

COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES

Representative Steve Elkins, DFL Vice Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 A.M. on April 10, 2025, 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
KRESHA, Ron
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
REYER, Liz
RYMER, Max
SMITH, Andy
STEPHENSON, Zack
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott
WEST, Nolan

A quorum was present.

GOP Vice Chair Perryman moved the minutes of April 3, 2025, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1646 (Reyer); Definition of debt buyer modified, Undue Medical Debt grant funding provided, reports required, and money appropriated.

Rep. Reyer moved HF1646 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Testifiers:

- Kasey Wiedrich, Office of Financial Empowerment, City of Saint Paul
- Jenn Schultz
- Keith Ellison, Minnesota Attorney General
- Dr. Angelica Willis, MN Doctors for Health Equity

DFL Vice Chair Elkins renewed the motion to lay HF1646 over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

Presentations from the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management.

Presenting:

- Grace Arnold, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Commerce
- Eric Taubel, Interim Director, Office of Cannabis Management

HF2443 (Her); Biennial budget for commerce and energy established, various energy provisions modified, provisions governing consumer small loans and lending modified, Minnesota premium

security plan modified, state innovation waiver submission required, provisions governing cannabis licenses modified, and money appropriated.

Chair Her moved HF2443 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Chair Her moved HF2443DE1 be adopted.

Solveig Beckel, House Fiscal Analyst, provided an overview of the budget bill.

Larie Pampuch, House Research Analyst, provided an overview of the omnibus bill.

Chair Her moved HF2443A5 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Her renewed the motion to adopt HF2443DE1 as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers

- Joel Carlson,
- Gary Fry

Chair Her renewed the motion to re-refer HF2443, as amended, to the Ways and Means Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

DFL Vice Chair Elkins moved nonpartisan staff be authorized to make any technical changes needed to reflect the will of the committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

Representative Kaohly Vang Her, Chair

Emma Erdahl, Committee Legislative Assistant