

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEVENTEENTH MEETING  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

**WORKFORCE, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND POLICY  
COMMITTEE**

Representative Baker, Co-Chair of the Workforce, Labor and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:16 AM on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025, in the G3 Room of the Capitol.

Vice-Chair Mekeland moved the minutes for Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Members present:

PINTO, Dave, Co-Chair  
BAKER, Dave, Co-Chair  
MEKELAND, Shane, Vice Chair  
BAKEBERG, Ben  
BERG, Kaela  
FRAZIER, Cedrick  
HUSSEIN, Samakab  
JOHNSON, Pete  
JOHNSON, Wayne  
KOZLOWSKI, Liish  
MUELLER, Patricia  
SCHULTZ, Isaac  
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Members Excused: Vice Chair Emma Greenman

A quorum was present.

Co-Chair Baker moved to hear testimony on H.F. 510

H.F. 510 was presented by bill author. Representative Koznick – Made in Minnesota program funding provided.

Additional testifiers were:

Bob Kill, President and CEO of Enterprise Minnesota  
Matt Hanson, President of Hanson Silo, Lake Lillian, Minnesota

The bill was laid over for future consideration.

Co-Chair Baker moved to hear testimony on H.F. 2238

H.F. 2238 was presented by bill author, Representative Bakeberg – Commissioner directed to approve youth skills training programs in construction trades.

Additional testifiers were:

Kate Perushek, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Labor  
Tim Zunker, Shakopee Chamber and Visitors Bureau  
Joel Hanson, Associated Builders and Contractors  
Brian Kreuser, Greystone Construction  
Shawn Larson, President, Allstar Construction  
Spencer Grant, Uncommon Construction, Site Director

This bill was laid over for future consideration.

Co-Chair Baker moved to hear testimony on H.F. 108

H.F. 108 was presented by bill author, Representative Hussein – Ujamaa Place funding provided.

Additional testifiers were:

Michael Belton, Interim CEO Ujamaa Place  
Titus Foreseen, Ujamaa Man  
Joshua Thomas, Ujamaa Man

This bill was laid over for future consideration.

Co-Chair Baker moved to hear testimony on H.F. 1960

H.F. 1960 was presented by bill author, Representative Mueller – Displaced homemaker programs funding provided.

Additional testifiers were:

Jean Keenan, Executive Director Life-Work Planning Center, via zoom  
Kimberly Pilgrim, Director META-5, via zoom

This bill was laid over for future consideration.

Co-Chair Baker moved to hear testimony on H.F. 1638

H.F. 1638 was presented by bill author, Representative Xiong – Equaspace grant fund provided.

Additional testifiers were Sarah Clyne, Executive Director, Equaspace

This bill was laid over for future consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.



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Representative Dave Baker, Chair



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Ann C. Te poorten, Committee Legislative Assistant