

**HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Representative Peter Fischer, Co-Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in Room G3 of the Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll. Members present:

FISCHER, Peter, DFL Co-Chair
HEINTZEMAN, Josh, GOP Co-Chair
PURSELL, Kristi, DFL Co-Vice Chair
BURKEL, John, GOP Co-Vice Chair
FALCONER, Alex
FINKE, Leigh
GILLMAN, Dawn
GOTTFRIED, David
HANSEN, Rick
JACOB, Steven
JORDAN, Sydney
NELSON, Nathan
SCHULTZ, Isaac
WARWAS, Cal

A quorum was present.

Representative Hansen moved that the minutes from March 5, 2026 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF793 (Scott) – Certified salt applicator program established, liability limited, and report required.

Co-Chair Heintzeman moved that HF793 be re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee.

Co-Chair Fischer moved the A1 amendment to HF793. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Scott and Representative Hollins presented HF793 as amended.

Testifying on HF793:

- Paulita LaPlante, Prescription Landscape
- Joel Carlson, Minnesota Association for Justice
- Erica Sniegowski, Nine Mile Creek Watershed District
- Alexis Donath, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Co-Chair Heintzeman renewed his motion that HF793 be re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3793 (Pursell) – Certain users of large amounts of groundwater required to apply for their own water-use permit instead of modifying an existing municipal permit.

Representative Pursell moved that HF3793 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future bill.

Testifying on HF3793:

- Janelle Kuznia
- Jim Berg
- Sarah Mooradian, CURE (Clean Up the River Environment)
- Mo Feshami, Coalition for Responsible Data Center Development
- Joy Anderson, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

- Andrew Morley, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- Peter Wagenius, Sierra Club
- Jenna Van Den Boom
- Jason Moeckel, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Craig Johnson, League of Minnesota Cities
- Tina Clarke

Representative Pursell renewed the motion that HF3793 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future bill.

HF3793 was laid over.

HF3699 (Gottfried) – State park license plate contest requirements added.

Representative Gottfried moved that HF3699 be re-referred to the General Register.

Representative Gottfried moved the DE1 amendment to HF3699. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Gottfried presented HF3699 as amended.

Testifying on HF3699 as amended:

- Lars Leafblad

Representative Gottfried renewed the motion that HF3699 be re-referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3322 (Franson) – Plastic bottle excise tax proposed.

Co-Chair Fischer moved that HF3322 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future bill.

Co-Chair Fischer moved the DE2 amendment to HF3322. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Franson and Representative Hansen presented HF3322 as amended.

Testifying on HF3322 as amended:

- Chad Kolstad, Minnesota Department of Health, testifying on behalf of the Public Facilities Authority
- Danny Loch, Brainerd Public Utilities
- Richard Rowland, St. Paul Regional Water Services
- Tim Wilkin, Minnesota Beverage Association
- Will Hagen, Minnesota Retailers

Co-Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF3322 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future bill.

HF3322 was laid over.

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 PM.

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair

Robin Mercer-Taylor, Committee Legislative Assistant