

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE POLICY MEETING MINUTES

Representative West, Co-Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM on March 24, 2026, in Room 123 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Co-Chair
WEST, Nolan, Co-Chair
HANSON, Jessica, Co-Vice Chair
NELSON, Nathan, Co-Vice Chair
ALTENDORF, Pam
COULTER, Nathan
HICKS, Kim
LEE, Xp
MCDONALD, Joe
NADEAU, Danny
OLSON, Bjorn
PÉREZ-VEGA, María Isa
SENCER-MURA, Samantha
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

A quorum was present.

Representative Altendorf moved that the minutes of March 18, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Bakeberg moved **HF4384 (Bakeberg)** before the Committee.

Testifying:

- Crystal McNally, Never Shake, MN
- Cyndi Cunningham, Lead and Care
- Shana Morse, Legislative Director, DCYF

Representative Bakeberg moved HF4384 be referred to the General Register. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE MOTION IS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair West moved HF4384 be re-referred to Ways and Means Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILS. THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Torkelson moved **HF3750 (Torkelson)** before the Committee.

Chair West moved the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED.

Testifying:

- Steve Turvold, Ivy House

Chair West moved HF3750 as amended be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

Representative Olson moved **HF4316 (Olson)** before the Committee.

Chair West moved the 4316 DE1 amendment before the Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED.

Chair West renewed the motion that HF4316 as amended be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

Representative Olson moved **HF3603 (Olson)** before the Committee.

Representative Olson moved the HF3603A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED.

Testifying:

- Patrick Garafalo, President, Minnesota Grocers Association
- Will Hagen, Minnesota Retailers
- Matthew Schmid, Farmers First Campaign Director, America First Policy Institute

Vice-Chair Hanson moved the HF3603 A2 amendment. THE MOTION DOES NOT PREVAIL. THE MOTION IS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair West renewed the motion that HF3603 as amended be re-referred to the General Register.

Chair West requested a roll call on HF3603 as amended be re-referred to the General Register.

The clerk took the roll call on HF3603:

AYES:

WEST

NELSON

ALTENDORF

MCDONALD

NADEAU

OLSON

ZELEZNIKAR

NAYS:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN

HANSON

COULTER

HICKS

LEE

PÉREZ-VEGA

SENCER-MURA

With seven ayes and seven nays, the MOTION DOES NOT PREVAIL. HF3603 AS AMENDED IS NOT ADOPTED.

HF3603 as amended is laid over.

Representative Altendorf moved **HF3831 (Altendorf)** be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Testifying:

- Rob Undersander
- Matthew Schmid, Farmers First Campaign Director, America First Policy Institute
- Cally Proctor, Social Services Provider
- Jessica Webster, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved the A1 amendment. THE MOTION DOES NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED. Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn requested a division. The clerk took the hand count. With 7 AYES and 7 NAYS, THE MOTION DOES NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT IS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Lee moved the HF3831 A2 amendment. THE MOTION DOES NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT IS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Altendorf renewed the motion that moved HF3831 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Chair West requested a roll call on HF3831

The clerk took the roll call on HF3831:

Roll call:

AYES:

WEST

NELSON

ALTENDORF

MCDONALD

NADEAU

OLSON

ZELEZNIKAR

NAYS:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN

HANSON

COULTER

HICKS

LEE

PÉREZ-VEGA

SENCER-MURA

With seven ayes and seven nays, the MOTION DOES NOT PREVAIL. HF3831 IS NOT ADOPTED. HF3831 IS LAID OVER.

Chair West moved **HF495 (West)** be re-referred to the Taxes Committee.

Chair West moved the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILS. THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED.

Representative Sencer-Mura moved the A2 amendment.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn requested a roll call on the HF0495 A2 amendment.

The clerk took the roll call on the HF0495 A2 amendment:

Roll call:

AYES:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN

HANSON

COULTER (ABSENT)

HICKS

LEE

PÉREZ-VEGA

SENCER-MURA

NAYS:

WEST

NELSON

ALTENDORF

MCDONALD

NADEAU

OLSON

ZELEZNIKAR (ABSENT)

With six ayes and six nays, the MOTION DOES NOT PREVAIL. HF0495 A2 IS NOT

ADOPTED.

Representative Coulter moved the HF A3 amendment.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn requested a roll call on the HF0495 A3 amendment.

The clerk took the roll call on the HF0495 A3 amendment:

Roll call:

AYES:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN

HANSON

COULTER

HICKS

LEE

PÉREZ-VEGA

SENCER-MURA (ABSENT – EXCUSED)

NAYS:

WEST

NELSON

ALTENDORF

MCDONALD

NADEAU

OLSON

ZELEZNIKAR

With six ayes and seven nays, THE MOTION DOES NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT IS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair West renewed the motion that HF0495 as amended be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

Representative Nadeau moved **HF1900 (Nadeau)** before the Committee.

Representative Nadeau moved the DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED. Representative Nadeau moved the following oral amendment to the HF1900 DE2 amendment - strike 2.3 – 2.4 in the DE2. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE ORAL AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED.

Testifying:

- Nick Demm, Legislative Director, DCYF
- Jessica Webster, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid
- Moncies Franco

THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED.

Representative Nadeau moved HF1900 as amended be re-referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Representative Nolan West, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Laukka, Committee Legislative Assistant