

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE TWENTY FIFTH MEETING
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

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 8:31 A.M. on February 20th, 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)
BURKEL, John
COULTER, Nathan
DAVIS, Ben
HANSON, Jessica
HEMMINGSSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HICKS, Kim
HUDSON, Walter
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
LEE, Liz
NELSON, Nathan
PÉREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Keeler moved that the minutes from February 15, 2024 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation titled "Impact of 2023 Funding to Address Food Insecurity".

Presenting:

- Peter Woitock, Government Relations Specialist, Hunger Solutions
- Sophie Wallerstedt, Public Affairs Manager, Second Harvest
- Ashley DePover
- Jason Viana, Executive Director, The Open-Door Food Shelf
- Virginia Witherspoon Merritt, Executive Director, Channel One Regional Food Bank

HF 3426 (Hicks) Supplemental food assistance program establish for persons with a disability.

Representative Hicks moved to bring HF 3426 before the committee.

Representative Hicks presented HF 3426.

Testifying:

- Virginia Witherspoon Merritt, Executive Director, Channel One Regional Food Bank
- Jillian Nelson

Chair Pinto laid over HF 3426.

HF 3469 (Keeler) SNAP established as medicine program, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Keeler moved to bring HF 3469 before the committee.

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

Vice Chair Keeler moved to bring HF 3469 as amended before the committee.

Vice Chair Keeler presented HF 3469 as amended.

Testifying:

- Jessica Webster, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid
- Lisa Lane, Director of Public Policy, Open Arms
- Peter Woitock, Government Relations Specialist, Hunger Solutions
- Matt Freeman, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA)

Chair Pinto laid over HF 3469 as amended.

HF 3855 (Gomez) Commissioner of human services directed to implement Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program restaurant meals program.

Vice Chair Keeler moved to bring HF 3855 before the committee.

Representative Gomez presented HF 3855.

Testifying:

- Commissioner Rena Moran, Ramsey County, District 4

Chair Pinto laid over HF 3855.

The Committee adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

Caleb Rohrer, Committee Legislative Assistant