

Human Services Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Gander, member of the Human Service Finance and Policy Committee, began the meeting at 8:15 AM on March 24, 2026, in Room 123 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was not present.

Representative Gander called the meeting to order at 8:16 AM. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SCHOMACKER, Joe, Chair
GILLMAN, Dawn, Vice Chair
NOOR, Mohamud, Chair
KEELER, Heather, Vice Chair
BACKER, Jeff
CURRAN, Brion
FISCHER, Peter
FREDERICK, Luke
FRANSON, Mary
GANDER, Steve
GORDON, Jimmy
HICKS, Kim
JACOB, Steve
KNUDSEN, Krista
MOMANYI-HILTSLEY, Huldah
MURPHY, Tom
NORRIS, Matt
VIRNIG, Bianca

Members excused:

Representative Noor moved the minutes of March 18, 2026, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF4491 (Schomacker) Medical assistance prepayment review requirements established, and report required.

Chair Schomacker moved HF4491 before the committee to be laid over.

Testifiers:

Nathaniel Olson, Disability Advocate

Chair Schomacker laid over HF4491.

HF4338 (Schomacker) Parties who may be awarded fees and expenses in proceedings involving the state modified, requirements for assisted living facilities to provide residents with a means to request assistance modified, and assisted living facilities exempted from the provider tax.

Chair Schomacker moved HF4338 before the committee to be laid over.

Chair Schomacker moved the H4338A1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Kyle Berndt, Long Term Care Imperative

Kayla Khang, Long Term Care Imperative
Parichay Rudina, Legislative Specialist, Ombudsman for Long-Term Care program of the
Minnesota Board on Aging.

Chair Schomacker laid over HF4338, as amended.

HF4288 (Franson) Framework rates for family residential services reenacted.

Representative Franson moved HF4288 before the committee to be laid over.

Testifiers:

Linda Fairchild, Fairchild's Foster Care-ZOOM
Judyann Fridgen, Fridgen Foster Care
Sandra Bond, MARSH President
Katie Olson, Grace Living Homes
Julie Steinke, Julie Michels Adult Foster Care
Christopher Freilinger, Family Foster Care Client, Dakota County, Strasser Foster Services
Karly Manion, Family Adult Foster Care

Chair Schomacker laid over HF4288.

HF4566 (Franson) Relating to human services; permitting suspension of medical assistance payments during investigation of kickback fraud; requiring rulemaking to include kickbacks in the definition of fraud.

Representative Franson moved HF4566 before the committee to be laid over.

Testifier:

Former Representative Matt Dean, Policy Fellow, Center for the American Experiment

Chair Schomacker laid over HF4566.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 AM.

Representative Schomacker, Chair

Rebecca Reiners, Committee Legislative Assistant