

Housing Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Igo, Chair of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:16 PM, on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, in Room G3 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

IGO, Spencer, Chair
DOTSETH, Jeff, Vice Chair
AGBAJE, Esther
HUSSEIN, Samakab
JOHNSON, Wayne
KOZLOWSKI, Alicia
MEKELAND, Shane
MOMANYI-HULTSLEY, Huldah
MYERS, Andrew
NASH, Jim
NORRIS, Matt
REHRAUER, Kari
SKRABA, Roger

Non-Voting Member present:
HOWARD, Michael, Lead

Representative Nash moved the minutes of February 18, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF457 (Harder) Refundable sales and use tax credit proposed for conversion of underutilized buildings, grants in lieu of the credit allowed, credit sunset proposed, and reports required.

Chair Igo moved HF457 be re-referred to the Taxes Committee.

Testifiers:

Erin Hanafin Berg, Deputy Director, Rethos
Melvin Carter, Mayor, City of St. Paul
Dan Collison, Senior Director of Business Development and Public Affairs, Sherman Associates
Joe Spencer, President, St. Paul Downtown Alliance
Katie Topinka, Intergovernmental Relations, City of Minneapolis
Sam Friesen, Managing Director of Buildings, Fresh Energy

Chair Igo renewed the motion that HF457 be re-referred to the Tax Committee.

Representative Dotseth assumed the gavel at 4:03 PM.

HF297 (Igo) Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Dotseth moved HF297 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Scott Zahorik, Executive Director, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency
Julie Marinucci, Deputy County Administrator - Citizen Services & Intergovernmental, St. Louis County

Representative Dotseth laid over HF297.

Chair Igo re-assumed the gavel at 4:15 PM.

HF1067 (Dotseth) Exceptions to income limits of the Minnesota housing tax credit contribution account grant and loan program for certain workforce housing projects granted, and matching requirements of the workforce housing development program modified.

Chair Igo moved HF1067 be re-referred to the Taxes Committee.

Testifiers:

Skip Duchesneau, Owner, D.W. Jones

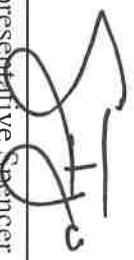
Daniel Lightfoot, Senior Intergovernmental Relations Representative, League of Minnesota Cities

Libby Murphy, Director of Policy, Minnesota Housing Partnership

Mark Borseth, Director – Corporate Facilities, DigikKey

Chair Igo renewed the motion that HF1067 be re-referred to Taxes Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 PM.



Representative Spencer Igo, Chair



Betsy Ritzer, Committee Legislative Assistant