STATE OF MINNESOTA NINTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-THIRD SESSION

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES**

Representative Liebling, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. on February 2, 2023 in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

LIEBLING, Tina, Chair

BIERMAN, Robert, Vice-Chair

SCHOMACKER, Joe, Minority Lead

ACOMB, Patty

BACKER, Jeff

BAHNER, Kristin

CARROLL, Ned

ELKINS, Steve

FISCHER, Peter

HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda

HER, Kaohly Vang

KIEL, Debra

MURPHY, Tom

NADEAU, Danny

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

PERRYMAN, Bernie

QUAM, Duane

REYER, Liz

SMITH, Andy

Members excused:

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Bierman moved that the minutes of January 31, 2023 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**Lead Exposure Overview**

Dan Huff, Assistant Commissioner for the Health Protection Bureau, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) presented an overview on lead exposure.

Stephanie Yendell, Senior Epidemiology Supervisor and Chad Kolstad, Infrastructure Unit Supervisor, both from MDH, responded to member questions.

**HF92 (Jordan)** Elevated blood lead concentration level lowered from ten micrograms of lead to 3.5 micrograms.

Chair Liebling moved that HF92 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health Finance and Policy Committee bill.

Representative Jordan presented her bill.

Testifying:

1. Dr. Dominic Dabrowski, Occupational and Environmental Medicine Physician, HealthPartners

Chair Liebling laid over HF92 for possible inclusion in the Committee bill.

**HF24 (Jordan)** Authority modified to ensure safe drinking water, drinking water revolving fund provisions modified, grant program established to replace lead drinking water service lines, grant program established for mapping lead service lines, report required, and money appropriated.

Chair Liebling moved that HF24 be recommended to be re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Representative Jordan presented her bill.

Testifying:

1. Patrick Shea, General Manager, Saint Paul Regional Water Services
2. John Thorson, Legislative Director, Laborers’ International Union of North America
3. Marty Seifert, Senior Lobbyist, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

Jeff Freeman, Legislative Director, Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, responded to member questions.

Chair Liebling renewed her motion that HF24 be re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF347 (Howard)** Lead testing and remediation requirements in schools modified, report required, and money appropriated.

Chair Liebling moved that HF347 be recommended to be re-referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Chair Liebling moved the H0347A3 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Howard presented his bill as amended.

Testifying:

1. Steven Ring, Chair, Water and Wetlands Committee, Sierra Club

Chair Liebling renewed her motion that HF347 be re-referred, as amended, to the Committee on Education Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HFXXX (Jordan) – INFORMATIONAL ONLY –** Adding definitions for regulation of safe drinking water.

Representative Jordan presented her bill.

**HFXXX (Jordan) – INFORMATIONAL ONLY –** Modifying renovation and lead hazard reduction provisions.

Representative Jordan presented her bill.

Testifying:

1. Chad Kolsted, Infrastructure Unit Supervisor, MDH

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 A.M.

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Representative Tina Liebling, Chair

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Krysta Niedernhöfer, Committee Legislative Assistant