

COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM on March 7, 2023 in Room 10 of the State Office Building. It was broadcast via House Public Information Services.

Members Present:

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair
O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead
BIERMAN, Robert
CHA, Ethan
DAUDT, Kurt
DOTSETH, Jeff
FREIBERG, Mike
KLEVORN, Ginny
KOEGL, Erin
KRAFT, Larry
LIEBLING, Tina
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne
NISKA, Harry
PERRYMAN, Bernie
PFARR, Brian
TABKE, Brad

A quorum was present.

HF2336 (Greenman); Minnesota Innovative Finance Authority established to provided financing and leverage private investment for clean energy and other projects, and report required.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF2336 be recommended to be referred to the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Stephenson moved the H2336DE5 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Greenman presented HF2336 as amended.

The following testified on HF2336 as amended:

Julia Nerbonne, Executive Director, Interfaith Power and Light
Anjali Bains, Lead Director of Energy Access and Equity, Fresh Energy

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF2336, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved approval of the minutes from March 6, 2023. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1706 (Edelson); Telehealth requirements modified, medical assistance reimbursement increased for protected transport services, grants established, and money appropriated.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF1706 be recommended to be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Stephenson moved the HF1706A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Edelson presented HF1706 as amended.

The following testified on HF1706 as amended.

Sue Abderholden, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Alliance – Minnesota (NAMI)

Dan Endreson, Senior Director of Policy and Government Affairs, Council of Health Plans

Dave Renner, Director of State and Federal Legislation, Minnesota Medical Association

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF1706, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2429 (Kraft); Financial institutions required to annually submit climate risk disclosure survey.

Representative Kraft moved that HF2429 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Kraft presented HF2429.

The following testified on HF2429:

John Wendlund, Senior Vice President of Administration, Minnco Credit Union

Jon Kelly, Director of Governmental Affairs, Minnesota Department of Commerce was available for questions.

Representative Pfarr moved the HF2429A1 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Kraft renewed the motion that HF2429 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus. The bill was laid over.

HF2413 (Norris); Remedies to debtors with coerced debt provided.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF2413 be recommended to be referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee.

Chair Stephenson moved the H2413A3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED.

Representative Norris presented HF2413 as amended.

The following testified on HF2413 as amended:

Ron Elwood, Supervising Attorney, Legal Aid

Shenika Chambers, Policy Program Manager, Violence Free Minnesota

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF2413, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2325 (Cha); Emergency closure governing provisions modified, and examination requirements eliminated.

Representative Cha moved that HF2325 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Cha presented HF2325.

The following testified on HF2325:

Tess Rice, General Counsel, Minnesota Bankers Association

Representative Cha renewed the motion that HF2325 be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair

Jack Dockendorf, Committee Legislative Assistant