

PUBLIC SAFETY FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Paul Novotny, Chair of the Public Safety Finance & Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM on March 5, 2025, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

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

Non-voting members present:

TABKE, Brad

Members excused:

REHM, Lucy

A quorum was present.

Representative Bliss moved to approve the minutes of March 4, 2025. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 767 (Hudson) – Arson directed at a political organization or motivated by a political purpose penalty enhanced.

Representative Hudson moved HF 767 before the committee.

Representative Hudson presented HF 767.

Testifiers:

Kendall Qualls, Founder and Board Member of TakeCharge, testified in support of HF 767.
Bill Walsh, Marketing and Communications Director for the American Experiment, testified in support of HF 767.

Chair Novotny laid over HF 767.

HF 764 (Hudson) – Arson in the first-degree statute of limitations eliminated.

Representative Hudson moved HF 764 before the committee with a recommendation it be referred to the General Register.

Representative Hudson presented HF 764.

Testifiers:

Kendall Qualls, Founder and Board Member of TakeCharge, testified in support of HF 764. Bill Walsh, Marketing and Communications Director for the American Experiment, testified in support of HF 764.

Representative Hudson renewed the motion to re-refer HF 764 to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 765 (Hudson) – Aggravated sentences required for violent offenders, consecutive sentences required for violent offenders, offenders required to serve the entire announced sentence in custody.

Representative Hudson moved HF 765 before the committee.

Representative Hudson presented HF 765.

Testifiers:

David Zimmer, Public Safety Fellow for the American Experiment, testified in support of HF 765.

Kendall Qualls, Founder and Board Member of TakeCharge, testified in support of HF 765.

Chair Novotny laid over HF 765.

HF 1401 (Witte) – Definition of endangered expanded for the purposes of the missing and endangered persons program.

Vice Chair Witte moved HF 1401 before the committee with a recommendation it be re-referred to the General Register.

Vice Chair Witte presented HF 1401.

Testifiers:

Representative Natalie Zeleznikar testified in support of HF 1401.

Vice Chair Witte renewed the motion to re-refer HF 1401 to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 1354 (Moller) – Scope of video made available by Bureau of Criminal Apprehension limited for officer-involved death investigation.

Lead Moller moved HF 1354 before the committee with a recommendation it be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Civil Law.

Lead Moller presented HF 1354.

Testifiers:

Drew Evans, Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, testified in support of HF 1354.

Lead Moller renewed the motion to re-refer HF 1354 to the Committee on Judiciary and Civil Law. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 PM.



Representative Paul Novotny, Chair



Mary McNamara, Committee Legislative Assistant