

COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn, Vice Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 3:00 PM on February 23, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

Members present:

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair
O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead
BAHR, Cal
CARLSON, Andrew
DAVNIE, Jim
ELKINS, Steve
HALEY, Barb
KOEDEL, Erin
LEE, Fue
LILLIE, Leon
LISLEGARD, Dave
LUCERO, Eric
OLSON, Liz
PFARR, Brian
RASMUSSEN, Jordan
RICHARDSON, Ruth
THEIS, Tama

A quorum was present.

Representative Olson moved to approve the minutes from the committee meeting on February 17, 2021. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF8 (Liebling); Commissioner of human services directed to establish prescription drug purchasing program, and program authority and eligibility requirements specified.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved HF8 be recommended to be re-referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

The following testified on HF8:

Vicki Cunningham, WV School of Pharmacy
Sarah Derr, MPhA

Public testimony:

Phil Griffin, Minnesota Association of County Health Plans
Dan Endreson, Minnesota Council of Health Plans
Peter Fjelstad, Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America

Representative Rasmusson moved the H0008A4 (Rasmusson) amendment and requested a roll call vote.

AYES

O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead
BAHR, Cal
HALEY, Barb
LUCERO, Eric
PFARR, Brian
RASMUSSEN, Jordan
THEIS, Tama

NAYS

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair
CARLSON, Andrew
DAVNIE, Jim
ELKINS, Steve
KOEDEL, Erin
LEE, Fue
LILLIE, Leon
LISLEGARD, Dave
OLSON, Liz

NOT VOTING

RICHARDSON, Ruth

With 7 AYES, 10 NAYS, and 1 NOT VOTING, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF8 be recommended to be re-referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee. The clerk took the roll.

AYES

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair
CARLSON, Andrew
DAVNIE, Jim
ELKINS, Steve
KOEDEL, Erin
LEE, Fue
LILLIE, Leon
LISLEGARD, Dave
OLSON, Liz
RICHARDSON, Ruth

NAYS

O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead
BAHR, Cal
HALEY, Barb
LUCERO, Eric
PFARR, Brian
RASMUSSEN, Jordan
THEIS, Tama

With a vote of 11 AYES and 7 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF633 (Bierman); Individual and small group health plan offerings required to include predeductible, flat co-pay on prescription drug option.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved HF633 be recommended to be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved the A21-0035 (Bierman) amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

The following testified on HF633:

Brian Arnold
Monica Theis
Dana Bacon

Public testimony:

Dan Endreson, Minnesota Council of Health Plans

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF633, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee. The clerk took the roll.

AYES

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair
CARLSON, Andrew
DAVNIE, Jim
ELKINS, Steve
KOEGEL, Erin
LEE, Fue
LILLIE, Leon
LISLEGARD, Dave
OLSON, Liz
RICHARDSON, Ruth

NAYS

O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead
BAHR, Cal
HALEY, Barb
LUCERO, Eric
PFARR, Brian
RASMUSSEN, Jordan
THEIS, Tama

With a vote of 11 AYES and 7 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1183 (Stephenson); Drug manufacturer or wholesale distributor prohibited from charging unconscionable prices for prescription drugs; Board of Pharmacy, commissioner of human services, and health plan companies required to notify attorney general of prescription drug price increases; attorney general authorized to take action against drug manufacturers and wholesalers; civil penalties imposed; and money appropriated.

Representative Stephenson moved HF1183 be recommended to be referred to Health Finance and Policy Committee.

The following testified on HF1183:
Attorney General Keith Ellison
Dawn Burnfin, SEIU

Public testimony:
Peter Fjelstad, PhRMA
Brett Michelin, Accessible Meds

Representative Stephenson moved the H1183DE1 (Stephenson) amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Stephenson moved the H1183A1 (Stephenson) amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Lucero moved the H1183A2 (Lucero) amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Due to time constraints, Rep. Stephenson asked the bill be laid over for later consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46PM.

Representative Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn, Vice-Chair

Simon Brown,
Committee Legislative Assistant