

Housing Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Igo, Chair of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:01PM, on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, in Room G3 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

IGO, Spencer, Chair
DOTSETH, Jeff, Vice Chair
AGBAJE, Esther
HUSSEIN, Samakab
JOHNSON, Wayne
KOZLOWSKI, Liish
MEKELAND, Shane
MOMANYI-HILTSLEY, Huldah
MYERS, Andrew
NASH, Jim
NORRIS, Matt
REHRAUER, Kari
SKRABA, Roger

Non-Voting Member present:

HOWARD, Michael, Lead

Representative Mekeland moved the minutes of March 11, 2025, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2140 (Kraft) Mixed-use housing zones creation required.

Chai Igo moved that HF2140 be re-referred to the Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee.

Chai Igo moved the DE1 amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

Bryan Bear, City Administrator, City of Hugo
Scarlet Bennet, Director of Housing Development, KOOTASCA Community Action
Rick Varco, Political Director, SEIU Healthcare – Minnesota & Iowa
Charles Gardener, Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University
Peter Wagenius, Legislative Director, Sierra Club North Star Chapter
Linnea Goderstad, Board Member, Neighbors for More Neighbors
Greg Kruschke, Community Development Manager, City of Owatonna
Cap O'Rourke, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Small Cities
Ron Williams, Citizen Advocate

Chai Igo renewed the motion that HF2140, as amended, be re-referred to the Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2018 (Kozlowski) Requirements related to comprehensive plan amendments modified, and zoning authority of municipalities related to certain multifamily and mixed-use developments limited.

Representative Kozlowski moved that HF2018 be re-referred to the Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee.

Representative Kozlowski moved the A3 amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

Cecil Smith, President & CEO, Minnesota Multi Housing
Amanda White, Vice President, Florida Apartment Association
Bryan Bear, City Administrator, City of Hugo
Sarah Larson, Principal, Landon Group
Anne Mavity, Executive Director, Minnesota Housing Partnership
N'Dea Young, Program Coordinator, Engage Winona
Jason Hale, Principal, Northshore Development Corporation.
Lucas Franco, Research Manager, LIUNA – Minnesota and North Dakota
Even Vogel, City Administrator, City of Cambridge
Susan Arntz, City Manager, City of Mankato
Jason Wedel, City Manager, City of Prior Lake

Representative Kozlowski renewed the motion that HF2018, as amended, be re-referred to the Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.



Representative Spencer Igo, Chair



Betsy Ritzer, Committee Legislative Assistant