

COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES

Representative Kaohly Vang Her, Co-Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 A.M. on March 26, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

HER, Kaohly Vang, DFL Chair
O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Chair
ELKINS, Steve, DFL Vice Chair
PERRYMAN, Bernie, GOP Vice Chair
ALLEN, Keith
CHA, Ethan
DAVIDS, Greg
DOTSETH, Jeff
FALCONER, Alex
FINKE, Leigh
HEINTZEMAN, Josh
HUOT, John
KRESHA, Ron
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
REYER, Liz
RYMER, Max
SMITH, Andy
STEPHENSON, Zack
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott
WEST, Nolan

A quorum was present.

Rep. Davids moved that the minutes of March 25, 2025, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2228 (Elkins) Task force on homeowners and commercial property insurance established, report required, and money appropriated.

Rep. Elkins moved HF2228 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Elkins moved HF2228 A1 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Elkins moved HF2228 A2 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

- Mary Novak, Riverton Community Housing
- Kevin Pelkey, Lakes Area Habitat for Humanity
- Julia Nerbonne, MN Interfaith Power and Light
- Paul Eger, MN Realtors

Chair Her renewed the motion to lay over HF2228, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

HF46 (Reyer) Designation of payment by dental organizations provided.

Rep. Reyer moved HF46 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Reyer moved HF46 DE2 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

- Dan Murphy, Minnesota Dental Association
- Ben Wogsland, Delta Dental

Chair Her renewed the motion to lay over HF46, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

HF856 (Moller) Common interest community ombudsperson created, data classified, Office of the Common Interest Ombudsperson funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Her moved HF856 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Her moved HF856 DE2 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

- Ron Elwood, Legal Aid
- Patrick Hynes, on behalf of Community Association Institute
- Becky Cole
- Sandra Weise, Canabury Pond Homeowners Association

Chair Her renewed the motion to lay over HF856, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

HF2149 (Greenman) Consumer Grocery Pricing Fairness Act established, and civil penalties provided.

Chair Her moved HF2149 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Her moved HF2149 A1 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

- Chris Jones, National Grocers Association
- Ron Knox, Institute for Local Self Reliance
- Jessica Rohloff, New London Food Co-Op
- Zachary Paige, Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships
- Steve Barthel, MN Grocers Association
- Michelle Benson, MN Chamber of Commerce
- Bruce Nustad, MN Retailers Association
- Tim Wilkin, Minnesota Beverage Association

Chair Her renewed the motion to lay over HF2149, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

HF2215 (Hollins) Commissioner of commerce required to create a low-cost motor vehicle insurance program

Chair Her moved HF2215 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Her moved HF2215 A1 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

- Anna Odegaard, Fines and Fees Justice Center
- Ma Elena Gutierrez, Fe Y Justicia Minnesota

- Kendra Gagner, Fines and Fees Justice Center
- Travis Matthews, Youthprise
- Katya Zepeda, Saint Paul and Minnesota Foundation
- Aaron Cocking, Insurance Federation of Minnesota
- Joel Carlson, on behalf of Minnesota Association for Justice

Chair Her renewed the motion to lay over HF2215, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

Representative Kaohly Vang Her, Chair

Emma Erdahl, Committee Legislative Assistant