

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE

TWENTY-FIRST MEETING
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

HOUSING FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Representative Michael Howard, Chair of the Committee on Housing Finance and Policy, called the meeting to order at 3:01 P.M. on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, in Room G3 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

HOWARD, Michael (DFL Chair)
KOZLOWSKI, Liish (DFL Vice Chair)
IGO, Spencer (GOP Chair)
DOTSETH, Jeff (GOP Vice Chair)
BUCK, Shelley
HUSSEIN, Samakab
JOHNSON, Wayne
MEKELAND, Shane
MOMANYI-HILTSLEY, Huldah
MYERS, Andrew
NASH, Jim
NORRIS, Matt
REHRAUER, Kari
SKRABA, Roger

A quorum was present.

Chair Howard moved that the minutes of February 24, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation by Minnesota Housing Partnership on the state of housing.

Testifiers:

- Anne Star Mavity, Executive Director, Minnesota Housing Partnership

Presentation on Supportive Housing in Minnesota.

Testifiers:

- Kristine Davis, Executive Director, Hearth Connection
- Anne Smetak, Director and Senior Counsel for Housing Systems Response, Housing Justice Center

HF 3425 (Howard) Supportive housing provider grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Howard moved that HF 3425 be re-referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Howard moved the DE1 amendment to HF 3425. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Igo moved the A1 amendment to HF 3425 as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Howard presented HF 3425 as amended.

Testifiers:

- Ben Helvick Anderson, Vice-President of Policy and Organizing, Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative
- Karla Henderson, President & CEO, Project for Pride in Living
- Randi Wickham, Lived Experience Fellow, MN Coalition for the Homeless

Chair Howard renewed the motion that HF 3425, as amended, be re-referred to the committee on Ways and Means, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3424A1 (Agbaje) A bill for an act relating to housing; amending the notice requirements for an eviction action for nonpayment of rent; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 504B.321, subdivision 1a

Chair Howard moved that HF 3424, as amended, be re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee.

Representative Agbaje presented HF 3424 as amended.

Testifiers:

- Habibo Elmi, Member, CAIR Minnesota
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- Salma Issa, Tenant Organizer, ACER
- Samantha Diaz-Powell, Deputy Chief of Staff, SEIU-Local 26

Representative Hussein requested a roll call.

Chair Howard renewed the motion that HF 3424, as amended, be re-referred to the committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

The Committee Legislative Assistant took the roll.

AYES

HOWARD, Michael (DFL Chair)
KOZLOWSKI, Lish (DFL Vice-Chair)
BUCK, Shelley
HUSSEIN, Samakab
MOMANYI-HILTSLEY, Huldah
NORRIS, Matt

NAYS

IGO, Spencer (GOP Chair)
DOTSETH, Jeff (GOP Vice Chair)
JOHNSON, Wayne
MEKELAND, Shane
MYERS, Andrew
NASH, Jim
SKRABA, Roger

EXCUSED

REHRAUER, Kari

There being 6 AYES, 7 NAYS, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

HF 1385 (Kozlowski) Statewide tenant education and hotline service funding provided, and money appropriated.

Vice-Chair Kozlowski moved HF 1385 before the committee.

Vice-Chair Kozlowski moved the DE1 amendment to HF 1385. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Vice Chair Kozlowski presented HF 1385 as amended.

Testifiers:

- Eric Hauge, Co-Executive Director, HOME Line
- City Councilmember Paul Mielke, Falcon Heights
- Chloe Holloway, Member, Duluth Tenant Union

Chair Howard laid over HF 1385 as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 4:38PM.

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Representative Michael Howard, DFL Chair

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Johnathan Smith, DFL Committee Legislative Assistant