



Minnesota House of Representatives

Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee

Co-Chairs: Rep. Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn & Rep. Nolan West

Vice-Chairs: Rep. Jess Hanson & Rep. Nathan Nelson

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 3:00 PM

Capitol Room 123

AGENDA

Rep. Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn has the gavel

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: Tuesday, March 18, 2025
3. [HF2362](#) (Feist) - Youth intervention programs funding provided, and money appropriated.
 - Testifiers:
 - i. Paul Meunier (he/him/his), Executive Director, Youth Intervention Programs Association
 - ii. Bernadette Foh (she/her/hers), MBA, JD, CPPM - Executive Director, Mediation and Restorative Services
4. [HF2136](#) (Johnson) - Grant funding provided for forensic interview training scholarships, and money appropriated.
 - i.
 - Testifiers:
 - i. Wade Rasch, Division Commander, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office
 - ii. Kari Hohn, Program Manager, Child Protection, Olmsted County
5. [HF1316](#) (Curran) - Independent contractors and payors added to the centralized work reporting system, and payors required to report independent contractors to the centralized work reporting system.
 - Testifiers:
 - i. Trish Skophammer, Ramsey County Child Support Services Director
6. [HF2009](#) (Hanson) - Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson funding provided, and money appropriated.
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- i. Misty Coonce (she/her/hers), MSW, LISW, Ombudsperson for Foster Youth, Office of the Ombudsperson for Foster Youth
- ii. Vivian Dudley (she/her), Foster & College Ambassador
- iii. Travis Matthews (he/him), Foster

7. [HF1918 \(Hanson\)](#) - Department of Children, Youth, and Families policy language; TEACH early childhood program, great start compensation support payment program, child welfare policies, and out-of-home placement plans updated; and provisions to prevent foster care placements modified.

8. [HF1614 \(Kraft\)](#) - Child in need of protection or services definition modified to clarify when a child is considered to be without the special care made necessary by a physical, mental, or emotional condition.

○ **Bill Presentation:**

- i. Michelle Wood, parent
- ii. Argie Manolis, parent (virtual)

○ **Testifiers:**

- i. Lisa Antony-Thomas, Deputy Ombudsman, Minnesota Office of Ombudsman for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities
- ii. Angie Thies, Child Wellbeing Policy Analyst, Association of Minnesota Counties

9. Adjournment

All agenda items are subject to change at the discretion of the Chair.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 25, 2025; Rep. Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn has the gavel