

**JUDICIARY FINANCE AND CIVIL LAW MINUTES**

Representative Cedrick Frazier, Vice Chair of the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law, called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM on March 23, 2023 in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members present:**

BECKER-FINN, Jamie, Chair  
FRAZIER, Cedrick, Vice Chair  
SCOTT, Peggy, Minority Lead  
CARROLL, Ned  
CURRAN, Brion  
FINKE, Leigh  
FEIST, Sandra  
FREDERICK, Luke  
GROSSELL, Matt  
JOHNSON, Brian  
MOLLER, Kelly  
NISKA, Harry  
WIENS, Mark

A quorum was present.

Representative Niska moved that the minutes of March 21, 2023, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1202 (Becker-Finn) Animal health; data declassified, owners of farmed Cervidae requirements modified, registrations prohibited, civil liability established, federal fund disposition modified, live-animal testing for chronic wasting disease required, Board of Animal Health duties transferred to commissioner of natural resources, and money appropriated.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 1202 be recommended to be re-referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Becker-Finn moved the H1202A9 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Becker-Finn presented HF 1202 as amended.

Testifying on HF 1202 as amended:

- Darrin Lee, Minnesota Deer Hunter Association
- Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Director, Minnesota Elk Breeders Association
- Tim Spreck, on behalf of the Minnesota Deer Farmers Association

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 1202 as amended be recommended to be re-referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2718 (Cha) Grain indemnity account established, and money appropriated.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 2718 be recommended to be re-referred to the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Cha presented HF 2718.

Testifying on HF 2718 as amended:

- Stu Lourey, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Farmers Union

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 2718 as amended be recommended to be re-referred to the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 917 (Agbaje) Housing; discrimination based on participation in public assistance prohibited, pet declawing and devocalization prohibited, fees prohibited, inspections required, notice provided, penalties provided, right to counsel provided, lease covenants and repairs in residential tenancy provided, renewal and termination of lease provided, residential evictions provided, and expungement provided.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 917 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Chair Becker-Finn moved the H0917A3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Agbaje presented HF 917 as amended.

Testifying on HF 917 as amended:

- Rachael Sterling, Housing Attorney, HOME Line
- Elizabeth Glidden, Deputy Director, Minnesota Housing Partnership
- Stephanie Saji, Policy Program Manager of the Housing and Economic Justice Division, Violence Free Minnesota
- Cecil Smith, President and CEO, Minnesota Multi Housing Association

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 917 as amended be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 665 (Bliss) Available remedies for violating the prohibition on assigning military pay or benefits amended.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 665 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Bliss presented HF 665.

Testifying on HF 665.

- Ron Elwood, Supervising Attorney, Legal Aid

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 665 be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

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Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair

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Ella Schultz, Committee Legislative Assistant