

**COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on March 22, 2023 in Room 10 of the State Office Building. It was broadcast via House Public Information Services.

Members Present:

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair  
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair  
O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead  
BIERMAN, Robert  
CHA, Ethan  
DAUDT, Kurt  
DOTSETH, Jeff  
FREIBERG, Mike  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
KOEGL, Erin  
KRAFT, Larry  
LIEBLING, Tina  
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne  
NISKA, Harry  
PERRYMAN, Bernie  
PFARR, Brian  
TABKE, Brad

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved approval of the minutes from March 20, 2023. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2300 (Stephenson); Premium discounts and rate reductions provided, strengthen Minnesota homes program established, account established, and rulemaking authorized.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF2300 be recommended to be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF2300, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2823 (Lee); Deceptive trade practices and consumer fraud governing provisions modified.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF2823 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Commerce Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Chair Stephenson moved the H2823A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Lee presented HF2823 as amended.

The following testified on HF2823 as amended:

Jason Pleggenkuhle, Assistant Attorney General, Minnesota Attorney General's Office (AGO)

Beth Kadoun, Vice President, Tax and Fiscal Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Bruce Nustad, President, Minnesota Retailers Association (MnRA)

Jennifer Breitenger, Lobbyist, Minnesotans for Lawsuit Reform (MnFLR)

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF2823, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF2100 (Jordan); Air ventilation program established for public school buildings, grants authorized, and money appropriated.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF2100 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Commerce Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Jordan presented HF2100.

The following testified on HF2100:

Colin Beere, Director of Government Affairs, Sheet Metal Workers Local 10 (SMART)

John Quarnstrom, CEO, Sheet Metal, Air Conditioning and Roofing Contractors Association (SMARCA)

Ken McCraley, Owner, KMS Air Duct Cleaning

David Radziej, President, Minnesota Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling Contractors Association (MNPHCC)

Janey Atchison, Teacher, Saint Paul Public Schools

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF2100 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF1189 (Freiberg); Time limitation requirements modified for motor vehicle insurance policies.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF1189 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Freiberg moved the H1189DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg presented HF1189 as amended.

The following testified on HF1189 as amended:  
Chuck Slane, President, Minnesota Association for Justice  
Joel Carlson, Lobbyist, Minnesota Association for Justice

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that HF1189, as amended, be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1540 (Koegel); Mental Health Parity and Substance Abuse Accountability Office established in Department of Commerce, and money appropriated.

Representative Koegel moved that HF1540 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Commerce Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Koegel presented HF1540.

The following testified on HF1540:  
Bill Amberg, Lobbyist, Minnesota Psychiatric Society

Representative Koegel renewed the motion that HF1540 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF2891 (Torkelson); Automobile self-insurance governing provisions modified.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF2891 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Commerce Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Chair Stephenson moved the H2891DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Torkelson presented HF2891 as amended.

The following testified on HF2891 as amended:  
Bruce Kleven, Lobbyist,  
Jon Kelly, Director of Government Affairs, Department of Commerce

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF2891, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 PM.

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Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair

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Jack Dockendorf, Committee Legislative Assistant