teachers Retirement Association, Minnesota state higher education individual retirement account plan, and St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association provisions changed; postretirement adjustment rates increased; employee contribution rates temporarily reduced; investment rate of return actuarial assumption reduced; direct state aid increased and extended to the public employees police and fire retirement plan, the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association, and the judges retirement plan; and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Olson moved HF 4306 in front of the committee.

Vice Chair Olson moved the H4306DE3 amendment.

Vice Chair Olson moved to adopt the H4306A2 amendment to the DE3 amendment. Representative Murphy explained the amendment to the amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Vice Chair Olson renewed the motion to adopt the H4306DE3 as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT AS AMENDED WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Murphy presented HF 4306 as amended.

Chair Moran temporarily laid over HF 4306 as amended.

HF 4293 (Nelson) State government; various provisions modified relating to government agencies; contracts; executive council collateral; Juneteenth; defining terms; emergency management; data practices; Legislative Salary Council; revolving fund; state budget and finance sections; Office of Collaborations and Dispute Resolution; Office of Enterprise Translations; language access service account; grant administration, solicitation, affirmative action, technology accessibility standards, hiring processes, salary differential benefits, supported work practices, deposit and investment of local public funds, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, burial grounds, manufactured homes, managed natural landscapes, military salary differential, Mississippi river Parkway Commission, campaign finance and elections, barbering, and cosmetology; separation and retention incentive programs; Office of Small Agency study; State Emblems Redesign Commission, Legislative Task Force on Aging, and Advisory Committee on Service Worker Standards; reports required; fees set; and money appropriated.

Representative Nelson moved that HF 4293 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Nelson moved to adopt the H4293A17 amendment and explained the amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Nelson presented HF 4293 as amended.

Testifying on HF 4293:

- Julie Bayerl, Legislative Director, Minnesota Department of Administration
- Laura Taken-Holtze, Legislative Director, Minnesota Attorney General's Office

Representative Becker-Finn moved to adopt the H4293A20 amendment and explained the amendment.

Representative Becker-Finn renewed the motion to adopt the H4293A20 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Following discussion, Representative Nelson moved that the language contained in HF 4293, as amended, be incorporated into the State Government, Veterans & Military Affairs, Pensions and Transportation Omnibus as separate articles. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Hornstein moved that the language contained in HF 1683, as amended, be incorporated into the State Government, Veterans & Military Affairs, Pensions and Transportation Omnibus as separate articles. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Ecklund moved that the language contained in HF 4324, as amended, be incorporated into the State Government, Veterans & Military Affairs, Pensions and Transportation Omnibus as separate articles. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Olson moved that the language contained in HF 4306, as amended, be incorporated into the State Government, Veterans & Military Affairs, Pensions and Transportation Omnibus as separate articles. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Following discussion, Representative Nelson renewed the motion that HF 4293, as amended, be recommended to be placed on the General Register, and that nonpartisan staff be directed to make any technical corrections and amend the title. A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

AYES

Moran

Olson

Becker-Finn

Bernardy

Ecklund

Hansen

Hassan

Hornstein

Liebling

Lillie

Mariani

Marquart

Nelson

Noor

Pelowski

Pinto

Schultz

Sundin

NAYS

Garofalo

Albright

Johnson

Hertaus

Kresha  
Miller  
Nash  
O'Neill  
Petersburg  
Schomacker  
Scott

There being 18 ayes and 11 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 A.M.

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Representative Rena Moran, Chair

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Anna Borgerding, Committee Legislative Assistant