

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE AND POLICY

MINUTES

Representative West, Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. on March 12, 2025, in Room 123 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

WEST, Nolan, Chair
NELSON, Nathan, Vice-Chair
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Minority Lead
ALTENDORF, Pam
COULTER, Nathan
HANSON, Jessica
HEMMINGSSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HICKS, Kim
McDONALD, Joe
NADEAU, Danny
OLSON, Bjorn
PÉREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Non-Voting Member present:

SENCER-MURA, Samantha

Vice-Chair Nelson moved the minutes of March 11, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Vice-Chair Nelson assumed the gavel at 3:01 PM.

HF2078 (West) - Child care provider licensing modified.

Chair West moved that HF2078 be placed on the General Register.

Chair West moved the H2078DE1 amendment.

Chair West moved to divide the H2078DE1 amendment between P. 7 L.12 and P. 7 L. 13. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair West moved to divide the H2078DE1 amendment between P. 14 L. 2 and P. 14 L. 3. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair West moved to adopt P. 7 L. 13 through P. 14 L. 2 of the H2078DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Ari Didion, Legislative Director, Minnesota Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General

Chair West renewed the motion that HF2078, as amended, be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair West assumed the gavel at 3:22 PM.

HF777 (Coulter) - Food shelf program funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Coulter moved HF777 before the committee.

Representative Coulter presented on HF777.

Testifiers:

Alan Goracke, Pastor, Hope for the Community, Blaine
Dom Korbel, Executive Director, Community Pathways Food Shelf, Owatonna
Rick Kocourek, citizen (remote)

Chair West laid over HF777.

HF841 (Myers) - Food shelf programs funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair West moved that HF841 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Testifiers:

Michelle Bottenfield, Executive Director, Westonka Community Food Shelf (remote).

Chair West renewed the motion that HF841 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.
THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1112 (Hemmingsen-Jaeger) - Regional food bank grants created, and money appropriated.

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger moved HF1112 before the committee.

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger presented on HF1112.

Testifiers:

Allison O'Toole, CEO, Second Harvest Heartland
Jessica Francis, Executive Director, Open Cupboard Food Shelf
Virginia Witherspoon, Executive Director, Channel One Food Bank Rochester
Robert Larsen, President, Lower Sioux Indian Community in Minnesota (remote)
Nicolas Demm, Director of Legislative and External Affairs, Minnesota Department of Children,
Youth, and Families
Zach Rodvold, Director of Public Affairs, Second Harvest Heartland

Chair West laid over HF1112.

HF1098 (Sencer-Mura) - Food shelf facilities infrastructure funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair West moved HF1098 before the committee.

Representative Sencer-Mura presented on HF1098.

Testifiers:

Deisy De Leon Esqudea, Manager, Emergency Community Help Organization Food Shelf
Jamie Dolychuk, President, Community Emergency Service
Jessica Francis, Executive Director, Open Cupboard Food Shelf

Chair West laid over HF1098.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.



Representative Nolan West, Chair



Meagan Kobe, Committee Legislative Assistant