

Human Services Finance and Policy Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Joe Schomacker, Chair of the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:17AM on March 12, 2025, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

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

Non-voting member present:

VIRNIG, Bianca

A quorum was present.

Representative Keeler moved the minutes of March 11, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF 1337 (Noor) – Agency’s authority with respect to housing support agreements modified.**

Chair Schomacker moved HF 1337 before the committee.

**Testifiers:**

Matt Freeman, MN Association of Counties  
Matthew Bergeron, Residential Providers Association of Minnesota (RPAMN)  
Markus Klimenko, Hennepin County Human Services Area Manager

Chair Schomacker laid over HF 1337

**HF 973 (Backer) – Emergency mental health services modified; co-payments, coinsurance, and deductibles for mobile crisis intervention eliminated; and money appropriated**

Chair Schomacker moved HF 973 before the committee.

**Testifiers:**

Sue Abderholden, NAMI

Erik Sievers, Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center

Chair Schomacker laid over HF 973.

**HF 381 (Curran) – Policies related to establishing rates for home and community-based waiver services modified, and room and board rates for individuals receiving home and community-based services increased.**

Chair Schomacker moved HF 381 before the committee.

Representative Curran moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Schomacker laid over HF 381 as amended.

**HF 382 (Curran) – Disability waiver rates modified.**

Chair Schomacker moved HF382 before the committee.

Representative Curran moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

**Testifiers:**

Julie Johnson, MSS

Ken Bence, ARRM (on behalf of Best Life Alliance)

Chair Schomacker laid over HF 382 as amended.

**HF 1831 (Zeleznikar) – Background check requirements modified for housing support providers.**

Chair Schomacker moved HF 1831 before the committee.

Representative Zeleznikar moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

**Testifiers:**

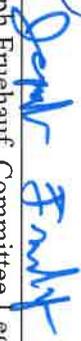
Christina Jacobson, Simpson Housing Services

Marcus Schmit, Hearth Connection

Chair Schomacker laid over HF 1831 as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43AM.

  
Representative Joe Schomacker, Chair

  
Joseph Fruehauf, Committee Legislative Assistant