

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Representative Liz Reyer, Vice Chair of the Health Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, March 23, 2026, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

BIERMAN, Robert (DFL Chair)
BACKER, Jeff (GOP Chair)
REYER, Liz (DFL Vice Chair)
NADEAU, Danny (GOP Vice Chair)
BAHNER, Kristin
CARROLL, Ned
DIPPEL, Tom
ELKINS, Steve
FRANSON, Mary
GILLMAN, Dawn
LEE, Xp
HUOT, John
KEELER, Heather
KNUDSEN, Krista
LIEBLING, Tina
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
PERRYMAN, Bernie
PURSELL, Kristi
REPINSKI, Aaron
SCHOMACKER, Joe
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

A quorum was present.

Representative Huot moved that the minutes of March 18, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Dippel moved that the minutes of March 18, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4438 (Bierman); Suicide prevention plan and 988 Lifeline reporting provisions changed.

Chair Bierman moved that HF4438 be placed on the General Register.

Chair Bierman moved the DE1 amendment to HF4438. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Bierman presented HF4438, as amended.

Testifier:

- Lisa Thimjon, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Health.

Chair Bierman renewed the motion that HF4438, as amended, be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4467 (Bierman); Provider disenrollment, premium payment requirements, and physician-directed clinic staff services coverage modified; language recodified; and report required.

Chair Bierman moved that HF4467 be placed on the General Register.

Chair Backer offered the A1 amendment to HF4467.

Chair Backer presented the A1 amendment to HF4467.

Chair Backer renewed the motion to adopt the A1 amendment to HF4467. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Bierman presented HF4467, as amended.

Testifier:

- Kristy Graume, Director of State Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Chair Bierman renewed the motion that HF4467, as amended, be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4379 (Bierman); Early childhood mental health consultation grants established, protection-related rights for home and community-based services modified, day treatment program requirements modified, intensive rehabilitative mental health services modified, and reports required.

Chair Bierman moved that HF4379 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Bierman moved to adopt the A1 amendment to HF4379. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Bierman moved to adopt the A3 amendment to HF4379. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Bierman presented HF4379, as amended.

Testifier:

- Shannon Brown, CEO, Fernbrook Family Center and Board Chair of Inspire MN.

Chair Bierman renewed the motion that HF4379, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill, as amended, was laid over.

HF4349 (Bierman); Provisions governing hospital reimbursement for biological products to treat rare diseases modified.

Chair Bierman moved that HF4349 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Bierman presented HF4349.

Testifier:

- Erica Barnes, Executive Director, Minnesota Rare Disease Advisory Council.

Chair Bierman renewed the motion that HF4349 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Chair Bierman assumed the gavel at 1:54 P.M.

SF3402 (Virnig); Community health board medical consultant acceptable professions to serve modifications.

Chair Bierman moved that SF3402 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Virnig presented SF3402.

Testifier:

- Lisa Brodsky, Local Public Health Association of Minnesota.

Chair Bierman renewed the motion that SF3402 be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4064 (Reyer); Commissioner of health directed to study and report on activities to support innovations in cell and gene therapy to treat rare diseases, report required, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Reyer moved that HF4064 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Vice Chair Reyer presented HF4064.

Testifier:

- Dr. George Aslanidi, Minnesota Rare Disease Advisory Council.
- Dr. Laura Lambert, Mayo Clinic.

Vice Chair Reyer renewed the motion that HF4064 to be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF3804 (Huot); Time period natural organic reduction facilities may hold dead human bodies before initiating natural organic reduction extended.

Representative Huot moved that HF3804 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Huot presented HF3804.

Representative Huot renewed the motion that HF3804 to be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF84 (Huot); Requirements modified for reciprocal licensure to practice mortuary science.

Representative Huot moved that HF84 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Huot presented HF84.

Testifier:

- Jordan McReavy Seitz, President, Minnesota Funeral Directors Association.

Representative Huot renewed the motion that HF84 to be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF85 (Huot); Mortuary science internship requirements modified.

Representative Huot moved that HF85 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Huot presented HF85.

Representative Huot renewed the motion that HF85 to be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 P.M.

Representative Robert Bierman, Chair

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