

## 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 15th, 2022 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 or Revisor code.

Presenting on an update to electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Minnesota:

- Tim Sexton, Assistant Commissioner, MN DOT

Presenting on the electric vehicle market and businesses in Minnesota:

- Jukka Kukkonen, Shift2Electric
- Brendan Jordan, Vice President, Drive Electric MN
- Andy Snope, Legislative and Political Director, IBEW 292
- Megan Hoyer, VP for Business Development and Policy, ZEF Electric

Representative Stephenson presented HF 1668, a bill for an act relating to electric vehicles; establishing preference for purchase of electric vehicles for state fleet; requiring certification of training of motor vehicle dealer employees; providing rebates for electric vehicle purchases; requiring certain utilities to file plans with the Public Utilities Commission to promote electric vehicles; awarding grants to automobile dealers to defray cost of manufacturer certification allowing electric vehicle sales; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 16B.24, by adding a subdivision; 16C.135, subdivision 3; 16C.137, subdivision 1; 168.27, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 216B; 216C.

Testifying on HF 1668:

- Amber Backhaus, VP for Public Affairs, MN Automobile Dealers Association
- John Reynolds, State Director, National Federation of Independent Business
- Deb Erwin, Director of Policy and Program Planning for Clean Transportation, Xcel Energy
- Isaac Orr, Policy Fellow, American Experiment
- Mike Bull, Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Minnesota Rural Electric Association

Representative Bierman presented HF 1853, a bill for an act relating to electric vehicles; requiring installation of electric vehicle charging stations in state parks; appropriating money.

Testifying on HF 1853:

- Phil Leversedge, Deputy Director Parks and Trails, Minnesota DNR
- Molly Malone, County Commissioner, Murray County

Representative Bierman presented house research BE 154, a bill for an act relating to transportation; providing financial assistance for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in trunk highway rest areas; appropriating money

Testifying on HR BE 154:

- Erik Rudeen, Legislative Liaison, MN DOT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 AM.

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Representative Jamie Long, Chair

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Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant