

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE AND POLICY

MINUTES

Representative West, Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:01 P.M. on February 18, 2025, in Room 123 of the State Capitol. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

WEST, Nolan, Chair
NELSON, Nathan, Vice Chair
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, DFL Lead
ALTENDORF, Pam
COULTER, Nathan
HANSON, Jessica
HEMMINGSSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HICKS, Kim
McDONALD, Joe
NADEAU, Danny
OLSON, Bjorn (Remote)
PÉREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Non-Voting Member present:

SENCER-MURA, Samantha

HF633 (Nadeau) Licensed in-home childcare providers credit established, and money appropriated.

Representative Nadeau moved HF633 before the committee.

Representative Nadeau moved to adopt the DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Grant Johnson, Co-Director, Susan S. Johnson Child Family Care Center.
Cyndi Cunningham, Chairperson, Lead and Care Public Policy.

Vice Chair Nelson assumed the gavel at 3:25 PM.

Chair West assumed the gavel at 3:26 PM.

Representative Nadeau moved HF633, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF656 (Zelevnikar) Child Care Licensing; variances to licensed capacity allowed.

Representative Zelevnikar moved HF656 before the committee.

Representative Zelevnikar moved to adopt the A2 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Ari Didion, Director of Legislation and External Affairs, Office of Inspector General, Department of Human Services.

Chair West laid over HF656, as amended.

HF655 (Zelevnikar) Family childcare capacity limits amended.

Representative Zelevnikar moved HF655 before the committee.

Representative Zelevnikar moved to adopt the A1 amendment.

Representative Zelevnikar moved the following oral amendment to the H0655A1 amendment: On P.1, L.4, delete “delete “two” and insert “four and”. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE ORAL AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Zelevnikar renewed the motion to adopt the A1 amendment, as amended. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED, WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Cyndi Cunningham, Lead and Child Care Policy Chairperson.

Chair West laid over HF655, as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Representative Nolan West, Chair

Elizabeth Laukka, Committee Legislative Assistant