

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 February 18th, 2021 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

Vice Chair Acomb moved that the minutes of February 9th, 2021, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentations were made on Electric Vehicles in Minnesota:

- Brendan Jordan, Drive Electric Minnesota
- Josh Fisher, Alliance for Automotive Innovation
- Jukka Kukkonen, Shift 2 Electric
- Dean Taylor, Plug in America
- Wayne Kugel, Zeus Electric Chassis

Bills not introduced at the time of the meeting are indicated by the House Research or Revisor code.

Representative Stephenson presented House Research BE039, A bill for an act relating to electric vehicles; establishing preference for purchase of electric vehicles for state fleet; requiring certification of training of motor vehicle dealer employees; providing rebates for electric vehicle purchases; requiring certain utilities to file plans with the Public Utilities Commission to promote electric vehicles; awarding grants to automobile dealers to defray cost of manufacturer certification allowing electric vehicle sales; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 16B.24, by adding a subdivision; 16C.135, subdivision 3; 16C.137, subdivision 1; 168.27, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 216B; 216C.

Testifying on House Research BE039:

- Amber Backhaus, Vice President of Public Affairs, Minnesota Auto Dealers
- Holly Hinman, Xcel Energy

Representative Lee presented House Research BE043, A bill for an act relating to electric buses; requiring the purchase of electric buses by the Metropolitan Council; appropriating money.

Testifying on House Research BE043:

- Anjali Bains, Senior Policy Associate, Fresh Energy

Representative Hollins presented House Research BE048, A bill for an act relating to energy; allowing a public utility to file a program with the Public Utilities Commission to promote the deployment of electric school buses; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

Testifying on House Research BE048:

- Holly Hinman, Xcel Energy
- Anjali Bains, Senior Policy Associate, Fresh Energy

Representative Bierman presented House Research BE044, A bill for an act relating to electric vehicles; requiring installation of electric vehicle charging stations in state parks; appropriating money.

Testifying on House Research BE044:

- Phil Leversedge, Parks and Trails Deputy Director, DNR

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Representative Jamie Long, Chair

Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant

