

Ways and Means Committee

MINUTES

Representative Torkelson, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

TORKELSON, Paul, Chair  
ROBBINS, Kristin, Vice Chair  
ACOMB, Patty  
AGBAJE, Esther  
BAKER, Dave  
BIERMAN, Robert  
GOMEZ, Aisha  
HEINTZEMAN, Josh  
IGO, Spencer  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
KOEDEL, Erin  
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie  
KOZNICK, Jon  
KRESHA, Ron  
MOLLER, Kelly  
NASH, Jim  
NOOR, Mohamud  
NOVOTNY, Paul  
PINTO, Dave  
RARICK, Marion  
SCHOMACKER, Joe  
SCOTT, Peggy  
SWEDZINSKI, Chris  
VANG, Samantha  
WEST, Nolan  
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

Non-voting member present:

STEPHENSON, Zack

Members excused:

LILLIE, Leon

Representative Gomez moved the minutes of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF25 (Zeleznikar) Women's pregnancy centers and maternity homes grant program established, appropriations reduced, and money appropriated.**

Chair Torkelson moved HF25 be re-referred to the General Register.

Chair Torkelson renewed the motion that HF25 be re-referred to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF4 (Johnson, W.) Portion of projected budget surplus required to be returned to state taxpayers, and constitutional amendment proposed.**

Chair Torkelson moved HF4 be re-referred to the General Register.

Chair Torkelson moved the HF0004DE2 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Torkelson renewed the motion that HF4, as amended, be re-referred to the General Register. Representative Robbins requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYES:**

TORKELSON, Paul, Chair  
ROBBINS, Kristin, Vice Chair  
BAKER, Dave  
HEINTZEMAN, Josh  
IGO, Spencer  
KOZNICK, Jon  
KRESHA, Ron  
NASH, Jim  
NOVOTNY, Paul  
RARICK, Marton  
SCHOMACKER, Joe  
SCOTT, Peggy  
SWEDZINSKI, Chris  
WEST, Nolan

**NAYS:**

ACOMB, Patty  
AGBAJE, Esther  
BIERMAN, Robert  
GOMEZ, Aisha  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie  
MOLLER, Kelly  
NOOR, Mohammad  
PINTO, Dave  
VANG, Samantha  
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

**ABSENT:**

KOEGEL, Erin  
LILLIE, Leon

On a vote of 14 ayes and 11 nays, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Presentation on county and state budget relationship, overview and priorities with focus on systems modernization.

**Presenters:**

Matt Hilgart, Association of Minnesota Counties  
Nathan Jesson, Minnesota Inter-County Association  
Nadir Abdi, Director of Employment and Economic Assistance, Dakota County  
Samantha Goldman, Child Protection Supervisor, Scott County

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 AM.

  
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Representative Torkelson, Chair

  
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Allie Spellman, Committee Legislative Assistant



