

Taxes Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Davids, Chair of the Taxes Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:15AM on April 2, 2025, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

DAVIDS, Greg, GOP Chair  
GOMEZ, Aisha, DFL Chair  
JOY, Jim, GOP Vice Chair  
NORRIS, Matt, DFL Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Patti  
ELKINS, Steve  
FREIBERG, Mike  
HANSON, Jessica  
HARDER, Bobbie  
HER, Kaohly  
HUOT, John  
JOHNSON, Wayne  
KOZLOWSKI, Liish  
LEE, Liz  
ROACH, Drew  
ROBBINS, Kristin  
SCHWARTZ, Erica  
SMITH, Andy  
STEPHENSON, Zack  
SWEDZINSKI, Chris  
WARWAS, Cal  
WIENER, Mike  
WITTE, Jeff  
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

Members Excused:

KOZLOWSKI, Liish

Representative Smith moved the minutes from April 1, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF926(Nash) Sales of certain cigars exempted from the excise taxes imposed on tobacco products and premium cigars.**

Chair Davids moved HF926 before the committee.

Chair Davids moved the H0926DE2 Amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifying:

Angelo Fraboni, Co-Founder, Founders Cigar Company  
Joanna Bayers, Legislative Director, Minnesota Department of Revenue

Chair Davids laid over HF926, as amended, for possible inclusion in the Tax Omnibus Bill.

**HF2437(Davids & Gomez) Individual income taxes, corporate franchise taxes, property taxes, local government aids, sales and use taxes, and other taxes and tax-related provisions modified; certificate of rents paid provisions modified; cannabis tax provisions modified; and money appropriated.**

Chair Davids moved HF2437 before the committee.

Chair Davids moved the A25-0042 Amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifying:

- Paul Marquart, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Revenue
- Kyle Playford, Financial Planner, Financial Planning Association of Minnesota
- Gail Mikolich, Northeast Bank, Minnesota Bankers Association
- Roz Peterson, Public Policy Director, National Association of Industrial and Office Parks (NAIOP)
- Ryan Pervenance, Director of Economic Development, Carlton County
- Gavin Hanson, Fiscal and Economic Policy Director, Minnesota Business Partnership
- Michael Dahl, Public Policy Director, HOME Line
- Matt Hilgart, Director, Association of Minnesota Counties
- Nathan Jesson, Director, Minnesota Inter-County Association
- Robert Hanten, Board Member, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors
- Brian Pietsch, Principal, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.
- Stephanie Pinkalla, Government Relations Director, The Nature Conservancy
- Rick Horton, Executive Vice President, Minnesota Forest Industries
- Nan Madden, Minnesota Budget Project Director, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
- Jon Call, Partner, CLAW Tax Group, LLC (Virtual)
- Bryan Lake, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Geno Fragnito, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Society of CPAs (MNCPA)
- Brian Cook, Director of Taxes, Fiscal Policy, and Elections, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Chair Davids laid over HF2437, as amended, for possible inclusion in the Tax Omnibus Bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.

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Representative Greg Davids, Chair

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Jennifer H. Goblirsch, Committee Legislative Assistant