

HOUSING FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Hausman, Chair of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. on February 24, 2022 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

HAUSMAN, Alice (Chair)
HOWARD, Michael (Vice Chair)
THEIS, Tama (GOP Lead)
AGBAJE, Esther
BLISS, Matt
GOMEZ, Aisha
HASSAN, Hodan
HEINRICH, John
HER, Kaohly
JURGENS, Tony
PFARR, Brian
REYER, Liz

Members Excused:

OLSON, Liz

A quorum was present.

Representative HOWARD moved to approve the minutes from February 22, 2022. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair HOWARD assumed the gavel at 10:32 A.M.

HF3667(Hausman); COVID-19; temporary emergency rental assistance program established, and money appropriated.

Representative HAUSMAN moved that HF3667 be re-referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Hausman introduced an amendment to HF3667, the DE1 amendment.

Representative HAUSMAN moved to adopt the DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hausman introduced HF3667, as amended.

Testifying on the bill, as amended:

- Eric Hauge: Executive Director, HOME Line
- Annie Shapiro: Advocacy Director, Minnesota Community Action Partnership; Policy Co-Chair, Homes for All
- Sedia Omar: Civic Engagement Coordinator, New American Development Center
- Shana Tomenes: Equal Justice Works Fellow, Housing Justice Center
- Owen Duckworth: Director of Organizing and Policy, The Alliance

Representative HAUSMAN renewed her motion that HF3667, as amended, be re-referred to the committee on Ways and Means. A roll was taken, and the results were as follows:

AYES:

HAUSMAN, Alice (Chair)
HOWARD, Michael (Vice Chair)
THEIS, Tama (GOP Lead)
AGBAJE, Esther
GOMEZ, Aisha
HASSAN, Hodan
HER, Kaohly
JURGENS, Tony
REYER, Liz

NAYES:

BLISS, Matt
HEINRICH, John
PFARR, Brian

EXCUSED:

OLSON, Liz

There being 9 AYES, 3 NAYES, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair HAUSMAN assumed the gavel at 11:04 A.M.

HF2860(Howard); Eviction prohibited for rent nonpayment when tenant rental assistance application is pending.

Representative HOWARD moved that HF2860 be re-referred to the committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Testifying on the bill:

- Luke Grundman: Litigation Director, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid
- Eric Hauge: Executive Director, HOME Line
- Kyle Berndt: Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Multi Housing Association

Representative Agbaje introduced an amendment to HF2860, the A1 amendment.

Representative AGBAJE moved to adopt the A1 amendment

Representative AGBAJE offered an oral amendment to the A1 amendment:

Page 1, line 3, delete "317" and insert "317A".

THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED.

Representative AGBAJE renewed her motion to adopt the A1 amendment, as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative HOWARD renewed his motion that HF2860, as amended, be re-referred to the committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. A roll call was taken, and the results were as follows:

AYES:

HAUSMAN, Alice (Chair)
HOWARD, Michael (Vice Chair)
AGBAJE, Esther
GOMEZ, Aisha
HASSAN, Hodan
HER, Kaohly
REYER, Liz

NAYES:

THEIS, Tama (GOP Lead)
BLISS, Matt
HEINRICH, John
JURGENS, Tony
PFARR, Brian

EXCUSED:

OLSON, Liz

There being 7 AYES, 5 NAYES, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3098(Agbaje); Court prohibited from requiring bond or security prior to housing matter adjudication.

Representative AGBAJE moved that HF3098 be re-referred to the committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Representative Agbaje introduced HF3098.

Testifying on the bill:

- Mary Kaczorek: Attorney and Supervisor, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid
- Ron Elwood: Attorney, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid
- Christopher Kalla: Attorney, Hanbery & Turner, PA

Representative AGBAJE renewed her motion that HF3098 be re-referred to the committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. A roll was taken, and the results were as follows:

AYES:

HAUSMAN, Alice (Chair)
HOWARD, Michael (Vice Chair)
AGBAJE, Esther
GOMEZ, Aisha
HASSAN, Hodan
HER, Kaohly
REYER, Liz

NAYES:

THEIS, Tama (GOP Lead)
BLISS, Matt
HEINRICH, John
JURGENS, Tony
PFARR, Brian

EXCUSED:

OLSON, Liz

There being 7 AYES, 5 NAYES, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 A.M.

Representative Alice Hausman, Chair

Katie Hirsch, CLA