

Early Childhood Finance and Policy Division

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair of the Early Childhood Finance and Policy Division, called the virtual meeting to order at 8:30 AM on March 1, 2022 pursuant to House Rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

PINTO, Dave, Chair
PRYOR, Laurie, Vice Chair
FRANSON, Mary, Minority Lead
BENNETT, Peggy
BOLDON, Liz
DANIELS, Brian
DAVNIE, Jim
DEMUTH, Lisa
JURGENS, Tony
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
MORRISON, Kelly
WAZLAWIK, Ami
WOLGAMOTT, Dan

A quorum was present.

Vice-Chair Pryor moved the minutes for the committee meeting on February 24, 2022 be adopted. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF3544 (Kotzyza-Witthuhn); Reach Out and Read Minnesota program grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Rep. Kotzyza-Witthuhn moved HF3544 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill.

The following testified on HF3544:

- Kris Hoplin, Executive Director, Reach Out and Read Minnesota
- Dr. Gigi Chawla, Chief of General Pediatrics at Children's Minnesota, Reach Out and Read Minnesota Medical Director

Chair Pinto laid HF3544 over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill

Vice-Chair Pryor moved HF3591 to be laid over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill.

Vice-Chair Pryor moved Amendment H3591A1. **THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED**

HF3591 (Howard); Family, friend, and neighbor caregivers grant program funding provided, and money appropriated.

The following testified on HF3591:

- The Honorable Michael Howard, State Representative
- Ruth Evangelista, Director, La Red Latina de Education Temprana (Richfield)
- Faviola Martinez de Estrada, Director, La Red Latina de Education Temprana (Richfield)
- Beth Ann Dodds, Project Coordinator, Indigenous Visioning
- Jennyffer Barrientos, Director, Growing Up Healthy, Healthy Community Initiative (Rice County)

- Martha Higuera, Birth-3 Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, St Paul Public Schools

The following presented on the Family, Friend, and Neighbor Caregivers Grant Program:

- Cindi Yang, Director, Child Care Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Chair Pinto laid HF3591, as amended, over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill.

HF3484 (Pryor); Making permanent the temporary priorities for basic sliding fee child care.

Vice Chair Pryor moved HF3484 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill.

The following presented on HF3484

- Yekaterina (Kate) Probert Fagundes, Carver County Resident, Representing Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA)
- Clare Sanford, Vice President of Government and Community Relations, Government Relations Chair, Minnesota Child Care Association (MCCA)

Chair Pinto laid HF3484 over for possible inclusion in a Committee Omnibus bill.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58am.

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

Hans Dosland, Committee Legislative Assistant