

State Government Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Nash, Chair of the State Government Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM, on February 18, 2025, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

NASH, Jim, Chair
DAVIS, Ben, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
BAHNER, Kristin
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FRIEBERG, Mike
HOWARD, Michael
JOY, Jim
KOZNICK, Jon
KRAFT, Larry
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Thomas

Non-voting member present:

KLEVORN, Ginny, Lead

Representative Joy moved the minutes of February 13, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF1 (P. E. Anderson) Office of the Inspector General established, powers provided, duties specified, fraud reporting hotline required, agencies required to halt payments when fraud is suspected, agency-based offices of inspector general eliminated, report required, and money appropriated.

Representative P.H. Anderson moved HF1 be referred to the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Nash moved to adopt the H0001DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Nash moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Clardy moved to adopt the A2 amendment. **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Representative Howard moved to adopt the A3 amendment. **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Representative Howard moved to adopt the A4 amendment. **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Representative Howard moved to adopt the A5 amendment.

Representative Howard moved to divide the A5 amendment between page 1, line 8 and page 1, line 9. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Howard moved line 1.1 through line 1.8 of the A5 amendment be adopted. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Howard withdrew line 1.9 through line 1.15 of the A5 amendment.

Representative Freiberg moved to adopt the A6 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Klevorn moved to lay HF1. **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Testifiers:

Stacie Christensen, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Administration
Devin Bruce, Director of Legislative and Political Affairs, Minnesota Association of Professional Employees
Judy Randall, Legislative Auditor, Office of the Legislative Auditor

Representative Davis assumed the gavel at 9:20 AM.

Chair Nash assumed the gavel at 9:22 AM.

Representative P. H. Anderson renewed the motion that HF1 be re-referred to the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF2 (Davis) Fraud reporting required when an employee of a state agency has reason to suspect fraud, grants management requirements strengthened, and criminal penalty established.

Representative Davis moved HF2 from the table.

Representative Davis moved to adopt the H0002DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Davis moved to adopt the A13 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Howard moved to adopt the A10 amendment. **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Representative Jones moved to adopt the A11 amendment. **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Representative Howard moved to adopt the A12 amendment. **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Representative Kraft moved to adopt the A14 amendment.

Representative Klevorn moved HF2 be laid on the table. **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Representative Kraft renewed the motion to adopt the A14 amendment. Representative Klevorn requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

BAHNER, Kristin
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FREIBERG, Mike
HOWARD, Michael
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry

NAYS:

NASH, Jim, Chair
DAVIS, Ben, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
JOY, Jim

KOZNICK, Jon
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Tom

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 7 Nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Trisha Reinwald, Vice President of Member Advancement at Metropolitan Alliance of Connected Communities
Stacie Christensen, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Administration

Representative Davis moved that HF2 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.
Representative Klevorn requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

NASH, Jim, Chair
DAVIS, Ben, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
JOY, Jim
KOZNICK, Jon
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Tom

NAYS:

BAHNER, Kristin
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FREIBERG, Mike
HOWARD, Michael
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 6 Nays, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Representative Nash, Chair

Allison Winter, Committee Legislative Assistant