

Housing Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Igo, Chair of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM, on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, in Room G3 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

IGO, Spencer, Chair
DOTSETH, Jeff, Vice Chair
AGBAJE, Esther
JOHNSON, Wayne
MEKELAND, Shane
MOMANYI-HILTSLEY, Huldah
MYERS, Andrew
NASH, Jim
NORRIS, Matt
SKRABA, Roger

Non-Voting Member present:

HOWARD, Michael, Lead

Members excused:

KOZLOWSKI, Lish
HUSSEIN, Samakab
REHRAUER, Kari

Representative Nash moved the minutes of March 4, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF1334 (Noor) High-rise sprinkler system grant program modified, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency funding provided, money transferred, and money appropriated.

Chair Igo moved HF1334 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Patrick Hanlon, Mayor, City of Hopkins
Mike Wenshanu, Deputy Fire Chief, Hopkins Fire Department
Dan Kitzberger, Legislative Director, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
Tom Brace, State Coordinator, National Fire Sprinkler Association - Minnesota Chapter
Tim Butler, Regional Manager, National Fire Sprinkler Association - Minnesota Chapter
Craig Bistodeau, Business Agent, Sprinkler Fitters Local 417
Bryan D. Tynner, Fire Chief, Minneapolis Fire Department

Chair Igo laid over HF1334.

HF1343 (Zeleznikar) Minnesota Nice HomeShare pilot program established for seniors in the counties of Lake, St. Louis, and Washington; and money appropriated.

Chair Igo moved HF1343 before the committee.

Representative Zeleznikar offered the following oral amendment: On Page 1, Line 13 delete “and AARP Minnesota” and insert “or organizations that advocate for seniors”. **THE ORAL AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Rebecca Sash, Director, Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging
Kristi Kane, Executive Director, Arrowhead Regional Development Commission

Thomas Elness, Associate State Director, AARP Minnesota

Chair Igo laid over HF1343.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 PM.



Representative Spencer Igo, Chair



Betsy Ritzer, Committee Legislative Assistant