

**CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES**

Representative Jamie Long, Chair of the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy, called the virtual meeting to order at 10:30 AM on February 25th, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members present:**

Long, Jamie, Chair  
Acomb, Patty, Vice Chair  
Swedzinski, Chris, Republican Lead  
Bierman, Robert  
Boe, Greg  
Christensen, Shelly  
Franson, Mary  
Gruenhagen, Glenn  
Hollins, Athena  
Hornstein, Frank  
Igo, Spencer  
Lee, Fue  
Lippert, Todd  
Lislegard, Dave  
Mekeland, Shane  
Munson, Jeremy  
Stephenson, Zack

A quorum was present.

Bills not introduced at the time of the meeting are indicated by the House Research, Revisor, or Counsel code.

Representative Acomb presented HF 0751, A bill for an act relating to energy; establishing beneficial building electrification goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve public health; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

Representative Acomb moved that HF 0751 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Acomb moved the HF0751A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 0751:

- Margaret Cherne-Hendrick, Lead Director, Energy Transition Fresh Energy
- Andy Snope, Legislative and Political Director, IBEW 292

Representative Acomb renewed her motion that HF 0751, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Acomb presented HF 1256, A bill for an act relating to energy; establishing the Minnesota efficient technology accelerator to benefit Minnesota utility consumers by accelerating deployment and reducing the cost of emerging and innovative efficient technologies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216B.241, by adding a subdivision.

Representative Acomb moved that HF 1256 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Acomb moved the HF1256DE3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 1256:

- Jamie Fitzke, Legislative Policy Manager, Center for Energy and the Environment
- Jeff Harris, Chief Transformation Officer, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance
- Benjamin Stafford, Director of Government Affairs, Clean Energy Economy Minnesota

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF1256A1 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Franson moved to table HF1256.

Representative Franson requested a roll call to the motion to table HF1256.

AYES:

Swedzinski  
Boe  
Franson  
Gruenhagen  
Igo  
Mekeland

NAYS:

Long  
Acomb  
Bierman  
Christensen  
Hollins  
Hornstein

Lee  
Lippert  
Lislegard  
Stephenson

ABSTAINED:  
Munson

There being 6 ayes, 10 nays, and 1 abstention, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Acomb renewed her motion that HF 1256, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Bierman presented House Research BE053, A bill for an act relating to the State Building Code; requiring new construction and major remodeling of residential structures and parking facilities to contain electrical infrastructure to allow for the build-out of electric vehicle charging stations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 326B.106, subdivision 4.

Testifying on House Research BE053:

- Brendan Jordan, Drive Electric Minnesota
- Dean Taylor, Senior Policy Advisor, Plug in America
- Ben Rabe, Building Performance Director, Fresh Energy

Public testimony on House Research BE053:

- Andy Snope, Legislative and Political Director, IBEW 292

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

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Representative Jamie Long, Chair

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Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant