

JUDICIARY FINANCE AND CIVIL LAW COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Frazier, Vice Chair of the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:30AM on February 16, 2023 in Room 5 of the State Office Building. It was broadcast via House Public Information Services.

Members Present:

BECKER-FINN, Jamie, Chair
FRAZIER, Cedrick, Vice Chair
SCOTT, Peggy, Minority Lead
CARROLL, Ned
CURRAN, Brion
FEIST, Sandra
FINKE, Leigh
FREDERICK, Luke
GROSSELL, Matt
JOHNSON, Brian
MOLLER, Kelly
NISKA, Harry
WIENS, Mark

A quorum was present.

Representative Frederick moved approval of the minutes from February 9, 2023. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Scott moved approval of the minutes from February 14, 2023. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation providing a budget and department overview of the Judicial Branch.

Presenting:

- Jeff Shorba, State Court Administrator, Minnesota Judicial Branch
- Janet Marshall, Inter-Governmental Liaison, Minnesota Judicial Branch

HF305 (Becker-Finn); Fee for uncertified copies of instruments from civil or criminal proceedings eliminated.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF305 be recommended to be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Becker-Finn presented HF305.

The following testified on HF305:

- Sarah Busch, Community Engagement and Outreach Manager, Missions Inc Programs
- Matt Ehling, Board Member, Minnesota Coalition on Government Information (MnCOGI)
- Rich Neumeister

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF305 be recommended to be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1580 (Becker-Finn); Onetime market adjustment provided to district court law clerks' starting salary to align with competitive corridor, and money appropriated.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF1580 be brought before the committee.

Chair Becker-Finn moved the H1580DE1 (Becker-Finn) amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Becker-Finn presented on HF1580, as amended.

The following testified on HF1580, as amended:

- Judge Lois Conroy, President, Minnesota District Judges Association (MDJA)
- Ellen Tschida, law clerk, district court
- Nicholas Redmond, former law clerk, district court
- Abou Amara, former law clerk, Supreme Court

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF1580, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in a Judiciary Finance and Civil Law omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Chair Becker-Finn assumed the gavel at 9:46AM.

HF686 (Moller); Tracking device expanded use authorized during stolen vehicle investigations.

Representative Moller moved that HF686 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Moller presented HF686.

The following testified on HF686:

- Mike Martin, Undersheriff, Ramsey County Sheriff's Office
- Rich Neumeister

Representative Moller renewed the motion that HF686 be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF93 (Pinto); Slavery or involuntary servitude prohibited as criminal punishment for crime, and constitutional amendment proposed.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF93 be recommended to be referred to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee.

Representative Pinto presented HF93.

The following testified on HF93:

- Todd Axtell, Former Chief of Police, St. Paul Police Department
- Ta'Mara Hill, Policy Officer, The Center for Victims of Torture (CVT)

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF93 be recommended to be referred to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The committee was adjourned at 10:05AM.

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair

Jack Dockendorf, Committee Legislative Assistant