

COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES**

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 3:00 PM on February 17, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

Members present:

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair  
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair  
O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead  
BAHR, Cal  
CARLSON, Andrew  
DAVNIE, Jim  
ELKINS, Steve  
HALEY, Barb  
KOEDEL, Erin  
LEE, Fue  
LILLIE, Leon  
LUCERO, Eric  
OLSON, Liz  
PFARR, Brian  
RASMUSSEN, Jordan  
RICHARDSON, Ruth  
THEIS, Tama

Members excused:

LISLEGARD, Dave

A quorum was present.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to approve the minutes from the committee meeting on February 16, 2021. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF600 (Winkler); Cannabis Management Board and advisory councils established; use and sale reports required; adult use and possession limited and legalized; business licensing, inspection, and regulation provided; testing and labeling of products required; advertisement limited; adult-use sale taxed; grant and loan programs established; data classified; and money appropriated.

Representative Stephenson moved that HF600 be recommended to be referred to the Committee on Labor, Industry, Veterans, and Military Affairs Finance and Policy.

Representative Stephenson moved the H0600A3 (Winkler) amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

The following testified on HF600:

Leili Fatehi, Minnesotans for Responsible Marijuana Regulation  
Justin Carter  
Jessica Hauser  
Stefan Egan

Public Testimony:

Maren Schroeder, Sensible Change Minnesota  
Kim Bemis, Smart Approaches to Marijuana Minnesota  
Dasheeda Dawson  
Ryan Hamilton, Minnesota Catholic Conference  
Marcus Harcus  
Julie Engle  
Carol Moss

Angela L'Esperance, Ms. Jane Accounting  
Jeremy Sankey, Minnesota Veterans For Cannabis  
Anthony Newby, Cultivated CBD  
Aaron Peterson

Representative O'Driscoll moved the H0600A2 (O'Driscoll) amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Stephenson renewed the motion that HF600, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Committee on Labor, Industry, Veterans, and Military Affairs Finance and Policy. The clerk took the roll.

AYES

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair  
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair  
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DAVNIE, Jim  
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NAYS

O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead  
BAHR, Cal  
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LUCERO, Eric  
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EXCUSED

LISLEGARD, Dave

With 10 AYES, 7 NAYS, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 PM.

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Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair

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Simon Brown,  
Committee Legislative Assistant