

PUBLIC SAFETY FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Representative Paul Novotny, Chair of the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM on March 25, 2026, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

NOVOTNY, Paul, Co-Chair
MOLLER, Kelly, Co-Chair
WITTE, Jeff, Vice Chair
FEIST, Sandra, Vice Chair
BERG, Kaela
BLISS, Matt
CURRAN, Brion
DURAN JR, Bidal
ENGEN, Elliott
GREENMAN, Emma
HARDER, Bobbie
HOLLINS, Athena
HUDSON, Walter
JOHNSON, Pete
PINTO, Dave
REHM, Lucy
REPINSKI, Aaron
SCHWARTZ, Erica
STIER, Terry
TABKE, Brad

A quorum was present.

Representative Feist moved to approve the minutes of March 24, 2026. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 4371 (Lee) Bureau of Criminal Apprehension required to perform background checks at the request of the Office of Legislative Auditor.

Chair Novotny moved HF 4371 before the committee with the recommendation it be re-referred to the General Register.

Chair Lee presented HF 4371.

Testifiers:

- Judy Randall, Office of the Legislative Auditor

Chair Novotny renewed the motion that HF 4317 be re-referred to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 4317 (Nash) Peace officer access to surplus badges provided.

Chair Novotny moved HF 4317 before the committee with the recommendation it be re-referred to the General Register.

Chair Nash presented HF 4317.

Chair Moller moved the HF 4317 A2 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Novotny renewed the motion to re-refer HF 4317, as amended, to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 2817 (Knudsen) Service line of duty death benefits provided for part-time, paid on-call, and volunteer firefighters.

Chair Novotny moved HF 2817 before the committee.

Representative Knudsen presented HF 2817.

Testifiers:

- Mike Wenshau, Hopkins Fire Chief

Chair Novotny moved the HF 2817 A1 amendment before the committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Novotny laid over HF 2817.

HF 3496 (Harder) Inmates required to complete restitution payments before being placed on supervision abatement status.

Chair Novotny moved HF 3496 before the committee with the recommendation it be re-referred to the General Register.

Representative Harder moved HF 3496 DE1 amendment before the committee.

Representative Harder presented HF 3496 DE1.

Testifiers:

- Safia Khan, Deputy Commissioner and Chief of Staff, Department of Corrections

Represented Harder renewed her motion to adopt HF 3496 DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Harder renewed the motion that HF 3496, as amended, be re-referred to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 4151 (Witte) Eligibility of certain applicants for licenses to serve as private detectives or protective agents modified.

Vice Chair Witte moved HF 4151 before the committee with the recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the General Register.

Vice Chair Witte moved the HF 4151 A1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Vice Chair Witte presented HF 4151, as amended.

Testifier:

- Greg Cook, Executive Director, Board of Private Detectives and Protective Agent Services

Vice Chair Witte renewed his motion that HF 4151, as amended, be re-referred to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Novotny recessed the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Chair Novotny reconvened the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

HF 3826 (Witte) Identity theft crime; definitions modified and added, attorney general and county attorneys provided with additional subpoena authority, and statutes of limitations altered for fraud-related offenses.

Vice Chair Witte gave an informational hearing on HF 3826.

Testifier:

- Drew Evans, Superintendent, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

HF 4425 (Myers) Statute of limitations for crimes involving medical assistance fraud or other theft of money belonging to the government increased.

Chair Novotny moved HF 4425 before the committee with the recommendation it be re-referred to the General Register.

Representative Myers presented HF 4425.

Testifier:

- Drew Evans, Superintendent, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension

Chair Novotny renewed the motion that HF 4425 be re-referred to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 3990 (Novotny/Moller) Public Safety Policy Package.

Chair Novotny moved HF 3990 before the committee with the recommendation that it be re-referred to the General Register.

Chair Moller moved the HF 3990 DE1 amendment.

Representative Curran moved the A3 amendment to the DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Curran moved the A5 amendment to the DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Tabke moved the A7 amendment to the DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Moller moved the A8 amendment to the DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Vice Chair Witte moved the A10 amendment to the DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Moller moved the A12 amendment to the DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Vice Chair Witte moved the A15 amendment to the DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Novotny moved the A17 amendment to the DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Moller renewed her motion to adopt the DE1 amendment, as amended. **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Novotny renewed the motion that HF 3990, as amended, be re-referred to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.



Representative Paul Novotny, Co-Chair



Mary McNamara, Committee Legislative Assistant