

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Backer, Chair of the Health Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:02PM, on February 24, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

BACKER, Jeff, Chair
NADEAU, Danny, Vice-Chair
BIERMAN, Robert, DFL Caucus Lead
BAHNER, Kristin
CARROLL, Ned
DIPPEL, Tom
ELKINS, Steve
FRANSON, Mary
GILLMAN, Dawn
HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HUOT, John
KNUDSEN, Krista
LIEBLING, Tina
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
PERRYMAN, Bernie
PURSELL, Kristi
REPINSKI, Aaron
REYER, Liz
SCHOMACKER, Joe
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Non-Voting member present:

KEELER, Heather

Representative Reyer moved the minutes of February 17, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The following individual offered an update from the Office of Emergency Medical Services: Dylan Ferguson, Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

HF337 (Zeleznikar) Ambulance operating deficit grant program established, account established, and reports required.

Representative Zeleznikar moved HF337 before the committee.

Representative Zeleznikar moved the A2 amendment.

Representative Zeleznikar moved to divide the A2 amendment after line 1.19 and adopt lines 1.2 to 1.19. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Erik Simonson, on behalf of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities;
Mike Warner, Fire Chief, City of Red Wing;

Tim Meyer, NRP, CMTE Senior Director of Emergency Services, Sanford Health;
Nathan Zacharias, Association of Minnesota Counties;
Kevin Lee, Outstate Director, North Memorial.

Chair Backer laid over HF337 as amended.

HF36 (Huot) Payment rates for nonemergency medical transportation increased.

Representative Huot moved HF36 before the committee.

Chair Backer laid over HF36.

Vice Chair Nadeau assumed the gavel at 1:49PM.

HF93 (Backer) Ambulance service training and staffing grant programs established, and the money appropriated.

Chair Backer moved HF93 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Tyler Bos, EMT, Mayo Ambulance;
Dan Anger, Paramedic and Director of Education and Training.

Chair Backer laid over HF93.

HF94 (Backer) Reimbursement requirements for ambulance attendant education costs modified, and money appropriated.

Chair Backer moved HF94 before the committee.

Chair Backer moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Buck McAlpin, on behalf of the Minnesota Ambulance Association.

Vice Chair Nadeau laid over HF94 as amended.

HF715 (Backer) Ambulance services medical assistance payment rates increase provided.

Chair Backer moved HF715 before the committee.

Chair Backer moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Buck McAlpin, on behalf of the Minnesota Ambulance Association.

Vice Chair Nadeau laid over HF715 as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28PM.


Representative Jeff Backer, Chair


Kaylyn Scourbys, Committee Legislative Assistant