

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Backer, Chair of the Health Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:02PM, on March 17th, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

BACKER, Jeff, Chair
NADEAU, Danny, Vice-Chair
BIERMAN, Robert, DFL Caucus Lead
BAHNER, Kristin
CARROLL, Ned
DIPPEL, Tom
ELKINS, Steve
FRANSON, Mary
GILLMAN, Dawn
HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HUOT, John
KNUDSEN, Krista
LIEBLING, Tina
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
PERRYMAN, Bernie
PURSELL, Kristi
REPINSKI, Aaron
REYER, Liz
SCHOMACKER, Joe
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Non-Voting member present:

KEELER, Heather

Members excused:

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

HF1903 (Novotny) Safe Place for Newborns provisions modified.

Chair Backer moved HF1903 before the committee.

Chair Backer moved to adopt the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Testifiers:

Karlie Myette;
Nicole Hoffman.

Chair Backer laid over HF1903 as amended for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF499 (Zeleznikar) Nurse temporary permits extended from 60 days to 90 days.

Chair Backer moved HF499 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Theresa Hannu, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, Aspirus St. Luke's;
Ursula Poolaw-Ruth, RN, Minnesota Nurses Association.

Chair Backer laid over HF499 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF794 (Nadeau) Dementia services program established, and money appropriated.

Chair Backer moved HF499 before the committee.

Chair Backer moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Robert Freeman, Vice President of Public Policy, Alzheimer's Association (MN/ND).

Chair Backer laid over HF794 as amended for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF837 (O'Driscoll) Commissioner of commerce required to request the continuation of a state innovation waiver, and money transferred from the general fund to the premium security plan account.

Chair Backer moved HF837 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Dan Endreson, Senior Director of Policy and Government Affairs, Minnesota Council of Health Plans;

Sydney Spreck, Political Affairs Coordinator, Minnesota Association of Professional Employees (MAPE);

Bentley Graves, Director of Health Care & Transportation Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce;

Paula Craiggo, retired physician;

Anne Neu Brindley, Policy Director, Minnesota Business Partnership;

Mike Anderson, National Association of Benefit & Insurance Professionals;

Mary Krinkie, Vice President, Government Relations, Minnesota Hospital Association.

Representative Elkins moved to adopt the A3 amendment.

Representative Elkins withdrew the A3 amendment.

Representative Elkins moved to adopt the A4 amendment.

Representative Elkins withdrew the A4 amendment.

Chair Backer renewed the motion that HF837 be rereferred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.



Representative Jeff Backer, Chair



Kaylyn Scourbys, Committee Legislative Assistant