

WORKFORCE, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Baker, Chair of the Workforce, Labor and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM on Wednesday April 2nd, 2025, in the G3 Room of the Capitol.

A quorum was present.

Members present:

BAKER, Dave Co-Chair
PINTO, Dave Co-Chair
MEKELAND, Shane Vice-Chair
GREENMAN, EMMA Vice-Chair
BAKEBERG, Ben
BERG, Kaela
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HUSSEIN, Samakab
JOHNSON, Pete
JOHNSON, Wayne
KOZLOWSKI, Liish
MUELLER, Patricia
SCHULTZ, Isaac
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Vice Chair Mekeland moved the minutes for Tuesday, April 1st, to be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

H.F. 3030 (Igo) – Providing additional unemployment insurance benefits and rulemaking facilitated.

Chair Baker moved that H.F. 3030 be brought before the committee.

Representative Schultz moved that the A1 amendment to HF3030 be adopted. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Tom Johnson, MPCA Government Relations Director
Al King, President, USM Local 6115 Minorca
Chris Johnson, President, USM Local 2705 HibTac, via zoom
John Arbogast, USW Staff Representative
Cathy Chavers, via zoom
Mike Jugovich, St. Louis County Commissioner
Paul Peltier, Executive Director, Range Assoc. of Municipalities and Schools

Representative P. Johnson moved amendment H3030DE1 and requested roll call. The results were as follows:

AYES
Berg
Frazier
Greenman
Hussein

Johnson, P.
Kozlowski
Pinto

NAYS
Baker
Mekeland
Bakeberg
Johnson, W.
Mueller
Schultz
Zelevnikar

On a vote of 7 AYES and 7 NAYS, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Representative Schultz moved that HF 3030, as amended, be referred to the Way and Means Committee, and requested a roll call. The results were as follows:

AYES:
Baker
Mekeland
Bakeberg
Johnson, W.
Mueller
Schultz
Zelevnikar

NAYS:
Berg
Frazier
Greenman
Hussein
Johnson, P.
Kozlowski
Pinto

On a vote of 7 AYES and 7 NAYES, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Chair Baker laid over H.F. 3030, as amended, for future consideration.

H.F.2390 (Sexton) – Southeast Minnesota Workforce Development Area Grant Funding

Chair Baker moved that H.F.2390 be brought before the committee.

Testifiers:

Jimmy Rietmann, Executive Director, Workforce Development Inc.
Shaylee Gates Program Participant

H.F. 2390 was laid over for future consideration.

H.F. 2468 (Nelson) – Mental health in the construction industry funding provided.

Chair Baker moved that H.F. 2468 be brought before the committee.

Testifiers:

Joel Smith, President and Business Manager, LIUNA Minnesota and North Dakota
Tim Worke, CEO Associated General Contractors of MN

H.F. 2468 was laid over for future consideration.

H.F. 3033 (Van Binsbergen) -Appropriating money for a wastewaters industry facility for the first district in Litchfield, MN

The committee held an informational hearing on H.F. 3033.

Testifier:

Bob Huffman, CEO First District

H.F. 2882 (Baker) Certain well contractors exempted from the Departments of Labor and Industry plan review and inspection requirements.

Vice-Chair Mekeland assumed the gavel at 10:43 AM.

Chair Baker moved that H.F 2882 be brought before the committee.

Testifier:

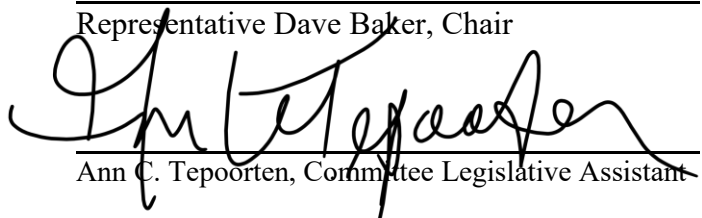
Josiah Moore, Legislative Director, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry
Bruce Kleven, Minnesota Water Well Association
Sam Steffl, Steffl Drilling of Willmar, MN

H.F. 2882 was laid over for future consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.



Representative Dave Baker, Chair



Ann C. Tepoorten, Committee Legislative Assistant