

**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES**

Representative Sydney Jordan, Vice Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. on March 20, 2024, in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members Present:**

HANSEN, Rick (Chair)  
JORDAN, Sydney (Vice Chair)  
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (GOP Lead)  
BLISS, Matt  
BRAND, Jeff  
BURKEL, John  
EDELSON, Heather  
FINKE, Leigh  
FISCHER, Peter  
GILLMAN, Dawn  
JACOB, Steven  
LEE, Fue  
PURSELL, Kristi  
SKRABA, Roger  
VANG, Samantha

**Members Excused:**

LISLEGARD, Dave

A quorum was present.

Representative Edelson moved to approve the minutes from March 19, 2024. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4625 (Hansen, R.); Report on state agency nitrogen fertilizer purchases required and reduction goal established.

Chair Hansen moved that HF4625 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen presented HF4625.

Testifying on the bill:

- Tom Johnson, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF4625 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF4420 (Hansen, R.); Provisions for aquatic farm licenses, taxidermy, taking and possessing game and fish, designating certain waters, and elk management modified.

Chair Hansen moved that HF4420 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen moved to adopt the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Hansen presented HF4420, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Pat Rivers, Deputy Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Tyler Winter, Director, Native Fish for Tomorrow
- Kaitlyn Root, Executive Director, Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF4420, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF4214 (Hansen, R.); Water quality monitoring at state fish hatcheries required, and previous appropriations modified.

Chair Hansen moved that HF4214 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen presented HF4214.

Testifying on the bill:

- Shannon Fisher, Fisheries Populations Monitoring and Regulations Manager, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF4214 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF3624 (Hansen, R.); Planting corn on state lands prohibited, and use of prior appropriations authorized.

Chair Hansen moved that HF3624 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen moved to adopt the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Hansen presented HF3624, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Amanda Bilek, Senior Public Policy Director, Minnesota Corn Growers Association
- Pat Rivers, Deputy Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish and Wildlife

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF3624, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF3418 (Hansen, R.); Investment accounts provided, transfer or sale of bison provided, enhanced restitution values for mistreatment of wild animals provided, protection of threatened species clarified, releaf program modified, water use general permit fee corrected, Mineral Coordinating Committee extended, and money appropriated.

Chair Hansen moved that HF3418 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

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

Chair Hansen moved to adopt the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Hansen presented HF3418, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- John Waters, Government Relations Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF3418, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF4698 (Pursell); Rulemaking to require environmental impact statement for large animal projects required.

Representative Pursell moved that HF4698 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Pursell moved to adopt the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Pursell presented HF4698, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Gary Wertish, President, Minnesota Farmers Union
- Daryn McBeth, Lobbyist, Minnesota Milk Producers Association
- Loren Dauer, Public Policy Specialist, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
- Tom Johnson, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Representative Pursell renewed the motion that HF4698, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 P.M.

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Representative Rick Hansen, Chair

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Sam O'Neill, Committee Legislative Assistant