

COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:00 PM on October 27, 2021, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The clerk took the roll.

Members present:

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair
O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead
CARLSON, Andrew
DAVNIE, Jim
ELKINS, Steve
HALEY, Barb
KOEDEL, Erin
LEE, Fue
LILLIE, Leon
LUCERO, Eric
OLSON, Liz
PFARR, Brian
RASMUSSEN, Jordan
RICHARDSON, Ruth
THEIS, Tama

Members absent:

BAHR, Cal
LISLEGARD, Dave

A quorum was present.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to approve the minutes from the committee meeting on April 13, 2021. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to approve the minutes from the committee meeting on June 15, 2021. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to approve the minutes from the committee meeting on September 27, 2021. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HFXXXX/SF 2096 (Koegel) - For-sale items at exclusive liquor stores modification

The following testified on HFXXXX/SF 2096:

Colin Marsch, Drinkworks/Anheuser Busch
Paul Kaspszak, Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association

HF1640 (Hornstein) - Farm winery license issuance to sake producer authorized

The following testified on HF1640:

Blake Richardson, Moto-i
Joel Carlson, Minnesota Wine and Spirits Wholesale Association

HF122 (Hertaus) - Liquor; city population requirement to qualify for exemption from temporary license restrictions modified

The following testified on HF122:

Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association

HF902 (Becker-Finn) - License restrictions modified

The following testified on HF902:

Bartley Blume, Bent Brewstillery

Pat Trudgeon, City Manager, City of Roseville

Joel Carlson, Minnesota Wine and Spirits Wholesale Association

Ed Reynoso, Teamsters Joint Council 32

HF2619 (Bliss) - Commerce; variance request licensee regulatory requirements modified

The following testified on HF2619:

Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association

Dan Huff, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health

Draft HF- CK0066 (Baker) authorizing licenses for on-sale at the Willmar Civic Center

The following testified on CK0066:

Kirk Olimb, coach, Willmar Warhawks Hockey Team

Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association

HF374 (O'Driscoll) - Sauk Rapids; on-sale liquor licenses authorized

The following testified on HF374:

Ross Olson, City Administrator, City of Sauk Rapids

Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association

Draft HF- CK0087 (Agbaje) - modifying the annual production limit for microdistillery on-and off-sale to exclude spirits bottled under a third-party contract

The following testified on CK0087:

Mary Schnitker, Skaalvenn Distillery

Joel Carlson, Minnesota Wine and Spirits Wholesale Association

Draft HF- CK0073 (Davnie) - allowing producers to provide liquor to nonprofit organizations for tasting events

The following testified on CK0073:

Theresa Swaney, Lake Street Council

Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association

Draft HF- CK0063 (Nash) - allowing strong beer licenses for certain town ball game events

The following testified on CK0063:

Joel Carlson, Minnesota Wine and Spirits Wholesale Association

Draft HF- CK0064 (Nash) - allowing certain 3.2 percent malt liquor license to authorize the sale of malt liquor not exceeding 4.5 percent alcohol by volume

The following testified on CK0064:

Joel Carlson, Minnesota Wine and Spirits Wholesale Association

Paul Kaspszak, Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association

Tony Chesak, Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association

HF2132 (Berg) - On-sale liquor license holder outdoor consumption authorized

The following testified on HF2132:

Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association

Draft HF- CK0082 (Wolgamott) - Eliminating the prohibition on growler sales by certain brewers

The following testified on CK0082:

Jamie MacFarlane, Castle Danger
Dan Schwarz, Lift Bridge
Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association

Representative Kotyza Witthuhn assumed the gavel at 2:27 PM.

Draft HF- CK0057 (Koznick) - allowing growlers to be sold in 32 oz. bottles

The following testified on CK0057:
Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association

Representative Stephenson assumed the gavel at 2:33 PM.

HF1963 (Kresha) - Wine transfer allowed between commonly owned liquor stores

The following testified on HF1963:
Edward Cooper, Total Wine & More
Joel Carlson, Minnesota Wine and Spirits Wholesale Association
Ed Reynoso, Teamsters Joint Council 32
Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association
Dan Campo, South Lyndale Liquors

HF2256 (Erickson) - On-sale intoxicating liquor licenses authorized for event centers located on a farm

The following testified on HF2256:
Kimberly Hayes, Alpha and Omega Pizza Farm
Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association

Draft HF- CK0072 (Kottyza-Witthuhn) - regulating direct shippers of wine; imposing sales and use taxes, liquor gross receipts taxes, and excise taxes on direct shipments of wine; providing for licensing and required reports; providing for classification of data

The following testified on CK0072:
Joel Carlson, Minnesota Wine and Spirits Wholesale Association
Lee McGrath, Institute for Justice

HF27 (Jurgens) - Sunday liquor sales hours modified

The following testified on HF27:
Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association

Draft HF- CK0085 (Jordan) - allowing distilleries of any size to operate a cocktail room

The following testified on CK0085:
Phil Steger, Brother Justus Distillery
Joel Carlson, Minnesota Wine and Spirits Wholesale Association
Ed Reynoso, Teamsters Joint Council 32

HFXXXX/SF 2525 (Becker-Finn) - microdistillery definition modification

The following testified on HFXXXX/SF 2525:
Mike Duggan, O'Shaughnessy Distillery
Joel Carlson, Minnesota Wine and Spirits Wholesale Association

HF1214 (Daudt) - Coupons permitted as payment for liquor purchase

The following testified on HF1214:
Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association

HF1215 (Daudt) - Exclusive liquor store permitted sale items modified

The following testified on HF1215:

Paul Kaspszak, Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association
Tony Chesak, Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association

HF1216 (Daudt) - Municipality issuance of off-sale liquor license to any one person or place prohibition repealed

The following testified on HF1216:

Tony Chesak, Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association
Ed Reynoso, Teamsters Joint Council 32
Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association
Joel Carlson, Minnesota Wine and Spirits Wholesale Association

HF1597 (Daudt) - Wine and beer sale by food retailers authorized

The following testified on HF1597:

Lonnie McQuarter, 36 Lyn Refuel Station
Dave Ring, Kwik Trip
Jeff Bagniewski, Jeff's Little Store
Paul Kaspszak, Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association
Tony Chesak, Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association
Ed Reynoso, Teamsters Joint Council 32
Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association
Joel Carlson, Minnesota Wine and Spirits Wholesale Association
Dan Campo, South Lyndale Liquors

HF1192 (Olson) - Liquor taxation provisions modified; microdistillery off-sale limit modified; malt liquor packaging and off-sale requirements modified; brand registration requirements modified; bar and restaurant off-sale limitation authorized; and clarifying, conforming, and technical changes made

The following testified on HF1192:

Mark Schiller, Loon Liquors
Ben Hugus, Ursa Minor Brewing
Brandt Erwin, Minnesota Beer Wholesalers Association
Megan Park, Unmapped Brewing Co.
Ed Reynoso, Teamsters Joint Council 32
Dan Justesen, Utepils Brewing Co.
Joel Carlson, Minnesota Wine and Spirits Wholesale Association
Anne Spaeth, The Lynhall
Tony Chesak, Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association
Jesse Hauf, 10K Brewing
Paul Kaspszak, Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 PM.

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair

Simon Brown,
Committee Legislative Assistant