

WORKFORCE, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Baker, Chair of the Workforce, Labor and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:22AM on Thursday February 13th, 2025, in the G3 Room of the Capitol.

Representative Berg moved the minutes of February 12, 2025, to be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Members present:

BAKER, Dave Chair
MEKELAND, Shane Vice-Chair
BAKEBERG, Ben
BERG, Kaela
FRAZIER, Cedrick
GREENMAN, Emma
HUSSEIN, Samakab
JOHNSON, Pete
JOHNSON, Wayne
KOZLOWSKI, Liish
MUELLER, Patricia
SCHULTZ, Isaac
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Non-voting member present:

PINTO, Dave, Minority Lead

A quorum was present.

The committee heard testimony from the following departments or citizens regarding H.F 11: Minnesota Paid Leave implementation delayed by one year.

Laurn Schothorst, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Andy
Wilke, Greater Mankato Growth
Jon Boesche, National Federation of Independent Business
Steve Barthel, Minnesota Grocers Association
Bruce Nustad, Minnesota Retailers
Hanna Zinn, Hospitality Minnesota
Gavin Hanson, Minnesota Business Partnership Kim
Lewis, Minnesota School Board Association Jon
Hivvala, Wescom, Inc.
Justin Terch, State Director, MNSHRM Steve
Gilbertson, Electramatic, Inc.
Jeremy Schmidt (Superintendent) and Jennifer Lorenz (Human Resources), Becker Public
Schools
Claudia Gordon, Resident, St. Paul
Jessica Peterson-White, small business owner (via zoom)
Sarah Mullins, Resident, St. Paul
Sarah Piepenburg, Vinaigrette LLC
Lynn Goerd, Northern Waters Smokehaus (via zoom)
Roger Sheldon, MD, Minnesota Prenatal to Three Coalition (via zoom)
Guadalupe Lopez, Violence Free Minnesota
Rev. Corinne Freedman Ellis, Peace United Church of Christ (via zoom)

Bernie Burnham, President, MN AFL-CIO

Ben Baglio, Minnesota Nurses Association
Sara Gangelhoff, Women's Foundation of Minnesota
Jackie Lane, Take Charge MN
Sumer Spika, SEIU Healthcare MN

Representative Pinto requested a recess. Vice Chair Mekeland called a recess at 9:56 AM.

Vice Chair Mekeland reassumed the gavel at 4:14 PM.

The committee heard testimony from:

Deven Bowdry, Director of Government Relations, DEED

Representative Frazier moved to refer H.F. 11 to the Commerce Committee. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Frazier moved to refer H.F. 11 to the Judiciary Committee. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Frazier moved to refer H.F. 11 to the Tax Committee. Representative Frazier requested a roll call. On a vote of 7 NAYS and 6 AYES, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Berg
Frazier
Greenman
Hussein
Johnson, P
Kozlowski

Those who voted against were:

Baker
Mekeland
Bakeberg
Johnson, W
Mueller
Schultz
Zeleznikar

Representative Frazier moved to lay the bill on the table. Representative Frazier requested a roll call. On a vote of 7 NAYS and 6 AYES, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Berg
Frazier
Greenman
Hussein
Johnson, P
Kozlowski

Those who voted against were:

Baker
Mekeland
Bakeberg
Johnson, W
Mueller
Schultz

Zeleznikar

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Representative Baker moved to pass H.F. 11 to the Ways and Means Committee. Representative Frazier requested a roll call. On a vote of 7 AYES and 6 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Baker
Mekeland
Bakeberg
Johnson, W
Mueller
Schultz
Zeleznikar

Those who voted against were:

Berg
Frazier
Greenman
Hussein
Johnson, P
Kozlowski

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM.



Representative Dave Baker, Chair



Ann C. Tepoorten, Committee Legislative Assistant