

**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 11th, 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  
Lee, Fue  
Lippert, Todd  
Lislegard, Dave  
Mekeland, Shane  
Munson, Jeremy  
Stephenson, Zack

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Acomb moved that the minutes of February 23rd, 2021, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

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

Representative Lippert presented Revisor Code 21-03460, A bill for an act relating to transportation fuels; establishing a standard to reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels; setting fees; creating an account; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 239.

Testifying on Revisor Code 21-03460:

- Brendan Jordan, Vice President on Transportation and Fuels, Great Plains Institute
- Tim Sexton, Assistant Commissioner, MN DOT
- Jessi Wyatt, Energy Planner and Analyst, Great Plains Institute
- Emily Wimberger, Climate Economist, Rhodium Group
- Graham Noyes, Executive Director, Low Carbon Fuel Coalition
- Tim Rudnicki, Executive Director, Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association
- Nels Paulson, Policy Director, Conservation Minnesota
- Steele Lorenz, Head of Sustainable Business, Farmers Business Network
- Josh Fisher, Director of State Affairs, Alliance for Automotive Innovation
- Jeremy Martin, Director of Fuels Policy, Union of Concerned Scientists

Public testimony on Revisor Code 21-03460:

- Peter Wagenius, Legislative and Political Director, Sierra Club

Representative Hollins presented HF 1647, A bill for an act relating to energy; requiring the Department of Commerce to assist any tribal advocacy council on energy established by the 11 federally recognized Indian tribes in Minnesota.

Representative Hollins moved that HF 1647 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Hollins moved the HF1647A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 1647:

- Robert Larsen, Chair, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council; President, Lower Sioux Indian Community
- Grace Arnold, Temporary Commissioner, Department of Commerce

Representative Hollins renewed her motion that HF 1647, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Long handed the gavel to Representative Acomb at 11:27am.

Representative Long presented HF 1987, A bill for an act relating to energy; modifying emissions goals for existing buildings; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216C.05, subdivision 2.

Representative Long moved that HF 1987 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Testifying on HF 1987:

Grace Arnold, Temporary Commissioner, Department of Commerce  
Michael Noble, Executive Director, Fresh Energy

Representative Long renewed his motion that HF 1987 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Acomb handed the gavel to Representative Long at 11:44am.

Representative Hollins presented House Research BE076, A bill for an act relating to energy; requiring public utilities to deploy energy storage systems; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216B.2422, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

Testifying on House Research BE076:

- Ellen Anderson, Climate Program Director, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
- Farah Mandich, Resource Planning Specialist, Xcel Energy

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

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Representative Jamie Long, Chair

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Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant