STATE OF MINNESOTA THIRTEENTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-SECOND SESSION

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES**

Representative Tina Liebling, Chair of the Division, called the virtual Health Finance and Policy Committee meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. on February 9, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting is being broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

LIEBLING, Tina, Chair

HUOT, John, Vice Chair

SCHOMACKER, Joe, Minority Lead

AKLAND, Susan

BACKER, Jeff

BAHNER, Kristin

BIERMAN, Robert

BOLDON, Liz

DEMUTH, Lisa

FREIBERG, Mike

GRUENHAGEN, Glenn

KIEL, Debra

MORRISION, Kelly

MUNSON, Jeremy

PRYOR, Laurie

QUAM, Duane

REYER, Liz

SCHULTZ, Jennifer

WOLGAMOTT, Dan

A quorum was present.

Representative Pryor moved that the minutes of February 8, 2021 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation on Face Masks and Governor’s Executive Order 2081.

Dan Huff, Assistant Commissioner, Health Protection Bureau, Minnesota Department of Health gave an overview on the efficacy of masking, proper mask use and the Governor’s Executive Order.

Chris Hogan, PhD, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Aerosol Science, presented an introduction to aerosols and explained mask research testing and mask wearing effects.

Dr. Anne Griffiths, Pediatric Pulmonologist, Children’s Minnesota Director, Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia Center, Children’s Minnesota Children’s Respiratory and Critical Care Specialists, Children’s Hospital, gave a clinical perspective of COVID-19 and patient tolerance of masking.

Dr. Richard Danila, Deputy State Epidemiologist, Minnesota Department of Health, responded to member questions.

**HF604 (Jordan)** COVID-19; face coverings requirements modified, implementation requirements modified, penalties and injunctive relief provided, and face covering requirement expiration provided.

Chair Liebling moved that HF604 be heard and laid over for possible inclusion in the Health Finance and Policy Committee bill.

Representative Jordan presented her bill.

Chair Liebling moved the H0604A5 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Elisabeth Klarqvist walked through the bill and the H0604A5 amendment.

Testifying in opposition:

1. Diane Smith, Forest Lake

2. Wayne Rohde, Maplewood

3. Twila Brase, President and Co-Founder, Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom

4. Tom KraMer, President and CEO, Kablooe Design

Testifying in support:

1. Dr. Beth Thielen, Infectious Disease Physician, M Health Fairview

2. Dr. Sheldon Berkowitz, President, Minnesota Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

3. Dr. Marilyn Peitso, President, Minnesota Medical Association

4. Mary Turner, President, Minnesota Nurses Association

5. Dr. Rajesh Prabhu, Infectious Disease Physician, Essentia Health

Representative Demuth moved the H0605A1 amendment. Rep. Demuth explained her amendment and requested a roll call vote.

The results were as follows:

**AYE**

SCHOMACKER, Joe

AKLAND, Susan

BACKER, Jeff

DEMUTH, Lisa

GRUENHAGEN, Glenn

KIEL, Debra

MUNSON, Jeremy

QUAM, Duane

**NAY**

LIEBLING, Tina

HUOT, John

BAHNER, Kristin

BIERMAN, Robert

BOLDON, Liz

FREIBERG, Mike

MORRISON, Kelly

PRYOR, Laurie

REYER, Liz

SCHULTZ, Jennifer

WOLGAMOTT, Dan

On a vote of 8 AYES and 11 NAYS THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Akland moved the H0604A10 amendment. Rep. Akland explained her amendment.

Dr. Ruth Lynfield, State Epidemiologist and Medical Director, Minnesota Department of Health, responded to member questions.

Representative Akland requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYE**

SCHOMACKER, Joe

AKLAND, Susan

BACKER, Jeff

DEMUTH, Lisa

GRUENHAGEN, Glenn

KIEL, Debra

MUNSON, Jeremy

QUAM, Duane

**NAY**

LIEBLING, Tina

HUOT, John

BAHNER, Kristin

BIERMAN, Robert

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REYER, Liz

SCHULTZ, Jennifer

WOLGAMOTT, Dan

On a vote of 8 AYES and 11 NAYS THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Chair Liebling laid over HF604, as amended, for possible inclusion in the Committee bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 P.M.

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Representative Tina Liebling, Chair

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Krysta Niedernhöfer, Committee Legislative Assistant