

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. on March 8, 2023, in Room 200N of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

PINTO, Dave (Chair)
KEELER, Heather (Vice Chair)
DANIELS, Brian (GOP Lead)
BLISS, Matt
COULTER, Nathan
DAVIS, Ben
HANSON, Jessica
HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HICKS, Kim
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
LEE, Liz
NELSON, Nathan
PÉREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

A quorum was present.

Representative Hanson moved that the minutes from March 7, 2023 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2225 (Fischer) Prepared meals food relief grants established, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Keeler moved to bring HF 2225 before the committee.

Vice Chair Keeler moved the A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Fischer presented HF 2225 as amended.

Testifiers for HF 2225 as amended:

- Robin Manthie, Managing Director of Kitchen Coalition, Second Harvest Heartland
- Lisa Gillund, Meals Director of Operations, Lutheran Social Services
- Trung Pham, Owner, Rice Bowl

Chair Pinto laid over HF 2225 as amended.

HF 1698 (Howard) Family, friend, and neighbor child care grant program established; reports required; and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Keeler moved to bring HF 1698 before the committee.

Representative Howard presented HF 1698.

Testifying on HF 1698:

- Khulia Pringle, Minnesota State Director, National Parents Union
- Sue Thomes, Child Care Aware Coordinator, United Community Action Partnership
- Faviola Estrada Beltranes, Co-Founder, La Red Latina de Educación Temprana
- Laura Lacriox-Dalluhn, Lobbyist, Minnesota Prenatal 3 Coalition

Chair Pinto laid over HF 1698.

HF 1198 (Hanson) Child care assistance expanded to certain families, grants and rules regarding children's mental health expanded and modified, transition to community initiative modified, mental health staff training requirements modified, covered transportation services modified, coverage of mental health clinical care coordination modified, rules regarding children's long-term stays in the emergency room modified, rural family response and stabilization services pilot program established, reports required, and money appropriated.

Representative Hanson moved that HF 1198 be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services Finance.

Representative Hanson moved the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hanson presented HF 1198 as amended.

Testifying on HF 1198 as amended:

- Sue Abderholden, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota
- Wendy Wahl, Registered Nurse, River Falls Minnesota Nurses Association

Representative Hanson renewed the motion that HF 1198 as amended be re-referred to the Committee on Human Service Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1820 (Hanson) Foster youth ombudsperson terms modified, and Office of Foster Youth Ombudsperson appropriation modified.

Representative Hanson moved to bring HF 1820 before the committee.

Representative Hanson moved the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hanson presented HF 1820 as amended.

Testifying on HF 1820 as amended:

- None

Chair Pinto laid over HF 1820 as amended.

HF 1858 (Keeler) Safe harbor shelter and housing grant program created, sexually exploited youth funding provided, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Keeler moved that HF 1858 be re-referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy.

Vice Chair Keeler presented HF 1858.

Testifying on HF 1858:

- Beth Holger, CEO, The Link
- Bailey Martinez, The Link
- Melanie Young, The Link

Representative Keeler renewed the motion that HF 1858 be re-referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1815 Kotyza-Witthuhn Grant funding provided to expand executive function curriculum, report required, and money appropriated.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to bring HF 1815 before the committee.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn presented HF 1815.

Testifying on HF 1815:

- Dianne Haulcy, President and CEO, The Family Partnership
- John Till, Senior Vice President of Strategy and Innovation, The Family Partnership

Chair Pinto laid over HF 1815.

HF 2066 (Kotzya-Witthuhn) Full Lives initiative funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Kotzya-Witthuhn moved to bring 2066 before the committee.

Representative Kotzya-Witthuhn moved the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Kotzya-Witthuhn presented HF 2066 as amended.

Testifying on HF 2066 as amended:

- Tina Rucci, Advocacy Manager, Greater Twin Cities United Way
- Megan O'Meara, Senior Program Officer and Innovation Team Lead, Greater Twin Cities United Way

Chair Pinto laid over HF 2066 as amended.

HF 1629 (Pérez-Vega) Learning with Music program expanded to childhood educators, and money appropriated.

Representative Pérez-Vega moved to bring HF 1629 before the committee.

Representative Pérez-Vega moved the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Pérez-Vega presented HF 1629 as amended.

Testifying on HF 1629 as amended:

- Dianna Babcock, Director, Sing Play Learn at MacPhail
- Elizabeth Winslow, Director, School Partnership

Representative Pérez Vega moved that HF 1629 as amended be re-referred to the Committee on Education Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

Zehra Khan, Committee Legislative Assistant