

**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 March 22nd, 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.

Representative Reyer presented HF 4404, a bill for an act relating to solar energy; establishing a program to award grants for the installation of solar energy generating systems on public buildings; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

Representative Long moved that HF 4404 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Long moved the HF4404A1 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 4404:

- Logan O'Grady, Executive Director, MnSEIA
- Isabel Ricker, Senior Manager, Fresh Energy

- Dr. Kate Knuth, 100% Campaign
- Mike Supina, Council Member, City of Eagan

Representative Gruenhagen moved the HF4404A2 amendment.

Representative Gruenhagen requested a roll call on the HF4404A2 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski  
Boe  
Franson  
Gruenhagen  
Igo  
Mekeland  
Munson

NAYS:

Long  
Acomb  
Bierman  
Christensen  
Hollins  
Hornstein  
Lee  
Lippert  
Lislegard  
Stephenson

There being 7 ayes and 10 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Long renewed his motion that HF 4404, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Long passed the gavel to Representative Acomb at 10:59am.

Representative Long presented HF 4402, a bill for an act relating to energy; extending the solar energy production incentive program; establishing an energy storage incentive program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 116C.7792; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

Representative Long moved that HF 4402 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Long moved the HF4402A1 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 4402:

- Logan O'Grady, Executive Director, MnSEIA
- Michael Allen, President, All Energy Solar
- Donna Pickard, Solar Permissions Manager, TruNorth Solar

Representative Long renewed his motion that HF 4402, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Long presented HF 4305, a bill for an act relating to taxation; production tax; creating an exemption from the solar energy production tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 272.0295, subdivision 2.

Representative Long moved that HF 4305 be re-referred to the committee on taxes

Testifying on HF 4305:

- Logan O'Grady, Executive Director, MnSEIA
- Daniel Wellingham, Tax Counsel, Renewable Energy Alternatives
- David Shaffer, Director of Policy & Government Affairs, Novel Energy Solutions

Representative Long renewed his motion that HF 4305 be re-referred to the committee on taxes.

Representative Long requested a roll call on his motion that HF 4305 be re-referred to the committee on taxes.

AYES:

Long  
Acomb  
Bierman  
Boe  
Christensen  
Hollins  
Hornstein  
Lee  
Lippert  
Lislegard

NAYS:

Swedzinski  
Franson  
Gruenhagen  
Igo  
Mekeland  
Munson

ABSTAINED:

Stephenson

There being 10 ayes, 6 nays, and 1 excused, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Acomb passed the gavel to Representative Long at 11:34am.

Representative Hollins presented HF 3897, a bill for an act relating to energy; establishing a grant program to upgrade electric panels in residential buildings; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

Representative Hollins moved that HF 3897 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Hollins moved the HF3897DE1 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF3897:

- Justin Fay, Lead Director of Public Affairs, Fresh Energy
- Mari Ojeda, Policy Associate, Energy Access and Equity, Fresh Energy
- Jamal Lewis, Director of Policy Partnerships and Equitable Electrification, Rewiring America
- Mike Robertson, Program Manager, A Brush with Kindness, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

Representative Hollins renewed her motion that HF 3897, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion.

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