

WORKFORCE, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Pinto, Chair of the Workforce, Labor and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:17 AM on Thursday, April 3rd, 2025, in the G3 Room of the Capitol.

Chair Baker moved the minutes for Wednesday April 2nd, 2025, to be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

A quorum was present.

Members present:

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

HF 3079 (Gomez) Aids to local governments; availability of an appropriation extended.

Vice Chair Greenman moved that HF 3079 be brought before the committee.

Representative Gomez presented HF 3079.

Testifying on the bill:

- Katherine Topinka - Intergovernmental Relations Director, City of Minneapolis

Chair Pinto laid HF 3079 over for future consideration.

HF 107 (Berg) Unemployment insurance eligibility modified under certain conditions for applicants involved in a labor dispute.

Representative Berg moved that HF 107 be brought before the committee.

Representative Berg presented HF 107.

Testifying on the bill:

- Bernie Burnham, President, Minnesota AFL-CIO
- Jay Chatlien, President, United Steelworkers Local 142B
- Chris Rubesch, President, Minnesota Nurses Association
- Kim Lewis, Associate Director of Government Relations, Minnesota School Boards Association
- Lauryn Schothorst, Policy Director, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- Hunter Cantrell, Citizen
- Grace Baltich, President, AFSCME Local 34

Chair Pinto laid HF 107 over for future consideration.

HF 3078 (Johnson, P) Acceptance of certain offers of deferred resignation made to not constitute a quit from employment.

Representative Johnson moved that HF 3078 be recommended to be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Johnson moved the H3078A1 amendment to HF 3078. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Johnson presented HF 3078 as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Jacob Romans, President, AFGE Local 366

Representative Johnson renewed his motion that HF 3078 as amended be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Vice Chair Greenman requested a roll call.

AYES

Pinto

Greenman

Berg

Frazier

Hussein

Johnson, P.

Kozlowski

NAYS

Baker

Mekeland

Bakeberg

Johnson, W.

Mueller

Schultz

Zelevnikar

There being seven ayes and seven nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

HF 3023 (Johnson, P) Additional unemployment benefits for certain iron ore mining employees adopted.

Representative Johnson moved that HF 3023 be recommended to be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Johnson presented HF 3023.

Vice Chair Greenman moved the following oral amendment: Page 1, line 10, delete "50" and insert "40".

THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on the bill:

- John Arbogast, United Steelworkers
- Al King, United Steelworkers

Representative Zelevnikar moved the H3023DE1 amendment to HF 3023 and requested a roll call.

AYES

Baker
Mekeland
Bakeberg
Johnson, W.
Mueller
Schultz
Zelevnikar

NAYS

Pinto
Greenman
Berg
Frazier
Hussein
Johnson, P.
Kozlowski

There being seven ayes and seven nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Chair Pinto moved that HF 3023 as amended be recommended to be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Vice Chair Greenman requested a roll call.

AYES

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There being fourteen ayes and zero nays, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 2171 (Hansen, R) A house resolution memorializing Congress that the state of Minnesota reaffirms ratification of the Child labor amendment to the United States Constitution

Vice Chair Greenman moved that HF 2171 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Hansen presented HF 2171.

Testifying on the bill:

- Bernie Hesse, UFCW 1189

Vice Chair Greenman renewed her motion that HF 2171 be recommended to be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 1316 (Curran) Independent contractors and payors added to the centralized work reporting system, and payors required to report independent contractors to the centralized work reporting system

Vice Chair Greenman moved that HF 1316 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Vice Chair Greenman moved the H1316A3 amendment to HF 1316. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Curran presented HF 1316 as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Trish Skophammer, Director, Ramsey County Child Support Services

Chair Pinto laid HF 1316 as amended over for future consideration.

HF 689 (Frazier) County attorneys authorized to use administrative subpoenas in wage theft investigations.

Representative Frazier moved that HF 689 be recommended to be re-referred to the General Register.

Representative Frazier presented HF 689.

Testifying on the bill:

- Brian Walsh, Associate Director of Civil Rights and Labor Standards Enforcement, City of Minneapolis

Chair Baker requested a roll call.

AYES

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Johnson, P.

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There being seven ayes and seven nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 AM.



Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

 9/15/2026
Carl Kaase, Committee Legislative Assistant