

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
POLICY AND FINANCE MINUTES**

Representative Klevorn, Chair of the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.M. on Thursday, February 7, 2023, in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members Present:**

KLEVORN, Ginny (Chair)  
NASH, Jim (GOP Lead)  
BAHNER, Kristin  
Berg, Kaela  
FREIBERG, Mike  
HANSEN, Rick  
HARDER, Bobbie  
HER, Kaohly Vang  
JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
NADEAU, Danny  
NEWTON, Jerry

**Members Excused:**

HUOT, John (Vice Chair)

A quorum was present.

Representative NEWTON moved to approve the minutes from Tuesday, January 31, 2023. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF17 (Stephenson); Excessive price increases by manufacturers to generic or off-patent drugs prohibited, attorney general authorized to take action against manufacturers for price increases, withdrawal prohibited of generic or off-patent drug sales, prescription drug affordability board and prescription drug affordability advisory council established, prescription drug cost reviews and remedies provided, appointments provided, civil penalties imposed, report required, and money appropriated.

Chair Klevorn moved that HF17 be re-referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy.

Chair Klevorn moved to adopt the A8 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Stephenson presented HF17, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Kristina M. Moorhead, Deputy Vice President of State Policy, PhRMA
- Judy Cook, Lobbyist, Association of Accessible Medicines

Representative Nash requested a roll call vote.

Chair Klevorn renewed the motion the HF17, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy.

The clerk noted the roll.

**AYES:**

KLEVORN, Ginny (Chair)

BAHNER, Kristin  
BERG, Kaela  
FREIBERG, Mike  
HANSEN, Rick  
HER, Kaohly Vang  
NEWTON, Jerry

NAYS:

NASH, Jim (GOP Lead)  
HARDER, Bobbie  
JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
NADEAU, Danny

EXCUSED:

HUOT, John (Vice Chair)

With a vote of 7 AYES, 5 NAYS, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Newton assumed the gavel at 9:12 A.M.

HF979 (Klevorn); Legislative task force established to review and prioritize resources to support an aging demographic in the state, report required, and money appropriated.

Chair Klevorn moved that HF979 be laid over for possible inclusion in the State and Local Government Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Chair Klevorn presented HF979.

Testifying on the bill:

- Nancy Haugen, President, Elder Voice Advocates & Elder Care IQ
- Kathy Kelso, Public Policy Committee Member, Elder Voice Advocates
- Dr. Joseph Gaugler, Ph.D., Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management, University of Minnesota School of Public Health
- Trevor Turner, Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Council on Disability
- Patrick McFarland, Public Policy Co-Chair, Minnesota Board on Aging
- Mary Jo Schifsky, Board Member, Minnesota Board on Aging
- Leif Grina, President, Minnesota Regional Retiree Council, Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation
- Louise Sundin, AFL-CIO State Retiree Council Member, Retired Teachers Local 59, Committee of Thirteen
- Jim Reed, Member, DFL Senior Caucus
- Sherri Pugh, Chair, Governor's Council on Age-Friendly Minnesota

Chair Klevorn renewed the motion that HF979 be laid over for possible inclusion in the State and Local Government Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF480(Elkins); Minnesota Council on Disability funding provided to provide outreach, training, assistance, and auditing related to local government website accessibility; report required; and money appropriated.

Representative NEWTON moved that HF480 be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance.

Representative Elkins presented HF480.

Testifying on the bill:

- Trevor Turner, Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Council on Disability
- Daniel Lightfoot, Intergovernmental Relations Representative, League of Minnesota Cities
- Rick Heller, Resident of St. Paul

Representative NEWTON renewed the motion the HF480 be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 A.M.

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Representative Ginny Klevorn, Chair

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Samuel O'Neill, Committee Legislative Assistant