

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Representative Backer, Chair of the Health Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:01PM, on March 12, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

BACKER, Jeff, Chair  
NADEAU, Danny, Vice-Chair  
BIERMAN, Robert, DFL Caucus Lead  
BAHNER, Kristin  
CARROLL, Ned  
DIPPEL, Tom  
ELKINS, Steve  
FRANSON, Mary  
GILLMAN, Dawn  
HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda  
HUOT, John  
KNUDSEN, Krista  
LIEBLING, Tina  
MAHAMOUD, Anquam  
PERRYMAN, Bernie  
PURSELL, Kristi  
REPINSKI, Aaron  
REYER, Liz  
SCHOMACKER, Joe  
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott  
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Non-Voting member present:

KEELER, Heather

Members excused:

Representative Perryman moved the minutes of March 10, 2025 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF1029 (Torkelson) Heritable or congenital disorder revision of lists of tests required to be administered for determination of presence.**

Chair Backer moved HF1029 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Erica Barnes, mother of a child who passed away from MLD;  
Jennifer Braun DNP, APRN, Clinical Director Pediatric BMT - Masonic Cancer Center,  
University of Minnesota.

Chair Backer laid over HF1079 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

**HF1912 (Skaraba) Hospital swing bed license conditions modified.**

Chair Backer moved HF1912 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Kimber Wraalstad, FACHE, CEO/Administrator, North Shore Health;  
Elyse Bailey, Budget Analysis Director, Department of Human Services;  
Kim Brenne, Director of Nursing Facility Rates and Audits, Department of Human Services.

Chair Backer laid over HF1079 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

**HF1105 (Agbaje) Maternal death study requirements clarified.**

DFL Caucus Lead Bierman moved HF1105 before committee.

DFL Caucus Lead Bierman moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Dr. Jennifer Almanza, DNP, APRN, CNM.

Chair Backer laid over HF1105 as amended for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

**HF1100 (Bahner) Commissioner of human services required to establish a directed pharmacy dispensing payment to improve and maintain access to pharmaceutical services, and money appropriated.**

Representative Bahner moved HF1100 before the committee.

Representative Bahner moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Jessica Astrup, owner of Astrup Companies;  
Justin Stofferahn, Antimonopoly Director, Minnesota Farmers Union;  
Andrew Russell, Owner and Pharmacist, Elko New Market Family Pharmacy;  
Hilide Hoeschen, Nurse, St. Paul Corner Drug;  
John Hoeschen, Owner and Pharmacist, St. Paul Corner Drug.

Representative Bahner renewed the motion that HF1100 be laid over as amended with possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

**HF 2057 (Nadeau) Hospital Directed Payment Program Established.**


Chair Backer moved HF2057 before the committee

Testifiers:

Chelsey Olson, Legislative and Health Policy Manager, Minnesota Council of Health Plans;  
Rick Breuer, CEO, Community Memorial Hospital;  
Trevor Sawallish, CEO, North Memorial Health;  
Joe Schindler, VP of Finance Policy, Minnesota Hospital Association.

Chair Backer laid over HF2057 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43PM.

  
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Representative Jeff Backer, Chair

  
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Kaylyn Scourbys, Committee Legislative Assistant