

**CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES**

Representative Jamie Long, Chair of the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy, called the virtual meeting to order at 10:30 AM on February 17th, 2022 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members present:**

Long, Jamie, Chair  
Acomb, Patty, Vice Chair  
Swedzinski, Chris, Republican Lead  
Bierman, Robert  
Boe, Greg  
Christensen, Shelly  
Franson, Mary  
Gruenhagen, Glenn  
Hollins, Athena  
Hornstein, Frank  
Igo, Spencer  
Lee, Fue  
Lippert, Todd  
Mekeland, Shane  
Munson, Jeremy  
Stephenson, Zack

**Excused:**

Lislegard, Dave

A quorum was present.

Bills not introduced at the time of the meeting are indicated by the House Research or Revisor code.

Presenting on weatherization in MN vs other states:

- Gabe Chan, Associate Professor, UMN Humphrey School of Public Affairs
- Elise Harrington, Assistant Professor, UMN Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Presenting a current weatherization report:

- Grace Arnold, Commissioner, MN Department of Commerce
- Michelle Gransee, Director State Energy Office, MN Department of Commerce

- Becky Olson, Senior Director of Residential and Community Energy, Center for Energy and the Environment
- Ethan Warner, Regulatory Analyst, CenterPoint Energy
- Katherine Teiken, Clean Energy Policy Specialist, Minnesota Housing

Representative presented house research BE163, a bill for an act relating to energy; making clean energy occupations eligible for dual-training programs; establishing a weatherization apprenticeship grant program; specifying the uses of supplementary state weatherization grants; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 175.45, subdivisions 1, 2; 216C.264, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

Testifying on HR BE163:

- Bill Grant, Executive Director, Minnesota Community Action Partnership
- Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board
- Mari Ojeda, Policy Associate for Energy Access and Equity, Fresh Energy
- Liz Kuoppala, Executive Director, Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership Inc
- Joel Johnson, President, One Minnesota

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 AM.

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Representative Jamie Long, Chair

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Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant