

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWELTH MEETING
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

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 8:17 AM on Thursday, March 6th, 2025, in Room G3 of the Capitol.

Representative Mekeland moved the minutes for Wednesday, March 5th, 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
JOHNSON, Pete
JOHNSON, Wayne
MUELLER, Patricia
SCHULTZ, Isaac
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Non-voting member present:

PINTO, Dave, Minority Lead

Members Excused:
HUSSEIN, Samakab
KOZLOWSKI, Lish

The committee heard testimony from bill author, Representative Natalie Zelezniak, regarding H.F. 500 – Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board wage and benefit recommended increases modified.

Chairman Baker moved to adopt Amendment H0500A1 to H.F. 500. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Greenman offered and then withdrew amendment H0500DE3.

The committee also heard testimony from:

Teresa Brees, SEIU Healthcare MN and IA
Brian Elliot, SEIU Healthcare
Vicki and Samantha Knigge, Worthington MN (via zoom)
Kyle Berndt, Long Term Care Imperative
Elyse Bailey, DHS Budget Director

Representative Greenman moved to refer bill H.F. 500 to the State Government and Finance Policy Committee. **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Representative Greenman moved to refer bill H.F. 500 to Human Services Finance and Policy Committee. **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Chairman Baker moved to pass H.F. 500, as amended, and refer the bill to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The committee heard testimony from bill author, Representative Natalie Zeleznikar, regarding H.F. 718 – Hired grant funding provided.

The committee also heard testimony from:

Jill Brekke, President and CEO, Hired
Luz Trantik, Senior Manager, Medtronic

Bill H.F. 718 was laid over for future consideration.

Vice Chair Mekeland assumed the gavel while the committee heard testimony from Chairman Dave Baker regarding H.F.1096- Summit Academy OIC funding appropriation.

The committee also heard testimony from Leroy West, President of Summit Academy and Dami Mafe, Summit Academy IT Graduate.

Bill H.F. 1096 was laid over for future consideration.

Chair Dave Baker resumed the gavel. The committee heard testimony from Representative Greenman on behalf of Representative Hussein regarding H.F. 1246 – Neighborhood Development Center grant funding provided.

The committee also heard testimony from:

Renay Dossman, President and CEO, Neighborhood Development Center
Dalton Outlaw, President and CEO of Outlaw Development and Owner of Element Fitness.

Bill H.F. 1246 was laid over for future consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 AM.

Dave Baker

Representative Dave Baker, Chair

Ann C. Tepoorten
Ann C. Tepoorten, Committee Legislative Assistant