

Commerce Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative O'Driscoll, Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, officially called the meeting to order at 8:18AM, on March 13, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

O'DRISCOLL, Tim, Chair
PERRYMAN, Bernie, Vice Chair
ALLEN, Keith
CHA, Ethan
DAVIDS, Greg
DOTSETH, Jeff
ELKINS, Steve
FALCONER, Alex
HEINTZEMAN, Josh
HUOT, John
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
KRESHA, Ron
REYER, Liz
RYMER, Max
SMITH, Andy
STEPHENSON, Zack
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott
WEST, Nolan

Non-Voting member present:

HER, Kaohly Vang

Representative Stephenson moved the minutes of March 12, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED**

HF 1262 (Franson) Food truck license established for the sale of intoxicating liquor.

Chair O'Driscoll moved HF 1262 before the committee to be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

Testifiers:

Jasson Schmidt, Owner, Smokin' Brews & Ques

Chair O'Driscoll renewed the motion that HF 1262 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

HF 1741 (Kraft) St. Louis Park allowed to issue a food hall license.

Chair O'Driscoll moved HF 1747 before the committee to be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

Chair O'Driscoll moved that the A1 amendment be adopted **THE MOTION PREVAILED**

Testifiers:

Patricia Wall, Owner, Food Hall Malcom Yards

Chair O'Driscoll renewed the motion that HF 1747 as amended be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

HF 1876 (Jones) Minneapolis; issuance of food hall license authorized.

Chair O'Driscoll moved HF 1876 before the committee to be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

Chair O'Driscoll renewed the motion that HF 1876 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

HF 472 (Frederick) Mankato; special liquor license authorized.

Chair O'Driscoll moved HF 472 before the committee to be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

Testifiers:

Kevin Buisman, Director of Athletics, University of Minnesota, Mankato

Chair O'Driscoll renewed the motion that HF 472 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

HF1668 (Gander) Requirements of liquor license issued to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota modified.

Chair O'Driscoll moved HF 1668 before the committee to be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

Testifiers:

Amy Keran, Director of Contract Administration, University of Minnesota

Chair O'Driscoll renewed the motion that HF 1668 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

HF 2055 (Perez-Vega) On-Sale intoxicating liquor license to Science Museum and Union Depot.

Chair O'Driscoll moved HF 2055 before the committee to be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

Testifiers:

Dan Niziolek, Deputy Director, Department of Safety and Inspections

Tara Uppman, Director of Advancement Services, Science Museum of Minnesota

Chair O'Driscoll renewed the motion that HF 2055 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

HF 1786 (Roach) Cities Authorized to issue on-sale intoxicating liquor license to a licensed cosmetology salon.

Chair O'Driscoll moved HF 1786 before the committee to be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

Testifiers:

Laura Hanks, Owner, Main Street Salon & Apparel CO.

Chair O'Driscoll renewed the motion that HF 1786 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

HF 1089 (Coulter) Bloomington; city authorized to issue on-sale licenses to the Dawn Golf Course.

Chair O'Driscoll moved HF 1089 before the committee to be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

Chair O'Driscoll moved that the A1 amendment be adopted **THE MOTION PREVAILED**

Testifiers:

Ann Kattreh, Director, Bloomington Parks and Recreation

Chair O'Driscoll renewed the motion that HF 1876 as amended be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

HF 1121 (Duran) Lake of the Woods County issuance of temporary liquor licenses notwithstanding a restriction in law authorized.

Chair O'Driscoll moved HF 1121 before the committee to be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

Testifiers:

Anthony Pirkl, Public Works Director, Lake of the Woods County.

Chair O'Driscoll renewed the motion that HF 1121 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill

HF 509 (Smith) Rochester; Chateau Theater allowed an on-sale intoxicating liquor license.

Representative Smith moved HF 509 before the committee to be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

Testifiers:

Christiann Cartwright, Rochester Deputy City Clerk

Representative Smith renewed the motion that HF 509 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

Informational hearing on HF XXXX

HF XXXX (Kotyza-Witthuhn) Wine Shipment limits increased.

Testifiers:

Joel Carlson, Minnesota Wine and Spirits Wholesalers Association

Vice Chair Perryman assumed the gavel 9:52AM

HF 2027 (O'Driscoll) Persons that are 17 years of age permitted to serve alcoholic beverages.

Chair O'Driscoll moved HF 2027 before the committee to be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

Testifiers:

Wade Luneburg, UNITE HERE Local 17

Chair O'Driscoll renewed the motion that HF 2027 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

HF 1545 (O'Driscoll) Persons that are 17 years of age permitted to serve alcoholic beverages.

Chair O'Driscoll moved HF 1545 before the committee to be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

Chair O'Driscoll renewed the motion that HF 1545 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future liquor bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00AM

Representative Tim O'Driscoll, Chair

Karen Hartwig, Committee Legislative Assistant