

JUDICIARY FINANCE AND CIVIL LAW MINUTES

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law, called the virtual meeting to order at 8:30 AM on February 10, 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:

Becker-Finn, Jamie, Chair
Moller, Kelly, Vice Chair
Scott, Peggy, Republican Lead
Feist, Sandra
Frazier, Cedrick
Grossell, Matt
Her, Kaohly
Hollins, Athena
Johnson, Brian
Liebling, Tina
Long, Jamie
Mortensen, Erik
Novotny, Paul
Pfarr, Brian
Robbins, Kristin
Vang, Samantha
Xiong, Tou

A quorum was present.

Representative Robbins moved that the minutes of February 8, 2022 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Her moved that HF 835, as amended, be recommended to be re-referred to the Housing Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Her presented HF 835 as amended, a bill for an act relating to housing; creating specific notice requirements for evictions due to nonpayment of rent; expanding eligibility for discretionary and mandatory expungements for eviction case court files; prohibiting rental discrimination based on a tenant's receipt of public housing assistance; limiting public access to pending eviction case court actions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 363A.09, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 484.014, subdivisions 2, 3; 504B.135; 504B.321.

Testifying on HF 835:

- Leah DeGrazia, Housing Attorney, HOME Line
- Shana Tomenes, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Housing Justice Center
- Katie Kramer, Policy Director, Violence Free Minnesota
- Lucretia Brewer, public testimony

Representative Her renewed the motion that HF 835, as amended, be re-referred to the Housing Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Becker-Finn requested a roll call on HF 835 as amended.

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There being 10 ayes and 7 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Her moved that HF 398 be recommended to be re-referred to the Housing Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Her moved that the H0398A1 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Her presented HF 398 as amended, a bill for an act relating to housing; amending the covenants implied in a residential lease; providing for tenants remedies against landlords for repairs; allowing a tenant to request emergency repairs from the court; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 504B.161, subdivision 1; 504B.375, subdivision 1; 504B.381, subdivisions 1, 5, by adding a subdivision.

Testifying on HF 398:

- Leah DeGrazia, Housing Attorney, HOME Line

Representative Her renewed the motion that HF 398, as amended, be re-referred to the Housing Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Becker-Finn requested a roll call on HF 398 as amended.

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There being 10 ayes and 7 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Her moved that HF 399 be recommended to be re-referred to the Housing Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Her moved that the H0399A1 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Her moved that the H0399A2 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Her presented HF 399 as amended, a bill for an act relating to housing; prohibiting landlords from imposing certain fees; restricting entry by a landlord and amending fees for improper entry; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 504B.211, subdivisions 2, 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 504B.

Testifying on HF 399:

- Leah DeGrazia, Housing Attorney, HOME Line
- Michael Dahl, Public Policy Director, HOME Line

Representative Her renewed the motion that HF 399, as amended, be re-referred to the Housing Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Becker-Finn requested a roll call on HF 399 as amended.

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There being 10 ayes and 7 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 400 be recommended to be re-referred to the Housing Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that the H0400A3 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Scott moved that the H0400A4 be adopted. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Her presented HF 400 as amended, a bill for an act relating to civil law; landlord and tenant; establishing termination of lease upon infirmity of tenant; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 504B.

Testifying on HF 400:

- Leah DeGrazia, Housing Attorney, HOME Line

Representative Her renewed the motion that HF 400, as amended, be re-referred to the Housing Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Becker-Finn requested a roll call on HF 400 as amended.

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EXCUSALS

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There being 15 ayes, 1 nay and 1 excusal, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 AM.

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair

Anna Borgerding, Committee Legislative Assistant