

CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES

Representative Jamie Long, Chair of the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy, called the virtual meeting to order at 10:30 AM on March 17th, 2022 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

Long, Jamie, Chair
Acomb, Patty, Vice Chair
Swedzinski, Chris, Republican Lead
Bierman, Robert
Boe, Greg
Christensen, Shelly
Franson, Mary
Gruenhagen, Glenn
Hollins, Athena
Hornstein, Frank
Igo, Spencer
Lee, Fue
Lippert, Todd
Lislegard, Dave
Mekeland, Shane
Stephenson, Zack

Excused:

Munson, Jeremy

A quorum was present.

Presenting on Solar on Schools:

- Kevin Lee, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Commerce
- Rick Evans, Director of Regional Government Affairs, Xcel Energy

Representative Bierman presented HF 3905, a bill for an act relating to energy; appropriating money to install preweatherization measures in eligible low-income households.

Representative Bierman moved that HF 3905 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Bierman moved the HF3905DE5 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED.
THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 3905:

- Bill Grant, Executive Director, Minnesota Community Action Partnership
- Scott Zahorik, Executive Director, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency

Representative Bierman renewed his motion that HF 3905, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Lippert presented HF 2624, a bill for an act relating to energy; modifying the property assessed clean energy program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 216C.435, subdivision 8; 216C.436, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.

Representative Lippert moved that HF 2624 be re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Representative Lippert moved the HF2624DE1 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 2624:

- Pete Klein, Vice President of Finance, St. Paul Port Authority
- Brad Jordahl Redlin, Manager, MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

Representative Lippert renewed his motion that HF 2624, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Representative Lippert requested a roll call on his motion that HF 2624, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

AYES:

Long
Acomb
Bierman
Boe
Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Lislegard
Stephenson

NAYS:

Swedzinski
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo

Mekeland

EXCUSED:

Munson

There being 11 ayes, 5 nays, and 1 excused, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Hollins presented HF 1289, a bill for an act relating to energy; modifying provisions providing for a participant's compensation in certain Public Utilities Commission proceedings; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216B.16, subdivision 10.

Representative Hollins moved that HF 1289 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Hollins moved the HF1289DE1 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF1289:

- Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota
- Pam Marshall, Executive Director, Energy CENTS Coalition

Representative Hollins moved that HF1289, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 AM.

Representative Jamie Long, Chair

Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant