

**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES**

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members Present:**

HANSEN, Rick (Chair)  
JORDAN, Sydney (Vice Chair)  
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (GOP Lead)  
BRAND, Jeff  
BURKEL, John  
FINKE, Leigh  
FISCHER, Peter  
GILLMAN, Dawn  
JACOB, Steven  
LEE, Fue  
LISLEGARD, Dave  
PURSELL, Kristi  
SCHULTZ, Isaac  
SKRABA, Roger  
VANG, Samantha

**Members Excused:**

EDELSON, Heather

A quorum was present.

Representative Fischer moved to approve the minutes from Tuesday, March 21, 2023. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2831 (Finke); Emerald ash borer response grant program established, and money appropriated.

Representative Finke moved that HF2831 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Finke moved to adopt the DE4 amendment.

Representative Finke moved to incorporate an oral amendment to the DE4 amendment, as below:

- Page 2, Line 2.27, delete “Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.779, subdivision 1, paragraph (j),”

THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE ORAL AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED.

Representative Finke renewed the motion to adopt the DE4 amendment, as incorporated. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT, AS INCORPORATED, WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Finke presented HF2831, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Ken Smith, President and CEO, District Energy
- Victoria Reinhardt, Executive Committee Member, Partnership on Waste and Energy; County Commissioner, Ramsey County Board of Commissioners
- George Damian, Director of Public Affairs, Clean Energy Economy Minnesota
- Kirk Koudelka, Assistant Commissioner for Land and Strategic Initiatives, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

- Amy Kay Kerber, Forestry Outreach and Legislative Affairs Supervisor, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division
- Brian Rice, General Counsel, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board

Representative Finke renewed the motion that HF2831, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF2348 (Tabke); Shooting sports facility grants funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Hansen moved that HF2348 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Tabke presented HF2348.

Testifying on the bill:

- John Nelson, President, USA Clay Target League
- Tom Casey, Chair, Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF2348 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF1130 (Tabke); Cities authorized to adopt pesticide control ordinances.

Chair Hansen moved that HF1130 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Tabke presented HF1130.

Testifying on the bill:

- Erin Rupp, Founder and Executive Director, Pollinate Minnesota
- Daniel Papineau, Director of Government Affairs, TruGreen
- Roger Mackedanz, Assistant Director, Minnesota Department of Agriculture Pesticide and Fertilizer Management Division

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF1130 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Representative Jordan assumed the gavel at 4:01 P.M.

HF1317 (Hansen); Agriculture; terms defined; use, storage, disposal, and sale of pesticide-treated seed regulated; label statements for pesticide-treated seed required; consumer guidance required; rulemaking required; penalties modified; and money appropriated.

Chair Hansen moved that HF1317 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen presented HF1317.

Testifying on the bill:

- Chris Cowen, Lobbyist, Pesticide Action Network
- Margot Monson, Resident, St. Paul, Minnesota
- Pierce Bennett, Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
- Amanda Bilek, Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Corn Growers Association
- Bruce Kleven, Lobbyist, Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers
- Dave Banke, Director, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Resource Management Division

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF1317 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF2564 (Hansen); Snowmobile registration provisions modified, accounts established, state parks and trails provisions modified, Minnesota Naturalist Corps eligibility modified, timber provisions modified, water permit application requirements modified, resident license requirements modified, walk-in access program modified, use of motorized vehicles in wildlife management areas modified, permits to take wild animals under federal incidental take permit authorized, hunting and fishing and elk management provisions modified, nonlethal control of deer and elk causing damage provided, wanton waste provisions modified, open season dates clarified, and money appropriated.

Chair Hansen moved that HF2564 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen presented HF2564.

Testifying on the bill:

- Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF2564 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF1680 (Hansen); Sustainable diversion limits on groundwater appropriations provided.

Chair Hansen moved that HF1680 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen moved to adopt the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Hansen presented HF1680, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Katy Smith, Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Ecological and Water Resources Division
- Tony Kwilas, Lobbyist, Irrigators Association of Minnesota

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF1680, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF1862 (Hansen); County approval requirements for land acquisitions.

Chair Hansen moved that HF1862 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen presented HF1862.

Testifying on the bill:

- Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Todd Patzer, President, Association of Minnesota Counties; County Commissioner, Lac qui Parle County

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF1862 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF1283 (Hansen); Environment; PFAS-related rulemaking required.

Chair Hansen moved that HF1283 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen moved to adopt the DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Hansen presented HF1283, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Avonna Starck, Minnesota State Director, Clean Water Action
- Tony Kwilas, Director of Environmental Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- Andrea Lovoll, Legislative Director, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF1283 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF2745 (Myers); Deposit of waste prohibited outside a shelter, motor vehicle, or any other conveyance on ice of state waters; and report on options for funding additional enforcement of laws on ice of state waters required.

Representative Heintzeman moved that HF2745 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Myers presented HF2745.

Testifying on the bill:

- Robyn Dwight, President, Upper Red Lake Area Association; President, Keep it Clean
- Col. Rodmen Smith, Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Enforcement Division

Representative Heintzeman renewed the motion that HF2745 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 P.M.

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Representative Rick Hansen, Chair

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Sam O'Neill, Committee Legislative Assistant