

Human Services Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Joe Schomacker, Chair of the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:17AM on February 27, 2025, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SCHOMACKER, Joe Chair
GILLMAN, Dawn Vice Chair
NOOR, Mohamud
KEELER, Heather
BACKER, Jeff
CURRAN, Brion
FISCHER, Peter
FRANSON, Mary
FREDERICK, Luke
GANDER, Steve
GORDON, Jimmy
MOMANYI-HILTSLEY, Huldah
JACOB, Steve
KNUDSEN Krista
MURPHY, Tom
NORRIS, Matt

Non-voting member present:

VIRNIG, Bianca

Members excused:

HICKS, Kim

A quorum was present.

Representative Noor moved the minutes of Feb 26, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Leah Solo, Executive Director of the Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board provided an overview of the Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board.

Vice Chair Gillman assumed the gavel at 9:02AM.

HF 1419 (Schomacker) – Elderly waiver rates and nursing facility reimbursement rates modified.

Chair Schomacker moved HF 1419 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Toby Pearson, CEO, Care Providers of MN
Laura Salonek, Administrator, Good Samaritan Society – Howard Lake
Nathan Johnson, CEO, PioneerCare – Fergus Falls, Minnesota
Kari Thurlow, LeadingAge of MN

Chair Schomacker laid over HF1419.

Chair Schomacker assumed the gavel at 9:24AM.

The committee went into recess at 9:24AM.

The committee reconvened at 9:30AM.

HF 500 (Zeleznikar) – Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board repealed.

Chair Schomacker moved that HF 500 be re-referred to the Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Schomacker moved to adopt the DE2 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Erin Huppert, LeadingAge Minnesota (Long-Term Care Imperative)
Kyle Berndt, Long-Term Care Imperative
Teresa Brees, SEIU Healthcare, MN & IA
Brian Elliot, SEIU MN State Council
Vikki Knigge, local president of 105-96, AFSCME 65
Taya Gargano, AFSCME Local 1851
Geraldine (Geri) Miller, President of AFSCME 65 Local 1851

Chair Schomacker renewed the motion to re-refer HF500 to the Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee as amended.

Representative Noor requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

SCHOMACKER, Joe Chair
GILLMAN, Dawn Vice Chair
BACKER, Jeff
FRANSON, Mary
GANDER, Steve
GORDON, Jimmy
JACOB, Steve
KNUDSEN, Krista
MURPHY, Tom

NAYS:

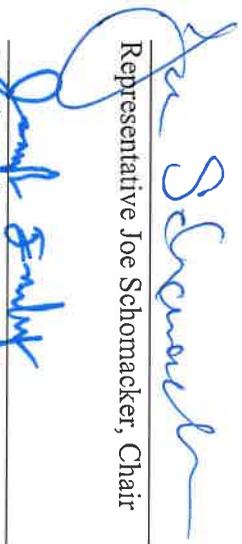
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NORRIS, Matt

EXCUSED:

HICKS, Kim

On a vote of 9 AYES and 7 NAYS, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01AM.


Representative Joe Schomacker, Chair


Joseph Fruehauf, Committee Legislative Assistant