

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Backer, Chair of the Health Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00PM, on April 2, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

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

Members excused:

Representative Knudsen moved the minutes of March 26, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF2769 (Dotseth) Requirements for green burials established, and amount of proceeds dedicated to permanent care and improvement funds modified.

Chair Backer moved HF2769 before the committee.

Chair Backer moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Dan Reed, Carlton County Commissioner;
Mark Thell, former Carlton County Commissioner.

Chair Backer laid over HF2769 as amended for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF2489 (Virnig) Epinephrine access in schools requirements modified

Chair Backer moved HF2489 before the committee.

Chair Backer laid over HF2489 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Vice Chair Nadeau assumed the gavel at 1:13PM.

HF1935 (Backer) Reimbursement rates for long-term ambulatory electrocardiogram

monitoring services provided by diagnostic testing facilities raised.

Vice Chair Nadeau moved HF1935 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Elizabeth Stoll, Director of State and Local Government Affairs, Baxter Healthcare;
Jessica Coughlin, Director of Market Access Cardiology, Baxter Healthcare.

Vice Chair Nadeau laid over HF1935 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF2604 (Backer) Medical assistance capitation payment withhold related to verification of coverage established.

Vice Chair Nadeau moved HF2604 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Matt Dean, Center for the American Experiment;
Chelsey Olson, Minnesota Council of Health Plans.

Vice Chair Nadeau laid over HF2604 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF2955 (Backer)

Vice Chair Nadeau moved HF2955 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Commissioner Brad Anderson, Goodhue County;
Chelsey Olson, Minnesota Council of Health Plans;
Matt Freeman, Executive Director, MACSSA;
PJ Weiner, Director, Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Vice Chair Nadeau laid over HF2955 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Backer assumed the gavel at 1:51PM.

HF2909 (Bahner) Coverage and payment for certain pharmacy services modified.

Representative Bahner moved HF2909 before the committee.

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

Testifiers:

Dr. Sarah Westberg, College of Pharmacy.

Chair Backer laid over HF2909 as amended for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF2242 (Nadeau) Single Pharmacy Benefit Manager

Chair Backer moved HF2242 before the committee.

Chair Backer moved to adopt the DE1-1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Tricia Hinz, PharmD, RPh, Owner Pharmacist, Newport Drug;
Andrew Russel, PharmD, RPh, Owner Pharmacist, Elko New Market Family Pharmacy;
Buck Humphrey, Minnesota Pharmacy Alliance;
Chad Hope, Pharmacy Program and Medicaid Decisions Support, Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Chair Backer laid over HF2242 as amended for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF1883 (Gillman) Central service technician requirements established.

Representative Gillman moved HF1883 before the committee.

Representative Gillman moved to adopt the A2-1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Josephine Colacci, Director of Government Affairs, Healthcare Sterile Processing Association;
Matt Thell, President, Minnesota Sterile Processing Association.

Chair Backer laid over HF1883 as amended for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF2435 (Bierman) Governor's Budget Provisions

Chair Bierman moved HF2435 before the committee.

Chair Bierman moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Lisa Thimjon, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Health;
Elyse Bailey, Budget Director, Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Chair Backer laid over HF2435 as amended for future considerations or action at a later date.

The Health Finance and Policy Committee went into recess at 2:47PM.

The Health Finance and Policy Committee reconvened at 7:00PM.

HF1934 (Reyer) Requirements for dental administrator rates modified in the medical assistance and MinnesotaCare programs, dental administrator contract rates changed, critical access dental provider task force established, and report required.

Vice Chair Reyer moved HF1934 before the committee.

Vice Chair Reyer moved to adopt the DE-2 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Dan Murphy, Director of Government Affairs, Minnesota Dental Association;
Dr. Michael Helgeson, DDS, Appletree Dental.

Chair Backer laid over HF1934 as amended for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Vice Chair Nedean assumed the gavel at 7:20PM.

HF2464 (Backer) Omnibus Health Policy Bill

Chair Backer moved HF2464 before the committee.

Chair Backer moved to adopt the H2464DE1-1 amendment.

Elisabeth Klarqvist, Legislative Analyst, House Research Department, gave an overview of the H2464DE1-1 amendment.

Representative Liebling moved the H2464A1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Liebling moved the H2464A2 amendment and requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

BAHNER, Kristin
CARROLL, Ned
HUOT, John
LIEBLING, Tina

NAYES:

BACKER, Jeff, Chair
BIERMAN, Robert, Chair

NADEAU, Danny, Vice Chair
REYER, Liz, Vice Chair
DIPEL, Tom
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EXCUSED:
KEELER, Heather

On a vote of 4 Ayes and 17 Nayes, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Vice Chair Nedeau moved that H2464DE1-1 be adopted as amended. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Vice Chair Nadeau renewed the motion that HF2464, as amended, be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57PM.



Representative Jeff Backer, Chair



Kaylyn Scourbys, Committee Legislative Assistant