STATE OF MINNESOTA NINETEENTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-THIRD SESSION

**COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM on March 15, 2023 in Room 10 of the State Office Building. It was broadcast via House Public Information Services.

Members Present:

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair

O’DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead

BIERMAN, Robert

CHA, Ethan

DAUDT, Kurt

DOTSETH, Jeff

FREIBERG, Mike

KLEVORN, Ginny

KOEGEL, Erin

KRAFT, Larry

LIEBLING, Tina

NISKA, Harry

PERRYMAN, Bernie

PFARR, Brian

TABKE, Brad

Members Excused:

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved approval of the minutes from March 14, 2023. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF742 (Norris); Firefighting foam use prohibited, exemptions allowed, reports required, and money appropriated.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF742 be recommended to be referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Norris presented HF742.

Chair Stephenson moved the H0742A7 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

The following testified on HF742 as amended:

* Shawn Krizaj, Chief, Duluth Fire Department
* Tony Kwilas, Director of Environmental Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF742, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1978 (Reyer); Health plans required to provide coverage for biomarker testing.

Representative Liebling moved that HF1978 be recommended to be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Liebling moved the H1978A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Reyer presented HF1978 as amended.

The following testified on HF1978 as amended:

* Emily Myatt, Minnesota Government Relations Director, American Cancer Society
* Jeanne Junker

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF1978, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2371 (Bierman); Commercial health plan coverage of treatment at psychiatric residential treatment facilities required.

Representative Bierman moved that HF2371 be recommended to be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Bierman moved the H2371DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Bierman presented HF2371 as amended.

The following testified on HF2371 as amended:

* Richard Wolleat, Public Policy Consultant, Northwood Children’s Services
* Abby Morgan

Representative Bierman renewed the motion that HF2371, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn assumed the gavel at 1:37 PM.

HF1935 (Stephenson); Commissioner of commerce required to conduct an evaluation of existing statutory health benefit mandates under process set forth in Minnesota Statutes, section 62J.26; and money appropriated.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF1935 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Commerce Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Chair Stephenson presented HF1935.

The following testified on HF1935:

* Bentley Graves, Director of Health Care and Transportation Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
* Peter Brickwedde, Assistant Commissioner of Government and External Affairs, Minnesota Department of Commerce

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF1935 be laid over. The bill was laid over.

Chair Stephenson assumed the gavel at 1:47 PM.

HF544 (Freiberg); Pharmacy benefit manager and health carrier requirements established related to clinician-administered drugs.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF544 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Commerce Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Freiberg presented HF544.

The following testified on HF544:

* Scott Soefje, Director of Pharmacy Cancer Care Services, Mayo Clinic
* Brenda Reinhardt, Business Office Manager, Retina Consultants of Minnesota
* Mallory Snyder, Pharmacy Business Manager, Children’s Minnesota
* Molly Skifstad, Director of Infusion and Research Pharmacy Services, Essentia Health

The H0544DE1 amendment was heard on an informational basis.

The following testified on the H0544DE1 amendment:

* Margaret Reynolds, Government Affairs Principle, Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company
* Dan Endreson, Senior Director of Policy and Government Affairs, Minnesota Council of Health Plans (MCHP)
* Bentley Graves, Director of Health Care and Transportation Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
* Michelle Mack, Senior Director of State Affairs, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA)
* Nick Zerwas, Lobbyist, Americas Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that HF544 be laid over. The bill is laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

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 Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair

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 Jack Dockendorf, Committee Legislative Assistant