STATE OF MINNESOTA FORTY- EIGHTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-SECOND SESSION

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES**

Representative Tina Liebling, Chair of the Committee, called the virtual Health Finance and Policy Committee meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on February 21, 2022 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting is being broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

LIEBLING, Tina, Chair

HUOT, John, Vice Chair

SCHOMACKER, Joe, Minority Lead

AKLAND, Susan

BACKER, Jeff

BAHNER, Kristin

BIERMAN, Robert

BOLDON, Liz

DEMUTH, Lisa

FREIBERG, Mike

GRUENHAGEN, Glenn

KIEL, Debra

MORRISION, Kelly

MUNSON, Jeremy

PRYOR, Laurie

QUAM, Duane

REYER, Liz

SCHULTZ, Jennifer

WOLGAMOTT, Dan

Members excused:

A quorum was present.

Representative Boldon moved that the minutes of February 16, 2022 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Continuation of Governor Walz’s Department of Health Supplemental Budget Briefing

Jan Malcolm, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

Loan Forgiveness Overview and Governor’s Loan Forgiveness Proposal

Zora Radosevich, Director, Office of Rural Health & Primary Care, MDH

**HF853 (Freiberg)** Acupuncture practitioner added to practitioners eligible for health professional education loan forgiveness program, and money appropriated.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF853 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health Finance and Policy Committee bill.

Representative Freiberg moved the H0853A1 Amendment.

Elisabeth Klarqvist, Legislative Analyst, House Research, explained the technical amendment.

Representative Freiberg renewed his motion to adopt the H0853A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg presented his bill.

Testifying:

1. Dr. Amy Mager, DACM, licensed acupuncturist, Vice Chair of Public Policy, American Society Acupuncturists

2. Dr. Chuck Sawyer, Senior Government Affairs Liaison, Northwestern Health Sciences University

Chair Liebling laid over HF853, as amended, for possible inclusion in the Committee bill.

**HF1310 (Huot)** Health professional education loan forgiveness program funding provided for physicians and midlevel practitioners.

Vice Chair Huot moved that HF1310 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health Finance and Policy Committee bill.

Vice Chair Huot moved the H1310DE1 Amendment.

Elisabeth Klarqvist, Legislative Analyst, House Research, explained the technical amendment.

Vice Chair Huot renewed his motion to adopt the H1310DE1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Vice Chair Huot presented his bill.

Testifying:

1. Dr. Cybill Oragwu, Family Physician, Long Prairie

Chair Liebling laid over HF1310, as amended, for possible inclusion in the Committee bill.

HF2715 (Edelson) Home and community-based employee scholarship program modified to permit loan forgiveness, and employment requirements temporarily modified for nursing assistants.

Chair Liebling moved that HF2715 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health Finance and Policy Committee bill.

Chair Liebling moved the H2715A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Edelson explained her bill as amended.

Testifying:

1. Matt Steele, Director of Government Affairs, LeadingAge Minnesota

2. Nicole Mattson, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Care Providers of Minnesota

Chair Liebling laid over HF2715, as amended, for possible inclusion in the Committee bill.

**Informational Hearing Only – HF 3418 (Vang)** Mental health additional professionals made eligible for loan forgiveness under the health professional education loan forgiveness program, mental health provider supervision grant program and mental health professional scholarship grant program established, qualifications modified for case managers, and money appropriated

Representative Vang explained her bill.

Testifying:

1. Alma Marquez, Clinical Social Worker, Wilder Foundation

2. Sue Abderholden, Executive Director, NAMI-Minnesota

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

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Representative Tina Liebling, Chair

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Krysta Niedernhöfer, Committee Legislative Assistant