

STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Nash, Chair of the State Government Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM, on February 11, 2025, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

NASH, Jim, Chair
DAVIS, Ben, Vice Chair
KLEVORN, Ginny, Lead
ANDERSON, Paul
BAHNER, Kristin
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FRIEBERG, Mike
HOWARD, Michael
JOY, Jim
KOZNICK, Jon
KRAFT, Larry
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Thomas

Non-voting member present:

KLEVORN, Ginny

Representative Davis assumed the gavel at 8:26 AM.

HF3 (Nash) Legislative auditor required to submit a report to the legislature related to an agency's implementation of internal control or fiscal management recommendations.

Chair Nash moved HF3 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

The following individuals testified on HF3:

Judy Randall, Legislative Auditor, Office of the Legislative Auditor.
RaeAnna K. Lee, Legislative & Coalitions Director, Americans for Prosperity

Representative Howard moved to re-refer HF3 to the Fraud Prevention and State Agency Oversight Policy Committee. Representative Howard requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

BAHNER, Kristin
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FREIBERG, Mike
HOWARD, Michael
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry

NAYS:

NASH, Jim, Chair
DAVIS, Ben, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
JOY, Jim
KOZNICK, Jon
QUAM, Duane

SEXTON, Tom

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 7 Nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Chair Nash renewed his motion that HF3 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee. Chair Nash requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

NASH, Jim, Chair
DAVIS, Ben, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
JOY, Jim
KOZNICK, Jon
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Tom

NAYS:

BAHNER, Kristin
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FREIBERG, Mike
HOWARD, Michael
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 6 Nays, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Nash assumed the gavel at 9:26 AM.

HF23 (Robbins) Whistleblower protections for public employees modified.

Representative Nash moved HF23 be re-referred to Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Nash moved to adopt the HF23A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

The following individual testified on HF23:

Devin Bruce, Lobbyist for Minnesota Association of Professional Employees.

Representative Bahner moved to lay HF23 on the table. **THE MOTIOIN DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Representative Howard moved to re-refer HF23 to the Fraud Prevention and State Agency Oversight Policy Committee. **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Representative Nash renewed his motion that HF23 be re-referred to Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee. Representative Joy requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

NASH, Jim, Chair
DAVIS, Ben, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
JOY, Jim
KOZNICK, Jon
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Tom

NAYS:

BAHNER, Kristin
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FREIBERG, Mike
HOWARD, Michael
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 6 Nays, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF2 (Davis) Fraud reporting required when an employee of a state agency has reason to suspect fraud, grants management requirements strengthened, and criminal penalty established. The bill was laid over.

Representative Davis moved that HF2 be laid over.

The following individuals testified on HF2:

Stacie Christenson, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Administration.
Dale Witherington, Reverend, Restore Minnesota.
Kendall A. Qualls, citizen.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Representative Nash, Chair

Allison Winter, Committee Legislative Assistant