

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE THIRTY-THIRD MEETING
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M. on March 14th, 2024, in Room 200N of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

PINTO, Dave (Chair)
KEELER, Heather (Vice Chair)
BURKEL, John
COULTER, Nathan
DAVIS, Ben
HANSON, Jessica
HEMMINGSSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HICKS, Kim
HUDSON, Walter
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
LEE, Liz
NELSON, Nathan
PÉREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Members Excused:

DANIELS, Brian (GOP Lead)

Representative Nelson moved that the minutes from March 12th, 2024 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3678 (Hicks) – Diaper distribution grant program modified.

Representative Hicks moved to re-refer HF3678 to the general register.

Representative Hicks presented HF3678.

Testifiers: Deirdre Kanzer, Executive Director, Diaper Bank of Minnesota

Representative Hicks renewed her motion to re-refer HF3678 to the general register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4312 (Acomb) – Notification requirements for alleged maltreatment or abuse of a child.

Vice Chair Keeler moved that HF4312 be moved before the committee.

Vice Chair Keeler moved the DE1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Acomb presented HF4312 as amended.

Testifiers:

Marcia Miliken, Executive Director, Minnesota Children's Alliance
Benjamin Berkowitz, constituent, House District 45B

Chair Pinto laid over HF4312 as amended.

HF4165 (Perez-Vega) – SNAP outreach program future base funding increased.

Representative Perez-Vega moved HF4165 before the committee.

Representative Perez-Vega presented HF4165.

Testifiers:

Kianni Bemus (They/Them) Food Support staff at Neighborhood House
Mesa Siebert, Neighborhood Services Outreach Manager, Second Harvest Heartland

Chair Pinto laid over HF4165.

HF4150 (Hemmingsen-Jaeger) – Minnesota food bank program established, and money appropriated.

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger moved HF4150 before the committee.

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger moved the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger presented HF4150 as amended.

Testifiers:

Sarah Moberg, Chief Operations Officer, Second Harvest Heartland
Susie Novak Boelter, Executive Director, North Country Food Bank, Inc. (video)
Shaye Moris, President/CEO, Second Harvest Northland, Duluth, MN (video)

Chair Pinto laid over HF4150 as amended.

HF4517 (Keeler) – SNAP eligibility for students enrolled in higher education modified, and reports required.

Vice Chair Keeler moved HF4517 before the committee.

Vice Chair Keeler presented HF4517.

Testifiers:

Kendra Draeger, student, Minnesota State University Mankato
Nora Simondet, student, Minnesota State University Moorhead
Ben Reimler, Director of Government Relations, Students United
Nicolas Demm, Legislative and Policy Liaison, Children and Family Services, DHS

Vice Chair Keeler moved to re-refer HF4517 to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The committee adjourned at 9:49 A.M.

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

Caleb Rohrer, Committee Legislative Assistant