

**CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES**

Representative Jamie Long, Chair of the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy, called the virtual meeting to order at 10:30 AM on March 26th, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members present:**

Long, Jamie, Chair  
Acomb, Patty, Vice Chair  
Swedzinski, Chris, Republican Lead  
Bierman, Robert  
Boe, Greg  
Christensen, Shelly  
Franson, Mary  
Gruenhagen, Glenn  
Hollins, Athena  
Hornstein, Frank  
Igo, Spencer  
Lippert, Todd  
Lislegard, Dave  
Mekeland, Shane  
Munson, Jeremy  
Stephenson, Zack

**Excused:**

Lee, Fue

A quorum was present.

Bills not introduced at the time of the meeting are indicated by their House Research, Revisor, or Counsel code.

Representative Acomb assumed the gavel at 10:33 AM.

Representative Long presented HF 2109, A bill for an act relating to energy; appropriating money to install solar photovoltaic devices on state-owned buildings.

Representative Long moved that HF 2109 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Testifying on HF 2109:

- Justin Fay, Public Policy Director, Fresh Energy
- Isabel Ricker, Senior Clean Electricity Manager, Fresh Energy

Public Testimony on HF2109:

- Braden Solum, Vice President of Business Development, Ideal Energy

Representative Long renewed his motion that HF 2109 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Long assumed the gavel at 10:47 AM.

Representative Boe presented HF 2234, A bill for an act relating to electric vehicles; requiring installation of electric vehicle charging stations at county government centers; appropriating money.

Representative Boe moved that HF 2234 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Boe moved the HF2234A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative offered an oral amendment to HF 2234 as follows: Page 2, Line 14, delete “natural resources,” and insert “commerce,” THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED.

Testifying on HF 2234:

- Connor J. Anderson, Inside Sales Representative, ChargePoint Inc
- Ram Ambatipudi, Vice-President Business Development, EV Connect

Representative Boe renewed his motion that HF 2234 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Lislegard presented House Research BE086, A bill for an act relating to state purchasing; requiring the reporting of the global warming impacts of certain construction materials used in state buildings; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B.

Testifying on House Research BE086:

Bree Halverson, Minnesota Regional Program Manager, BlueGreen Alliance  
John Arbogast, Staff Representative, United Steelworkers District 11

Representative Sundin presented HF 1486, A bill for an act relating to energy; establishing a program to provide financial incentives for the production of wood pellets; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

Representative Long moved that HF 1486 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Testifying on HF 1486:

- Pete Aube, Forestry Director, Greater Bemidji
- Marty Goulet, Director, Highland Pellets
- Matt Rajala, Plant Manager, Rajala Companies
- Dave Hengel, Executive Director, Greater Bemidji

Public Testimony on HF 1486:

- Lori Lyman, Public Affairs, Packaging Corporation of America
- Tim Wegner, Operator and Wood Fiber Council Member, USW 159
- Bob Ryan, Member, US Steelworkers District 11

Representative Long renewed his motion that HF 1486 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

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Representative Jamie Long, Chair

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Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant