STATE OF MINNESOTA FORTIETH 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 March 12, 2024 in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

LIEBLING, Tina, Chair

BIERMAN, Robert, Vice-Chair

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

REYER, Liz

SMITH, Andy

Members excused:

SCHOMACKER, Joe, Minority Lead

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

A quorum was present.

Representative Bierman moved that the minutes of March 7, 2024 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF2421 (Wolgamott)** Thrombectomy-capable stroke centers designated.

Chair Liebling moved that HF2421 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Wolgamott presented his bill.

Testifying:

1. Paul L. Weirtz, State Government Relations Director, American Heart Association

Chair Liebling renewed her motion that HF2421 be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF2669 (Huot)** Conversion of human remains to basic elements using natural organic reduction permitted, licensure requirements for natural organic reduction facilities established, and licensure fees established.

Chair Liebling moved that HF2669 be laid over for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

Chair Liebling moved the H2669A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Huot presented his bill as amended.

Testifying:

1. Carolyn Laine, Former Representative/Senator on behalf of NOR Minnesota
2. Taelor Johnson, Director of Communications, Mueller Memorial
3. Janet McGee, Licensed Mortician, The Lifted LLC
4. Erik Halaas, Fellow, Finnovation Institute
5. Judy Cook, on behalf of the Minnesota Funeral Directors Association

Chair Liebling laid over HF2669, as amended, for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

**HF4738 (Huot)** Office of Emergency Medical Services established to replace Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board, duties specified and transferred, advisory council established, and conforming changes made.

Chair Liebling moved that HF4738 be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy.

Chair Liebling moved the H4738A2 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Liebling moved the H4738A3 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Huot presented his bill as amended.

Testifying:

1. Dr. Nick Simpson, President, Minnesota Chapter of National Association Emergency Physicians
2. Kevin Lee, Paramedic, North Memorial Medical Center
3. Dr. Marc Conterato, Medical Director, Plymouth Public Safety
4. Dr. John W. Lyng, Emergency Physician and Paramedic, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Physicians
5. Sam Erickson, Vice President, Hennepin County Association of Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT’s) Union
6. John R Fox, Interim Assistant Director, Dodge Center Ambulance Services
7. Tom Edminson, Chief of EMS, M Health Fairview
8. Dr. Andrew Stevens on behalf of Fire Based EMS
9. Andrew Slama, Fire Chief, Minnesota Fire Chiefs Association
10. Jake Howard, Director of Operations, Bemidji Ambulance Service
11. Michael Schultz, Director, Emergency Medical Services, Sanford Health
12. Dr. Bjorn Peterson, EMS Physician, Life Link III and East Metro EMS Agencies
13. Mike Juntunen, President-Elect, Minnesota Ambulance Association

Representative Backer moved the H4738DE2 Amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair Liebling renewed her motion that HF4738 be re-referred, as amended, to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF4755 (Liebling)** Health; 340B covered entity reporting requirements modified.

Chair Liebling moved that HF4755 be laid over for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

Chair Liebling explained her bill.

Testifying:

1. Danny Ackert, Director of State Government Relations, Minnesota Hospital Association

Chair Liebling laid over HF4755 for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

**HF4397 (Liebling)** Use of asset verification system authorization clarified; state tax credits, rebates, and refunds excluded from income; electronic notice to commissioner for probate matters permitted; health care administration statutory corrections made; and reports repealed.

Chair Liebling moved that HF4397 be laid over for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

Chair Liebling presented her bill along with Ann Bobst, Director of Legislative and External Affairs, Health Care Administration, Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Chair Liebling laid over HF4397 for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 P.M.

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Krysta Niedernhöfer, Committee Legislative Assistant