

CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES

Representative Jamie Long, Chair of the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy, called the virtual meeting to order at 10:30 AM on February 24th, 2022 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

Long, Jamie, Chair
Acomb, Patty, Vice Chair
Swedzinski, Chris, Republican Lead
Bierman, Robert
Boe, Greg
Christensen, Shelly
Franson, Mary
Gruenhagen, Glenn
Hollins, Athena
Hornstein, Frank
Igo, Spencer
Lee, Fue
Lippert, Todd
Lislegard, Dave
Mekeland, Shane
Munson, Jeremy
Stephenson, Zack

A quorum was present.

Bills not introduced at the time of the meeting are indicated by the House Research or Revisor code.

Vice Chair Acomb moved that the minutes of February 10th, 15th, 17th, and 22nd, 2022, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presenting on “A Better Building Code” report:

- Elizabeth Glidden, Deputy Executive Director, Minnesota Housing Partnership

Representative Long handed the gavel to Representative Acomb at 10:48am.

Representative Long presented House Research BE159, a bill for an act relating to energy; requiring owners of certain buildings to enter energy use data into a benchmarking tool;

requiring public disclosure of energy use data; providing grants; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

Testifying on HR BE159:

- Rabbi Marcia Zimmerman, Temple Israel
- Katie Jones, Community Program and Policy Manager, Center for Energy and Environment
- Margaret Cherene-Hendrick, Director of Energy Transition, Fresh Energy
- Kim W. Havey, Sustainability Director, City of Minneapolis
- Ken Rance, COO, Sabaathani Community Center

Representative Long presented HF 831, a bill for an act relating to the State Building Code; modifying how the energy code for new commercial buildings is adopted; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.106, subdivision 1.

Representative Long moved that HF831 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Long moved the HF831DE3 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF831:

- Kate Perushek, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry
- Justin Fay, Director of Public Affairs, Fresh Energy
- Jamie Fitzke, Director of Legislative Affairs, Center for Energy and Environment
- Cindy Steinhauer, Deputy City Administrator, City of Rochester

Representative Mekeland moved the HF831A1 amendment, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Long presented House Research AS 080, a bill for an act relating to the State Building Code; requiring infrastructure to support the charging of electric vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 326B.103, by adding subdivisions; 326B.106, by adding a subdivision.

Testifying on HR AS080:

- Greg Metz, State Program Manager of the Construction Codes and Licensing Division, Department of Labor and Industry

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Representative Jamie Long, Chair

Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant