

PUBLIC SAFETY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES

Representative Kelly Moller, Chair of the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM on February 3, 2023, in Room 200 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

MOLLER, Kelly, Chair
FEIST, Sandra, Vice Chair
NOVOTNY, Paul, GOP Lead
BECKER-FINN, Jamie
CURRAN, Brion
ENGEN, Elliot
FRAZIER, Cedrick
GROSSELL, Matt
HOLLINS, Athena
HUDSON, Walter
HUOT, John
MUELLER, Patricia
PINTO, Dave
TABKE, Brad
WITTE, Jeff

A quorum was present.

Representative Hudson moved that the Committee minutes from February 2, 2023, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 396 (Becker-Finn) Safe storage of firearms and ammunition required, locking device required to be included in each firearm transfer, and criminal penalties imposed.

Rep. Becker-Finn moved that HF 396 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. Becker-Finn moved the H0396A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Becker-Finn presented HF 396, as amended.

HF 396 Testifiers:

- Kristin Song, Co-President, Ethan Miller Song Foundation; Resident, Connecticut
- Pastor Rolf Olson, Lutheran Pastor, and father of gun violence victim, Richfield Lutheran Church
- Anne Nichols Baumann, Survivors Lead, Demand Action Minnesota; Resident, Minnetonka, MN
- Craig Burris, Firearms Instructor, Tactical Training Solutions
- Tim Bender, Retired Minnesota Peace Officer; Member, Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus; Firearms Instructor, Arrowhead Firearms Training Academy
- Bryan Strawser, Chairman, Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus
- Maryan Streufert, Resident, Duluth, MN
- Karl Kaufman, Member, National Rifle Association and Wilmar Pistol and Rifle Club
- Dr. Sheldon Berkowitz, Former President, Minnesota Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics
- Christopher Lee, Director of Government Relations, National Shooting Sports Foundation

Rep. Pinto moved the H0396A1 amendment.

Representative Novotny requested a roll call vote on the H0396A1 amendment.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

Chair Moller

Rep. Feist

Rep. Becker-Finn

Rep. Curran

Rep. Frazier

Rep. Hollins

Rep. Huot

Rep. Pinto

Rep. Tabke

NAYS

Rep. Novotny

Rep. Engen

Rep. Grossell

Rep. Hudson

Rep. Mueller

Rep. Witte

There being 9 ayes and 6 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Grossell moved the H0396A3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED

Rep. Novotny moved the H0396A4 amendment.

Representative Novotny requested a roll call vote on the H0396A4 amendment.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

Rep. Novotny

Rep. Engen

Rep. Grossell

Rep. Hudson

Rep. Mueller

Rep. Witte

NAYS

Chair Moller

Rep. Feist

Rep. Becker-Finn

Rep. Curran

Rep. Frazier

Rep. Hollins

Rep. Huot

Rep. Pinto

Rep. Tabke

There being 6 ayes, and 9 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Rep. Tabke moved the H0396A5 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 396, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Curran requested a roll call vote on HF 396, as amended.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

Chair Moller

Rep. Feist

Rep. Becker-Finn

Rep. Curran

Rep. Frazier

Rep. Hollins

Rep. Huot

Rep. Pinto

Rep. Tabke

NAYS

Rep. Novotny

Rep. Engen

Rep. Grossell

Rep. Hudson

Rep. Mueller

Rep. Witte

There being 9 ayes and 6 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 14 (Pinto) Criminal background checks required for firearm transfers, and ground modified for disqualification of transferee permit.

Rep. Pinto moved that HF 14 be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil law.

Rep. Pinto moved the H0014A5 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Pinto presented HF 14, as amended.

HF 14 Testifiers:

- Bob Jacobson, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Public Safety
- Booker Hodges, Chief of Bloomington Police Department, Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association
- Michelle Zender Fisher, Nicollet County Attorney, President of Minnesota County Attorney's Association
- Jason Kamerud, Carver County Sheriff, Minnesota Sherriff's Association
- Dr. Will Nicholson, President, Minnesota Medical Association; Family Physician, M Health Fairview; Hospitalist, St. John's Northeast Hospital
- Joyce Hayden, Mother of gun violence victim
- Mike Myers, Member, Gabby Gifford's Gun Owners for Safety
- Reverend Tim Christopher, Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus
- Sarah Hauptman, Volunteer, Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus
- Bryan Strawser, Chairman, Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus
- Kathleen Anderson, Mom; Social Worker; Representative, Moms Demand Action
- Thomas Gallagher, Criminal Defense Attorney
- Ben Dorr, Executive Director, Minnesota Gun Rights

Rep. Novotny moved the H0014A2 amendment.

Representative Novotny requested a roll call vote on the H0014A2 amendment.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

Rep. Novotny
Rep. Engen
Rep. Grossell
Rep. Hudson
Rep. Mueller
Rep. Witte

NAYS

Chair Moller
Rep. Feist
Rep. Becker-Finn
Rep. Curran
Rep. Frazier
Rep. Hollins
Rep. Huot
Rep. Pinto
Rep. Tabke

There being 6 ayes and 9 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Rep. Hudson moved the H0014A3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Rep. Pinto renewed the motion that HF 14, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Representative Hollins requested roll call vote on HF 14, as amended.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

Chair Moller
Rep. Feist
Rep. Becker-Finn
Rep. Curran
Rep. Frazier
Rep. Hollins
Rep. Huot
Rep. Pinto
Rep. Tabke

NAYS

Rep. Novotny
Rep. Engen
Rep. Grossell
Rep. Hudson
Rep. Mueller
Rep. Witte

There being 9 ayes and 6 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 15 (Frazier) Law enforcement and family members enabled to petition a court to prohibit people from possessing firearms if they pose a significant danger to themselves or others by possessing a firearm, and money appropriated.

Rep. Frazier moved that HF 15 be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Rep. Frazier moved the H0015A5 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Frazier presented HF 15, as amended.

HF 15 Testifiers:

- Bob Jacobson, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Public Safety
- Rachael Joseph, Founder, Survivors Lead
- John Choi, Ramsey County Attorney, Minnesota Association of County Attorneys
- Dr. Will Nicholson, President, Minnesota Medical Association; Family Physician, M Health Fairview; Hospitalist, St. John's Northeast Hospital
- Daniel Ward, Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus
- Reverend Tim Christopher, Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus
- Rob Doar, Vice President, Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus
- Joan Peterson, Member, Northland Brady Chapter Protect Minnesota
- Fred Guerico, Resident, Burnsville, Minnesota
- Sue Abderholden, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota
- Brian Gosch, Lobbyist, National Rifle Association
- Kelly E.W. Roskam, Director of Law and Policy, John's Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions

Rep. Grossell moved the H0015A2 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED

Rep. Witte moved the H0015A3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Rep. Hudson moved the H0015A4 amendment.

Representative Novotny requested a roll call vote on the H0015A4 amendment.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

Rep. Novotny
Rep. Engen
Rep. Grossell
Rep. Hudson
Rep. Mueller
Rep. Witte

NAYS

Chair Moller
Rep. Feist
Rep. Becker-Finn
Rep. Curran
Rep. Frazier
Rep. Hollins
Rep. Huot
Rep. Pinto
Rep. Tabke

There being 6 ayes and 9 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Rep. Frazier renewed the motion that HF 15, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Representative Hudson requested roll call vote on HF 15, as amended.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

Chair Moller

Rep. Feist

Rep. Becker-Finn

Rep. Curran

Rep. Frazier

Rep. Hollins

Rep. Huot

Rep. Pinto

Rep. Tabke

NAYS

Rep. Novotny

Rep. Engen

Rep. Grossell

Rep. Hudson

Rep. Mueller

Rep. Witte

There being 9 ayes and 6 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 601 (Her) Lost and stolen firearms required to be reported promptly to law enforcement.

Chair Moller moved that HF 601 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. Her presented HF 601.

HF 601 Testifiers:

- Monica Jones, Mother of Da'Qwan Jones-Morris (gun violence victim)
- Mike Myers, Member, Gabby Gifford's Gun Owners for Safety
- Tim Bender, Retired Minnesota Peace Officer; Member, Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus; Firearms Instructor, Arrowhead Firearms Training Academy
- Connor Daine, Resident, Oakdale, Minnesota

Rep. Novotny moved the H0601A1 amendment.

Representative Novotny requested roll call vote on the H0601A1 amendment.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

Rep. Novotny

Rep. Engen

Rep. Grossell

Rep. Hudson

Rep. Mueller

Rep. Witte

NAYS

Chair Moller

Rep. Feist

Rep. Becker-Finn

Rep. Curran

Rep. Frazier

Rep. Hollins

Rep. Huot

Rep. Pinto

Rep. Tabke

There being 6 ayes and 9 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair Moller renewed the motion that HF 601 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Hudson requested a roll call vote on HF 601.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

Chair Moller

Rep. Feist

Rep. Becker-Finn

Rep. Curran

Rep. Frazier

Rep. Hollins

Rep. Huot

Rep. Pinto

Rep. Tabke

NAYS

Rep. Novotny

Rep. Engen

Rep. Grossell

Rep. Hudson

Rep. Mueller

Rep. Witte

There being 9 ayes and 6 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 PM.

Representative Kelly Moller, Chair

Farhin Sayeed, Committee Legislative Assistant