



Health Finance and Policy Committee Agenda

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Capitol 120 – 1:00pm-2:45pm

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. HF 4493 (Baker) Pharmacists authorized to initiate, prescribe, administer, and dispense drugs for the treatment of opioid use disorder; and grounds for disciplinary action for pharmacists and pharmacist interns modified.
 - a. Jordan Banister, PharmD, CDCES, Ambulatory Care Pharmacist, CentraCare
 - b. Robert Cole Pueringer, MD, Addiction Medicine Specialist and Medical Toxicologist, Substance Use and Addiction Care Program, Essentia Health, MMA Board Member
 - c. Cammie LaValle, Healthcare Advocate
 - d. Todd M. Hess, MD, Anesthesiologist/Pain Management Specialist
- IV. HF 3133 (Franson) Physician and medical resident eligibility for loan forgiveness under the health professional education loan forgiveness program modified.
 - a. Edward Reief, Director of Community Relations and Development, Alomere Health
- V. HF 4595 (Schomacker) Modifying requirements for licensure by reciprocity for marriage and family therapists.
 - a. Leah Seeger, President of the MN Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
- VI. HF 4143 (Nadeau) Assessment of the hospital surcharge temporarily stopped.
- VII. HF 4142 (Nadeau) Medical assistance coverage of prescription drugs solely for weight loss prohibited.
 - a. Claudia Fox, MD, MPH, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Minnesota
 - b. Carolyn Bramante, MD, MPH, University of Minnesota
 - c. Aaron S. Kelly, Ph.D., Professor of Pediatrics, University of Minnesota
 - d. Matt Prokop, Director, State Government Affairs, American Diabetes Association
 - e. Mallie Callaghan, State Government Affairs, Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition
 - f. Natalie Ikeman, PA-C, Obesity Medicine Specialist, Bhatti Weight Loss
- VIII. HF 3756 (Backer) Definition for covered insulin provided for the insulin safety net program and manufacturer registration fee.
 - a. Andrea Rau, Lead Government Relations Specialist, Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A.
- IX. HF 4289 (Backer) Parent allowed to request one free certified birth record per child.
- X. HF 1724 (Gillman) Direct primary care service agreements established. (Pending referral)
 - a. Dr. Najaha Musse, MN Academy of Family Physicians
 - b. PJ Mitchell, MN Department of Commerce
- XI. HF 2291 (Mahamoud) Palliative Care Advisory Council funding provided, and money appropriated.
 - a. Amanda West, MA, JD, CHC, HEC-C, Chair, MDH Palliative Care Advisory Council
 - b. Ryan Hamilton, Catholic Health Association of Minnesota
- XII. HF 4568 (Knudsen) Providing life-sustaining treatment for unemancipated minor patients.
 - a. Mary Kellett, Pre-Natal Partners for Life
 - b. Laurie Nelson
- XIII. HF 4547 (Bierman) Department of Human Services and Department of Children, Youth, and Families forecasted program adjustments made.
- XIV. Adjournment

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