

JUDICIARY FINANCE AND CIVIL LAW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law, called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. on February 22, 2023, in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

BECKER-FINN, Jamie (Chair)
FRAZIER, Cedrick (Vice-Chair)
SCOTT, Peggy (Republican Lead)
CARROLL, Ned
CURRAN, Brion
FEIST, Sandra
FINKE, Leigh
FREDERICK, Luke
JOHNSON, Brian
MOLLER, Kelly
NISKA, Harry
WIENS, Mark

Members Excused:

GROSSELL, Matt

A quorum was present.

Representative Finke moved that the minutes of February 20, 2024, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3309 (Frazier) Uniform Public Expression Protection Act proposed for adoption by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws enacted.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 3309 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Vice Chair Frazier moved the A24-0192 amendment.

Vice Chair Frazier moved an oral amendment to the A24-0192 amendment, as below:
on page 2, line 3, delete “(a)” and insert “(c)”

THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED.

Representative Frazier moved the A24-0192 amendment, as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED, WAS ADOPTED.

Vice Chair Frazier presented HF 3309 as amended.

Testifying on HF 3309 as amended:

- Harriet Lansing, Commissioner, Uniform Law Commission
- Michele Timmons, Commissioner, Uniform Law Commission

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 3309 as amended be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3509 (Moller) Domestic abuse advocates prohibited from disclosing information.

Representative Moller moved that HF 3509 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Moller presented HF 3509.

Testifying on HF 3509:

- Shauna Kiefer, Attorney, Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Guadalupe Lopez, Executive Director, Violence Free Minnesota

Representative Moller renewed the motion that HF 3509 be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3483 (Feist) Guardian immunity amended, guardianship task force created, and report required.

Representative Feist moved that HF 3483 be recommended to be re-referred to the Human Services Policy Committee.

Representative Feist moved the H3483A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Feist presented HF 3483 as amended.

Testifying on HF 3483 as amended:

- Kris Sundberg, Executive Director, Elder Voice Advocates
- Suzanne Scheller, Counselor at Law and Legal Advisor, Elder Voice Advocates
- Robert McLeod, Partner, Taft Law
- Jill Saber
- James Zika

Representative Feist renewed the motion that HF 3483 as amended be recommended to be re-referred to the Human Services Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3607 (Finke) Public defender law modified, payment by defendant for public defender services removed, ad hoc Board of Public Defense removed, conditions of the positions of public defenders amended, and money appropriated.

Chair Becker-Finn moved HF 3607 before the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee.

Representative Finke moved the H3607A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Finke presented HF 3607 as amended.

Testifying on HF 3607 as amended:

- Kevin Kajer, Chief Administrator, Judicial Branch
- Edward Reynoso, Director of Political and Legislative Affairs, Teamsters Local #320

Chair Becker-Finn laid over HF 3607 as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 A.M.

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair

Ella Schultz, Committee Legislative Assistant