WORKFORCE, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Baker, Chair of the Workforce, Labor and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:16 AM on Wednesday, March 12th, 2025, in the G3 Room of the Capitol.

Representative Mekeland moved the minutes for Tuesday, March 11, 2025, to be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

A Quorum was present.

Members present:

BAKER, Dave Chair
MEKELAND, Shane Vice-Chair
BAKEBERG, Ben
BERG, Kaela
FRAZIER, Cedrick
GREENMAN, Emma
HUSSEIN, Samakab
JOHNSON, Pete
JOHNSON, Wayne
KOZLOWSKI, Liish
MUELLER, Patricia
SCHULTZ, Isaac
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Non-voting member present:

PINTO, Dave, Minority Lead

The committee heard testimony from bill author, Representative P.H. Anderson regarding H.F. 1057 – farm employee definition modified for purposes of earned sick and safe time.

Additional testifiers were:

Commissioner Nicole Blissenbach, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry Darin Broten, Minnesota AgriGrowth Council Bruce Kleven, representing agriculture groups H.F. 1057 was laid over for future consideration.

The committee heard testimony from bill author, Representative Isaac Schultz, regarding H.F. 1325- earned sick and safe time modifications.

Chairman Dave Baker moved amendment A2 to be added to the bill. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The committee also heard testimony from:

Commissioner Nicole Blissenbach, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry Lauryn Schothorst, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Lisa Shaefer, Human Resources and Learning Director, League of Minnesota Cities. Meg Luger-Nikolai, Attorney, Education Minnesota Brian Elliot. SEIU Minnesota Walter Fromm and Jean Buehler, Take Action Minnesota Jim Gottschald, St. Louis County Deputy Administrator Nancy Miller- Vinna Human Resources, Willmar MN Jon Boesch, Minnesota NFIB Emily Herman – HR Coordinator Prior Lake/Savage Area Schools Kim Lewis, Minnesota School Board Association.

H.F. 1325 was laid over for future consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.

Representative Dave Baker, Chair

Ann C. Tepoorten, Committee Legislative Assistant