

JUDICIARY FINANCE AND CIVIL LAW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law, called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. on March 15, 2024, in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

BECKER-FINN, Jamie (Chair)
FRAZIER, Cedrick (Vice-Chair)
SCOTT, Peggy (Republican Lead)
CARROLL, Ned
CURRAN, Brion
FEIST, Sandra
FINKE, Leigh
GROSSELL, Matt
JOHNSON, Brian
MOLLER, Kelly
NISKA, Harry

Members Excused:

FREDERICK, Luke
WIENS, Mark

A quorum was present.

Representative Finke moved that the minutes of March 14, 2024, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3991 (Feist) Restorative practices restitution program created, ability of court to order fine in delinquency proceeding or juvenile major water or traffic offender proceeding eliminated, and conforming and technical changes made.

Representative Feist moved that HF 3991 be recommended to be re-referred to the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Feist moved the H3991A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Feist presented HF 3991 as amended.

Testifying on HF 3991 as amended:

- Jessi Jeppesen, Restorative Justice Program Assistant, Yellow Medicine County
- Sheena Leigh Coffman Fultz
- Morgan Kunz, Managing Attorney, Hennepin County Attorney's Office

Representative Feist renewed the motion that HF 3991, as amended, be recommended to be re-referred to the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4019 (Moller) Victim-identifying supporting documentation submitted by medical service provider to sexual assault exam payment program ensured to be classified private data, consistent definition of crime victim provided in statutes, and voluntary donation or gift excluded as collateral source for crime victim reimbursement.

Representative Moller moved that HF 4019 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Moller presented HF 4019.

Testifying on HF 4019:

- Kate Weeks, Executive Director, Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs

Representative Moller renewed the motion that HF 4019 be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4020 (Moller) Registration and verification process for individuals required to register as predatory offenders modified.

Representative Moller moved that HF 4020 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Moller presented HF 4020.

Testifying on HF 4020:

- Drew Evans, Superintendent, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

Representative Moller renewed the motion that HF 4020 be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3957 (Greenman) Occupational health and safety provisions modified.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 3957 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Greenman presented HF 3957.

Testifying on HF 3957:

- Laura Zajac, Chief General Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 3957 be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3527 (Greenman) Minnesota Voting Rights Act established, legislative findings made, actions that result in voter suppression or vote dilution made by political subdivisions or officials/entities with responsibilities relating to election administration prohibited, civil cause of action established for violations, notice prior to a claim required, and remedies established.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 3527 be recommended to be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Chair Becker-Finn moved the H3527A4 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Greenman presented HF 3527 as amended.

Testifying on HF 3527 as amended:

- Aseem Mulji, Legal Counsel, Campaign Legal Center
- Terri Nelson, Legal Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 3527, as amended, be recommended to be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4444 (Greenman) Misclassification of employees prohibited.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 4444 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Chair Becker-Finn moved the H4444A8 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 4444 as amended be recommended to be re-referred to the Taxes Committee.

Representative Greenman presented HF 4444 as amended.

Testifying on HF 4444 as amended:

- Nicole Blissenbach, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry
- Burt Johnson, General Counsel, North Central States Council of Carpenters
- Matt Ehling, Board Member, Minnesota Coalition on Government Information
- Peter Coyle, Counsel, Housing First Minnesota
- Laura Ziegler, Director of Government Affairs, Associated General Contractors of Minnesota
- Jon Boesche, Associated Builders and Contractors of Minnesota

Representative Scott moved the H4444A7 amendment.

Representative Scott requested a roll call on H4444A7.

The clerk took the roll on H4444A7.

AYES

Scott

Grossell

Johnson

Niska

NAYS

Becker-Finn

Frazier

Carroll

Curran

Feist

Finke

Moller

EXCUSED

Frederick

Wiens

There being 4 ayes, 7 nays, and 2 excused, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Scott moved the H4444A10 amendment.

Representative Scott requested a roll call on H4444A10.

The clerk took the roll on H4444A10.

AYES

Scott

Grossell

Johnson

Niska

NAYS

Becker-Finn

Frazier

Carroll

Curran

Feist

Finke

Moller

EXCUSED
Frederick
Wiens

There being 4 ayes, 7 nays, and 2 excused, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 4444, as amended, be recommended to be re-referred to the Taxes Committee.

Representative Scott requested a roll call on HF 4444 as amended.

The clerk took the roll on HF 4444 as amended:

AYES
Becker-Finn
Frazier
Carroll
Curran
Feist
Finke
Moller

NAYS
Scott
Grossell
Johnson
Niska
Wiens

EXCUSED
Frederick
Wiens

There being 7 ayes, 4 nays, and 2 excused, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair

Ella Schultz, Committee Legislative Assistant