

COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES

Representative Kaohly Vang Her, Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 A.M. on March 18, 2024, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

HER, Kaohly Vang, DFL Chair
O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Chair
ELKINS, Steve, DFL Vice Chair
PERRYMAN, Bernie, GOP Vice Chair
ALLEN, Keith
CHA, Ethan
DAVIDS, Greg
DOTSETH, Jeff
FALCONER, Alex
FINKE, Leigh
HEINTZEMAN, Josh
HUOT, John
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
REYER, Liz
RYMER, Max
SMITH, Andy
STEPHENSON, Zack
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott
WEST, Nolan

Members Excused:

KRESHA, Ron

A quorum was present.

Rep. Finke moved that the minutes of March 13, 2025, with corrections, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1672 (Reyer), Medical cannabis provisions modified.

Rep. Reyer moved that HF1672 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Reyer moved that HF1672 A2 be adopted.

Testifiers:

- Eric Taubel, Interim Director, Office of Cannabis Management

THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

HF1877 (Huot); Medical cannabis and cannabis provisions modified.

Rep. Huot moved that HF1877 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Huot moved that HF1877 A1 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

- Eric Taubel, Interim Director, Office of Cannabis Management

THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

HF1672 (Reyer), Medical cannabis provisions modified.

Chair Her renewed the motion to adopt HF1672 A2. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.

Rep. Reyer moved HF1672, as amended, be re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1735 (West); Liquor wholesalers authorized to purchase and sell lower-potency hemp edibles.

Rep. West moved that HF1735 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Testifiers:

- Brandt Erwin, President, Beer Wholesalers Association
- Joel Carlson, MN Wine and Spirit Wholesalers Association
- Carol Moss
- Michael Borgertpoepping, General Manager, Get Chai Holdings
- Bob Smith

THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

HF1734 (West); Cannabis license application requirements modified.

Rep. West moved that HF1734 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. West moved that HF1734 A1 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

- Eric Taubel, Interim Director, Office of Cannabis Management

THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

HF1271 (West); Provisions regarding the sale of cannabinoids derived from hemp modified, person selling edible cannabinoids permitted to convert the person's registration to a comparable hemp license, and hemp-derived topical product provisions modified.

Rep. West moved that HF1271 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. West moved that HF1271 A1 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. West moved that HF1271 A2 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

- Eric Taubel, Interim Director, Office of Cannabis Management
- Kayla Fearing, Healing Fear Consulting

THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

HF1634 (Stephenson); Municipalities that establish, own, or operate a municipal cannabis store authorized to also hold a lower-potency hemp edible retailer license.

Rep. Stephenson moved that HF1634 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

HF1615 (Stephenson); Delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol limits in edible cannabinoid products and lower-potency hemp edible limits modified when intended to be consumed as beverages.

Rep. Stephenson moved HF1615 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Testifiers:

- Glenn McElfresh, Plift Beverages

THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 A.M.

Representative Kaohly Vang Her, Chair

Emma Erdahl, Committee Legislative Assistant