

Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee

Chair: Rep. Samantha Vang

Vice-Chair: Rep. Kristi Pursell

Thursday, March 16, 2023

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.; State Capitol Building, Room 120

Reconvene 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.; State Office Building, Room 200

AGENDA*

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

1. Call to order.
2. Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2023.
3. **MDA Farm Link presentation.**
4. [HF 2110 \(Wolgamott\)](#) Center for Rural Policy and Development grant funding provided, and money appropriated.
5. [HF 860 \(Petersburg\)](#) Local food promotion and education event funding provided, and money appropriated.
6. [HF 2288 \(Tabke\)](#) University of Minnesota; farm scale winter greenhouse research and development funding provided, and money appropriated.
7. [HF 695 \(Frederick\)](#) Agriculture-related business assistance funding provided, reports required, and money appropriated.
8. [HF 1606 \(Burkel\)](#) Minnesota Turf Seed Council grant funding provided, and money appropriated.
9. [HF 2563 \(Cha\)](#) Meat, poultry, egg, and milk processing facilities funding provided, and money appropriated.

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10. [HF 2562 \(Sencer-Mura\)](#) Commissioner of agriculture funding provided for grants to partner organizations to assist meat and poultry processors with hiring and training new employees, and money appropriated.
11. [HF 2278 \(Vang\)](#) Board of Animal Health funding provided, and money appropriated.
12. [HF 1361 \(Vang\)](#) Community development financial institutions technical assistance grant funding provided, and money appropriated.
13. [HF2679 \(Vang\)](#) Department of Agriculture, Board of Animal Health, Agricultural Utilization Research Institute, and Office of Broadband Development budgets established; money transferred to border-to-border broadband fund account; policy and technical changes made to agriculture provisions; fees modified; accounts created; reports required; civil penalties provided; and money appropriated.
14. [HF 2472 \(Hansen, R\)](#) New program for systemic pesticide-treated seed established, new account in agricultural fund established, and money appropriated.
15. [HF 1585 \(Vang\)](#) Nonnative Phragmites added to noxious weeds provisions.
16. Adjournment.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

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