

**COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 2:01 P.M. on February 28, 2024, in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members Present:**

STEPHENSON, Zack (Chair)  
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie (Vice Chair)  
O'DRISCOLL, Tim (GOP Lead)  
BIERMAN, Robert  
CHA, Ethan  
DOTSETH, Jeff  
FREIBERG, Mike  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
KOEDEL, Erin  
KRAFT, Larry  
LIEBLING, Tina  
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne  
NISKA, Harry  
PERRYMAN, Bernie  
PFARR, Brian  
SCHULTZ, Isaac  
TABKE, Brad

A quorum was present.

Representative Kraft moved to approve the minutes from February 26, 2024. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3326 (Hemmingsen-Jaeger): Environment; mercury-containing lighting banned.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF3326 be re-referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Stephenson moved the A24 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger presented HF3326 as amended.

Testifying:

- Josh McClenny, Appliance Standards Awareness Project

- Eric Fowler, Fresh Energy

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF3326, as amended, be re-referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED

HF3577 (Jordan): Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act established, and rulemaking authorized.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF3577 be re-referred to State and Local Government Finance and Policy.

Chair Stephenson moved the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Jordan presented HF3577 as amended.

Testifying:

- Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt, Ramsey County
- Lucy Mullany, Eureka
- Kirk Koudelka Assistant Commissioner, MPCA
- Dylan de Thomas, The Recycling Partnership
- Mike Martin, CEO, r.World
- Tony Kwilas, MN Chamber of Commerce
- Peter Glessing, Medical Alley
- Rick Horton, Minnesota Forest Industries
- Amber Backhaus, National Waste and Recycling Association
- Mike Moroz, Walters Recycling and Refuse
- Jacob Cassady, AHAM
- Avonna Starck, Clean Water Action

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF3577, as amended, be re-referred to State and Local Government Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3578 (Bahner): Health care service prior authorization and coverage requirements modified, ground for disciplinary action against physicians modified, reports to the commissioner of commerce and the legislature required, data classified, and rulemaking authorized.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF3578 be laid over for further consideration.

Chair Stephenson moved the A5 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Bahner presented HF3578 as amended.

Testifying:

- Dr. Laurel Ries, President, Minnesota Medical Association
- Maureen Aldreman, MN Rare Disease Advisory Council
- Nicole Hilljus, Prior Authorization Manager, Children’s MN
- Dan Endreson, Council of Health Plans
- Bentley Graves, MN Chamber of Commerce
- Michelle Crimmins, Prime Therapeutics
- Margaret Reynolds, Cigna
- Michelle Mack, PCMA
- Michelle Benson, Health Plans

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF3578, as amended, be laid over for further consideration. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

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Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair

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Morgan Durfee, Committee Legislative Assistant