

PUBLIC SAFETY FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Paul Novotny, Chair of the Public Safety Finance & Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM on February 18, 2026, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

NOVOTNY, Paul, Co-Chair  
MOLLER, Kelly, Co-Chair  
WITTE, Jeff, Vice Chair  
FEIST, Sandra, Vice Chair  
BERG, Kaela  
BLISS, Matt  
CURRAN, Brion  
DURAN JR, Bidal  
ENGEN, Elliott  
GREENMAN, Emma  
HARDER, Bobbie  
HOLLINS, Athena  
HUDSON, Walter  
JOHNSON, Pete  
PINTO, Dave  
REHM, Lucy  
REPINSKI, Aaron  
SCHWARTZ, Erica  
STIER, Terry  
TABKE, Brad

A quorum was present.

Representative Bliss moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2025. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF 1567 (Duran) Personal information protections provided to public safety officers.**

Representative Duran moved HF 1567 before the committee with a recommendation it be placed on the General Register.

Representative Duran moved the H1567A4 amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

Sheriff Eric Klang, Crow Wing County  
Chief Jay Henthorne, Richfield Police Chief, and President of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association  
David Titus, Executive Director, Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association  
Mike LeDoux, Legislative Affairs Director, Law Enforcement Labor Services  
Chad Thesing, Law Enforcement Labor Services  
Rich Neumeister

Chair Novotny renewed the motion that HF 1567, as amended, be re-referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF 2809 (Hudson) Crime of residential protesting established.**

Representative Hudson moved HF 2809 before the committee with a recommendation it be placed on the General Register.

Representative Hudson moved the H2809A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Novotny laid over HF 2809, as amended.

**HF 3380 (Hudson) Aggravated durational departure required for certain violent offenders who use a firearm, certain sentences required to be imposed consecutively to other sentences, and certain offenders required to serve an entire announced sentence in prison.**

Representative Hudson moved HF 3380 before the committee.

Testifier:  
David Zimmer, Center of the American Experiment

An H3380DE2 amendment was filed with the committee.

Chair Novotny ruled the H3380DE2 amendment out of order.

Chair Novotny laid over HF 3380.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 PM.



Representative Paul Novotny, Chair



Jynell Boulka, Committee Legislative Assistant