

PUBLIC SAFETY FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Representative Paul Novotny, Chair of the Public Safety Finance & Policy Committee called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM. on 11 February 2025, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

NOVOTNY, Paul, Chair
WITTE, Jeff, Vice Chair
MOLLER, Kelly, DFL Lead
BERG, Kaela
BLISS, Matt
CURRAN, Brion
DURAN JR, Bidal
ENGEN, Elliott
FEIST, Sandra
GREENMAN, Emma
HARDER, Bobbie
HOLLINS, Athena
HUDSON, Walter
JOHNSON, Pete
PINTO, Dave
REHM, Lucy
REPINSKI, Aaron
SCHWARTZ, Erica
STIER, Terry

Non-voting members present:
TABKE, Brad

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Witte assumed the gavel at 3:10 p.m.

Representative Novotny moved to refer HF 7 to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

HF 7 (Novotny) Data held by law enforcement agencies regarding the person or entity that posted bail made public, agency notice of posted bail or bond required, mandatory minimum sentences established for sex trafficking offenses, Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission provisions modified, various criminal penalties modified, and money appropriated.

Representative Novotny presented HF 7.

Testifiers:

Mike Martin, Ramsey County Sheriff's office testified in favor of HF 7.

Shane Myre, President of Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, testified in favor of HF7.

Sheriff Bryan Welk, Cass County testified in favor of HF 7.

Jeff Potts, Executive Director of Chiefs of Police Association, testified in favor of HF 7.

David Zimmer, Public Safety Policy Fellow at the Center of the American Experiment, testified in favor of HF 7.

Nate Reitz, Executive Director, Sentencing Guidelines Commission, testified on HF 7.

Addie Best, Deer River, testified in favor of HF 7.

Amy Brallier testified against HF 7.

Rich Newmeister, public advocate, testified against HF 7.

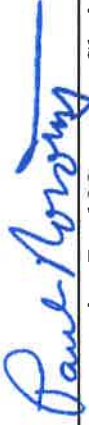
Will Cooley, Policy Director, Minnesota Justice Research Center, testified against HF 7.

Representative Novotny moved the H0007A2. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hudson withdrew the H0007A3 Amendment.

Vice Chair Witte moved that HF 7 as amended be re-referred to the Judiciary. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Witte adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.



Representative Paul Novotny, Chair



Mary McNamara, Committee Legislative Assistant