

WORKFORCE, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Pinto, Chair of the Workforce, Labor and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM on Wednesday, March 26th, 2025, in the G3 Room of the Capitol.

Chair Baker moved the minutes as amended for Tuesday March 25th, 2025, to be approved.
THE MOTION PREVAILED.

A quorum was present.

Members present:

BAKER, Dave Co-Chair
PINTO, Dave Co-Chair
MEKELAND, Shane Vice-Chair
GREENMAN, EMMA Vice-Chair
BAKEBERG, Ben
BERG, Kaela
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HUSSEIN, Samakab
JOHNSON, Pete
JOHNSON, Wayne
KOZLOWSKI, Liish
MUELLER, Patricia
SCHULTZ, Isaac
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

HF 2146 (Greenman) Annual reports from partnership entities of the Intergovernmental Misclassification Enforcement and Education Partnership required, and money appropriated.

HF 2145 (Greenman) Employer misrepresentation and misconduct penalties increased.

Representative Berg moved that HF 2146 be brought before the committee.

Representative Greenman moved the H2146DE1 amendment to HF 2146 for adoption. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Greenman presented HF 2146 as amended and HF 2145.

Testifiers on HF 2416 and HF2415:

- Jake Schwitzer, Executive Director, North Star Policy Action
- Jesse Madison, Founder and CEO, Purple Tally Productions
- Allana Olson, Member, IATSE Local 13
- Tony McGarvey, Director of Government Affairs, IUPAT

Chair Pinto laid HF 2146 as amended over for future consideration.

Representative Berg moved that HF 2145 be brought before the committee.

Chair Pinto laid HF 2145 over for future consideration.

HF 2440 (Pinto) Department of Employment and Economic Development, and Explore Minnesota Budget Bill.

Representative Berg moved that HF 2440 be brought before the committee.

Representative Berg moved that the A25-0030 amendment to HF 2440 be adopted. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Commissioner Matt Varilek presented HF 2440 as amended.

Testifiers:

- Matt Varilek, Commissioner, Department of Employment and Economic Development
- Lauren Bennett McGinty, Executive Director, Explore Minnesota
- Sarah Knispel, Public Policy Coordinator, NAMI Minnesota
- Peggy Darmody, Program Manager of Employment Services, Guild Services

Chair Pinto laid HF 2440 as amended over for future consideration.

HF 2441 (Pinto) Department of Labor and Industry, Workers Compensation Court of Appeals, and Bureau of Mediation Services Budget Bill.

Representative Berg moved that HF 2441 be brought before the committee.

Commissioner Nicole Blissenbach presented HF 2441.

Testifiers:

- Nicole Blissenbach, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry
- Kate Lynne Snyder, Lobbyist, Education Minnesota
- Mark Brunner, President, Manufactured & Modular Home Association of Minnesota
- Ryan SanCartier, Government Affairs Director, Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association

Chair Pinto laid HF 2441 over as amended for future consideration.

HF 2565 (Lee, K) Ramsey County grant funding provided for workforce development programming, and money appropriated.

Representative Berg moved that HF 2565 be brought before the committee.

Representative Berg moved the H2565DE1 amendment to HF 2565. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Lee presented HF 2565 as amended.

Testifiers:

- Gay Wah, Graduate, Tech Squad Program

Representative Berg moved that HF 2565 as amended be recommended to be referred to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 1506 (Kozlowski) - Entrepreneur Fund grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Kozlowski moved that HF 1506 be brought before the committee.

Representative Kozlowski presented HF 1506.

Testifier:

- Shawn Wellnitz, CEO and President, Entrepreneur Fund

Chair Pinto laid HF 1506 over for future consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 AM.

Dave Pinto

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

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Carl Kaase, Committee Legislative Assistant