

**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 18th, 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

The 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.

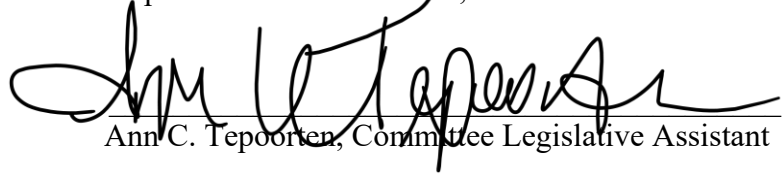
Additional testifiers were Sarah Clyne, Executive Director, Equaspace

This bill was laid over for future consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.



Representative Dave Baker, Chair



Ann C. Tepoorten, Committee Legislative Assistant