

HUMAN SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair of the Committee on Human Services Policy called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 in room 200 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

FISCHER, Peter, Chair
FREDERICK, Luke, Vice Chair
KIEL, Debra, Lead
CURRAN, Brion
EDELSON, Heather
ENGEN, Elliot
FINKE, Leigh
HICKS, Kim
NOOR, Mohamud
NOVOTNY, Paul

Excused

BACKER, Jeff
BAKER, Dave
HANSON, Jessica

A quorum was present.

Representative Engen moved to approve the minutes from February 26. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3483 (Feist) Guardian immunity amended, guardianship take force created, and report required

Chair Fischer moved that HF 3483 be referred to the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee.

Rep. Feist explained the A2 author's amendment.

Chair Fischer moved the A2 author's amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Rep. Feist presented HF 3483, as amended.

Testifiers:

- Anne Murray, Parent
- Emily Weischel, Attorney, Hennepin Adult Representation Services
- Kristine Sundberg, Executive Director, Elder Voice Advocates
- Megan Kelly, Attorney, Northwoods Law Group
- Trevor Turner, Public Policy Director, Minnesota Council on Disability
- Lillian Sachin, Attorney
- Christine Hollingsworth, Presbyterian Family Foundation
- Mark Hughes, Community Advocate

Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF 3483, as amended, be referred to the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3712 (Hicks) Implementation of new rates for family residential services and life sharing services delayed, Advisory Task Force on Family Residential Services established, reports required, and money appropriated.

Rep. Hicks moved that HF 3712 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Rep. Hicks moved the A1 authors amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Rep. Hicks presented HF 3712, as amended.

Testifiers on HF 3712, as amended:

- Sara Grafstrom, Senior Director of State and Federal Policy, Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (ARRM)
- Jason Steck, Attorney, Minnesota Association of Residential Services Homes
- Angela Strasser, Family Residential Services Provider, Farmington
- Sandra Donohue, Family Residential Services Provider, Donohue Foster Services

Rep. Hicks renewed the motion to move HF 3712, as amended, to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3939 (Curran) Foster care licensing moratorium modified

Rep. Curran moved that HF 3939 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Rep. Curran moved the DE1 author's amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Rep. Curran presented HF 3939 as amended.

Testifiers on HF 3939, as amended:

- Ken Bence, Director of Research Analysis and Policy, Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (ARRM)
- Jason Steck, Attorney, Minnesota Association of Residential Services Homes

Rep. Curran renewed the motion that HF 3939, as amended, be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3940 (Curran) Disability waiver technology provisions modified

Rep. Curran moved that HF 3940 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Rep. Curran presented the bill.

Testifiers:

- Alaina Gallagher, Executive Project Manager, Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (ARRM)
- Matthew Freeman, Minnesota Counties

Rep. Curran renewed the motion that HF 3940 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3907 (Virnig) Own home services provider capacity-building grants established, and money appropriated

Chair Fischer moved that HF 3907 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee

Rep. Virnig presented the bill.

Testifiers:

- Johnny Tvedt, Policy and Engagement Manager, Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (ARRM)
- Stacy Roe, Board President, Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (ARRM) & Vice of President of Services, Mains'l

Chair Fischer renewed the motion to send HF 3907 to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair

Spencer Crose, Committee Legislative Assistant