

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 3:01 P.M. on February 18, 2025, in Room 123 of the State Capitol. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

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

Non-Voting Member present:

SENCER-MURA, Samantha

**HF633 (Nadeau) Licensed in-home childcare providers credit established, and money appropriated.**

Representative Nadeau moved HF633 before the committee.

Representative Nadeau moved to adopt the DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Grant Johnson, Co-Director, Susan S. Johnson Child Family Care Center.  
Cyndi Cunningham, Chairperson, Lead and Care Public Policy.

Vice Chair Nelson assumed the gavel at 3:25 PM.

Chair West assumed the gavel at 3:26 PM.

Representative Nadeau moved HF633, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF656 (Zeleznikar) Child Care Licensing; variances to licensed capacity allowed.**

Representative Zeleznikar moved HF656 before the committee.

Representative Zeleznikar moved to adopt the A2 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Ari Didion, Director of Legislation and External Affairs, Office of Inspector General, Department of Human Services.

Chair West laid over HF656, as amended.

**HF655 (Zeleznikar) Family childcare capacity limits amended.**

Representative Zeleznikar moved HF655 before the committee.

Representative Zeleznikar moved to adopt the A1 amendment.

Representative Zeleznikar moved the following oral amendment to the H0655A1 amendment: On P.1, L.4, delete “delete “two” and insert “four and”. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE ORAL AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Zeleznikar renewed the motion to adopt the A1 amendment, as amended. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED, WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Cyndi Cunningham, Lead and Child Care Policy Chairperson.

Chair West laid over HF655, as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.



Representative Nolan West, Chair



Elizabeth Laukka, Committee Legislative Assistant