

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 16th, 2021 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
Boe, Greg
Christensen, Shelly
Franson, Mary
Gruenhagen, Glenn
Hollins, Athena
Hornstein, Frank
Igo, Spencer
Lee, Fue
Lippert, Todd
Lislegard, Dave
Munson, Jeremy
Stephenson, Zack

Excused:

Bierman, Robert
Mekeland, Shane

A quorum was present.

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

Representative Acomb presented House Research BE040, A bill for an act relating to climate change; amending state greenhouse gas reduction goals; requiring governmental actions to be consistent with state greenhouse gas reduction goals; increasing the frequency of a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 216H.01, by adding subdivisions; 216H.02, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 216H.07, subdivision 3.

Testifying on House Research BE040:

- Dr. Heidi Roop, Assistant Professor of Climate Science, University of Minnesota
- Sasha Lewis-Norelle, Student, Macalester College
- Dr. Laalitha Surapaneni, Member, Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate
- Ellen Anderson, Climate Program Director, MCEA

Public Testimony:

- Dr. Kristina Dahl, Senior Climate Scientist, Union of Concerned Scientists

Representative Hollins presented House Research BE032, A bill for an act relating to energy; modifying provisions providing for a participant's compensation in certain Public Utilities Commission proceedings; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216B.16, subdivision 10.

Testifying on House Research BE032:

- Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota
- Pam Marshall, Executive Director, Energy CENTS Coalition
- Tina Koecher, Manager of Customer Solutions, Minnesota Power
- Robert Blake, Director, Native Sun Community Power Development

Public Testimony:

- Rick Evans, Director of Regional Government Affairs, Xcel Energy

Representative Lippert presented House Research BE042, A bill for an act relating to energy; directing the Public Utilities Commission to develop incentives to encourage certain utility investments promoting distributed energy resource interconnections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216B.1611, subdivision 2.

Testifying on House Research BE042:

- David Shaffer, Executive Director, MnSEIA
- Howard White, Northfield
- Beth Kallestad, Director of the Climate Action Plan, City of Northfield

Public Testimony:

- Rick Evans, Director of Regional Government Affairs, Xcel Energy

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Representative Jamie Long, Chair

Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant