

Human Services Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Schomacker, Chair of the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM on March 3, 2026, in Room 123 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SCHOMACKER, Joe, Chair
GILLMAN, Dawn, Vice Chair
NOOR, Mohamud, Chair
KEELER, Heather, Vice Chair
BACKER, Jeff
CURRAN, Brion
FISCHER, Peter
FREDERICK, Luke
FRANSON, Mary
GANDER, Steve
GORDON, Jimmy
HICKS, Kim
JACOB, Steve
KNUDSEN, Krista
MOMANYI-HILTSLEY, Huldah
MURPHY, Tom
NORRIS, Matt
VIRNIG, Bianca

Members excused:

Representative Virnig moved the minutes of February 26, 2026, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF3469 (Virnig) Appropriation availability for the Direct Care and Treatment county correctional facility support pilot program extended.

Representative Virnig moved HF3469 before the committee.

Representative Virnig moved the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Virnig laid over HF3469, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Vice Chair Gillman assumed the gavel at 8:33 AM.

HF3526 (Schomacker) Method of deposit of fines collected related to home care licensing surveys and investigations modified, criteria for appointment to home care and assisted living program advisory council modified, special projects grant program established, and money appropriated.

Chair Schomacker moved HF3526 before the committee.

Chair Schomacker moved the A2 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifier:

Daphne Ponds, Minnesota Department of Health

Kathy Messerli, Executive Director, Messerli Home Care

Chair Schomacker laid over HF3526, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Schomacker assumed the gavel at 8:33 AM.

HF3375 (Curran) Disability waiver rate system unit-based services with programming limits modified.

Representative Curran moved HF3375 before the committee.

Representative Curran moved the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifier:

Sara Grafstrom, Senior Director of State and Federal Policy, ARRM

Jeremy Wendt, Executive Director, EGH

Mark Stoering, Father and Guardian of individual with complex medical and behavioral needs

Deanna Lee Elliott-Stoering, Mother and Guardian of individual with complex medical and behavioral needs

Representative Curran laid over HF3375, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The following individual presented:

John Connolly, Deputy Commissioner and State Medicaid Director of Department of Human Services presented an update from the Department of Human Services on Centers Medicare/Medicaid directives.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Representative Schomacker, Chair

Rebecca Reiners, Committee Legislative Assistant