

**JUDICIARY FINANCE AND CIVIL LAW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law, called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. on February 29, 2023, in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members Present:**

BECKER-FINN, Jamie (Chair)  
FRAZIER, Cedrick (Vice-Chair)  
SCOTT, Peggy (Republican Lead)  
CARROLL, Ned  
CURRAN, Brion  
FEIST, Sandra  
FINKE, Leigh  
FREDERICK, Luke  
GROSSELL, Matt  
JOHNSON, Brian  
MOLLER, Kelly  
NISKA, Harry  
WIENS, Mark

A quorum was present.

Representative Scott moved that the minutes of February 22, 2024, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4021 (Frederick) Changes made to provisions in Minnesota Human Rights Act, and civil penalty and punitive damages provided.

Representative Frederick moved that HF 4021 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Frederick moved the H4021A3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Frederick presented HF 4021 as amended.

Testifying on HF 4021 as amended:

- Rebecca Lucero, Commissioner, Department of Human Rights

Representative Niska moved the H4021A2 amendment.

Testifying on H4021A2:

- Zaheer Baber, President, Islamic Center of Minnesota
- Dan Beckering, Head of School, Southwest Christian High School
- Frederic Hinz, Public Policy Director, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
- Yen Fasano, Associate Director of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Drexel Mission Schools Initiative

Representative Finke requested a roll call on H4021A2.

The clerk took the roll on H4021A2:

AYES  
Scott  
Grossell

Johnson  
Niska  
Wiens

NAYS  
Becker-Finn  
Frazier  
Carroll  
Curran  
Feist  
Finke  
Frederick  
Moller

There being 5 ayes and 8 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Frederick renewed the motion that HF 4021 as amended be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Johnson requested a roll call on HF 4021.

The clerk took the roll on HF 4021:

AYES  
Becker-Finn  
Frazier  
Carroll  
Curran  
Feist  
Finke  
Frederick  
Moller

NAYS  
Scott  
Grossell  
Johnson  
Niska  
Wiens

There being 8 ayes and 5 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3640 (Her) Discrimination based on source of income prohibited.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 3640 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Her presented HF 3640.

Testifying on HF 3640:

- Rebecca Lucero, Commissioner, Department of Human Rights
- Ivory Taylor, Housing Justice Center
- Heidi Storm, Housing Justice Center
- Holly Brannick, Program Manager of Safe Harbor Housing in Rochester, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota
- Cecil Smith, Minnesota Multi Housing Association

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 3640 be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3868 (Curran) Uniform Commercial Code amendments adopted to accommodate emerging technologies.

Representative Curran moved that HF 3868 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Curran presented HF 3868.

Testifying on HF 3868:

- Kim Lowe, Commissioner, Uniform Law Commission
- Michele Timmons, Commissioner, Uniform Law Commission

Representative Curran renewed the motion that HF 3868 be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was recessed at 10:15 A.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:16 P.M.

A quorum was present.

HF 3860 (Curran) State Board of Civil Legal Aid created.

Chair Becker-Finn moved HF 3860 before the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee.

Representative Curran moved the H3860DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Becker-Finn moved to reconsider adoption of the H3860DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Curran moved the H3860DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Curran presented HF 3860 as amended.

Testifying on HF 3860 as amended:

- Luke Grundman, Interim Executive Director, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid

Chair Becker-Finn laid over HF 3860 as amended.

HF 4157 (Feist) Provisions modified for sharing educational data designated as directory information.

Representative Feist moved that HF 4157 be recommended to be re-referred to the Education Policy Committee.

Representative Feist presented HF 4157.

Testifying on HF 4157:

- Megan Arriola, Legislative Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Education

Representative Feist renewed the motion that HF 4157 be recommended to be re-referred to the Education Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3625 (Stephenson) Deep fake election crime modified, and convicted person disqualified from holding elected office.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 3625 be recommended to be re-referred to the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Stephenson presented HF 3625.

Testifying on HF 3625:

- Mary Hartnett, Executive Director, Clean Elections Minnesota
- Terri Nelson, Legal Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 3625 be recommended to be re-referred to the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3506 (Stephenson) Civil law; collateral source calculations and contributory fault modified.

Chair Becker-Finn moved HF 3506 before the Judiciary and Civil Law Committee.

Chair Becker-Finn moved the H3506A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Stephenson presented HF 3506 as amended.

Testifying on HF 3506 as amended:

- Chuck Slane, Officer, Minnesota Association for Justice
- Dale Thornsjo, Insurance Federation of Minnesota

Representative Niska moved the H3506A1 amendment.

Representative Niska requested a roll call on H3506A1.

The clerk took the roll on H3506A1:

AYES

Scott  
Johnson  
Niska

NAYS

Becker-Finn  
Frazier  
Carroll  
Curran  
Feist  
Finke  
Frederick  
Moller

EXCUSED

Grossell  
Wiens

There being 3 ayes, 8 nays, and 2 excused, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair Becker-Finn laid over HF 3506 as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 P.M.

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Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair

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Ella Schultz, Committee Legislative Assistant