STATE OF MINNESOTA TWENTY-FIRST 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 10:32 A.M. on March 14, 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

PERRYMAN, Bernie

QUAM, Duane

SMITH, Andy

Members excused:

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

REYER, Liz

A quorum was present.

Representative Bierman moved that the minutes of March 7, 2023 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF1700 (Feist)** Keeping Nurses at the Bedside Act of 2023; hospital nurse staffing committee and hospital nurse workload committee requirements established, hospital core staffing plan requirements modified, commissioner of health required to grade and publicly disclose hospital compliance with core staffing plans, requirements related to hospital preparedness and incident response action plans to acts of violence modified, eligibility for nursing facility employee scholarships modified, hospital nursing education loan forgiveness program established, eligibility for health professional education loan forgiveness program modified, commissioner of health required to study hospital staffing, grant program established to improve mental health of health care workers, report required, and money appropriated.

Chair Liebling moved that HF1700 be re-referred to the Committee on Labor and Industry Finance and Policy.

Chair Liebling moved the H1700A4 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Feist presented her bill as amended.

Testifying on behalf of the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA):

1. John Welsh, Registered Nurse (RN), Unity Hospital
2. Diana Smith, Emergency Room Nurse in Red Wing
3. Laura Arnold, Pediatric Nurse, Children's Hospital
4. Rachel Hanneman, RN, Southdale Hospital
5. Carrie Mortrud, Nurse Staffing Specialist, MNA

Also testifying:

1. Kelly Hagen, Chief Nursing Officer, Rainy Lake Medical Center
2. MariBeth Olson, Vice President of Acute Care Nursing Operations, Allina Health
3. Tori Wagner, Director of Nursing, Mahnomen Health
4. Sara Gabrick, Chief Nursing Officer, Winona Health
5. Rachelle Schultz, President and CEO, Winona Health
6. Adam Karlen, Clinical Nursing Director, HealthPartners
7. Mary Krinkie, Vice President of Government Relations, Minnesota Hospital Association
8. Lisa McConnell, Chief Nursing Officer, Mayo Clinic Health System

Lead Schomacker moved the H1700A1 Amendment and requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYE**

SCHOMACKER, Joe

BACKER, Jeff

KIEL, Debra

MURPHY, Tom

NADEAU, Danny

PERRYMAN, Bernie

QUAM, Duane

**NAY**

LIEBLING, Tina

BIERMAN, Robert

ACOMB, Patty

BAHNER, Kristin

CARROLL, Ned

ELKINS, Steve

FISCHER, Peter

HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda

SMITH, Andy

**EXCUSED**

HER, Kaohly Vang

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

REYER, Liz

On a vote of 7 AYES and 9 NAYS THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair Liebling renewed her motion that HF1700, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Labor and Industry Finance and Policy.

Representative Backer requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYE**

LIEBLING, Tina

BIERMAN, Robert

ACOMB, Patty

BAHNER, Kristin

CARROLL, Ned

ELKINS, Steve

FISCHER, Peter

HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda

SMITH, Andy

**NAY**

SCHOMACKER, Joe

BACKER, Jeff

KIEL, Debra

MURPHY, Tom

NADEAU, Danny

PERRYMAN, Bernie

QUAM, Duane

**EXCUSED**

HER, Kaohly Vang

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

REYER, Liz

On a vote of 9 AYES and 7 NAYS THE MOTION PREVAILED and HF1700, as amended, was re-referred to the Committee on Labor and Industry Finance and Policy.

**HF1883 (Smith)** Medical assistance hospice service coverage expanded to include room and board.

Representative Smith moved that HF1883 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health Finance and Policy Committee bill.

Representative Smith moved the H1883A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Smith presented his bill as amended.

Chair Liebling laid over HF1883, as amended, for possible inclusion in the Committee bill.

**HF2077 (Bierman)** Medical assistance required to cover seizure detection devices.

Representative Bierman moved that HF2077 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health Finance and Policy Committee bill.

Representative Bierman presented his bill.

Testifying:

1. Glen D. Lloyd, Chief Executive Director, Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota

Chair Liebling laid over HF2077 for possible inclusion in the Committee bill.

**HF2081 (Acomb)** Medical assistance required to cover recuperative care services.

Representative Acomb moved that HF2081 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health Finance Committee bill.

Representative Acomb moved the H2081A2 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Acomb presented her bill as amended.

Testifying:

1. Dr. Will Nicholson, Family Physician and President, Minnesota Medical Association
2. Dr. Amy Gordon, Family Nurse Practitioner, Hennepin County Healthcare for the Homeless
3. John Potter, Patient, Catholic Charities

Chair Liebling laid over HF2081, as amended, for possible inclusion in the Committee bill.

**HF2749 (Wolgamott)** Commissioner of health required to award grants to health care entities for staff training on self-defense and de-escalation, infrastructure improvements, and IT system improvements; and money appropriated.

Chair Liebling moved that HF2749 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health Finance and Policy Committee bill.

Representative Wolgamott presented his bill.

Testifying:

1. Dr. Casey Clements, Emergency Department Clinical Practice Chair and Staff Safety Officer, Mayo Clinic
2. Matt Horace, Chief Security Officer, Mayo Clinic

Chair Liebling moved the H2749DE1 Amendment. After committee discussion, she withdrew it.

Chair Liebling laid over HF2749 for possible inclusion in the Committee bill.

**HF1574 (Bierman)** Medical assistance coverage of tobacco and nicotine cessation treatment modified and expanded.

Representative Bierman moved that HF1574 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health Finance and Policy Committee bill.

Representative Bierman presented his bill.

Joe Harney, House Fiscal Analyst, responded to member questions.

Chair Liebling laid over HF1574 for possible inclusion in the Committee bill.

**HF2090 (Reyer)** Summer health care intern program funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Liebling moved that HF2090 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health Finance and Policy Committee bill.

Danny Ackert, Director of State Government Relations, Minnesota Hospital Association, explained the bill.

Chair Liebling laid over HF2090 for possible inclusion in the Committee bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 P.M.

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Representative Tina Liebling, Chair

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Krysta Niedernhöfer, Committee Legislative Assistant