

**LEGACY FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Representative Leon Lillie, Chair of the Committee on Legacy Finance, called the meeting to order at 10:37 AM on March 1, 2023, in Room 200 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members present:**

LILLIE, Leon, Chair  
HUSSEIN, Samakab, Vice-Chair  
BACKER, Jeff, GOP Lead  
CHA, Ethan  
FINKE, Leigh  
LEE, Fue  
HEINTZEMAN, Josh  
HER, Kaohly  
PFARR, Brian  
SKRABA, Roger  
VANG, Samantha

A quorum was present.

Vice-Chair Hussein moved that the minutes from February 8, 2023 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice-Chair Hussein moved that the minutes from February 15, 2023 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1281 (Jordan) Wilderness program funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Lillie moved that HF 1281 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future Legacy Finance Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Jordan presented HF 1281.

Testifying on HF 1281:

- Christine Rettler, Senior Manager of Youth Programs, Wilderness Inquiry
- Sinthang Has, Teacher, Harding High School
- Riss Leitzke, Coordinator, Wilderness Inquiry
- Ali Phelan, Interpreter, Wilderness Inquiry

Chair Lillie renewed the motion that HF 1281 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future Legacy Finance Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF 857 (Olson) appropriating money for Great Lakes Aquarium.

Chair Lillie moved that HF 857 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future Legacy Finance Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Olson presented HF 857.

Testifying on HF 857:

- Jay Walker, Executive Director, Great Lakes Aquarium
- Alexis Burke, Director of Learning Engagement, Great Lakes Aquarium

Chair Lillie renewed the motion that HF 857 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future Legacy Finance Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF 1657 (Olson) appropriating money for Lake Superior Zoological Society.

Chair Lillie moved that HF 1657 be laid over for possible inclusion in future Legacy Finance omnibus bill.

Representative Olson presented HF 1657.

Testifying on HF 1657:

- Haley Hedstrom, Chief Executive Officer, Lake Superior Zoo
- Lizzy Larson, Director of Animal Management, Lake Superior Zoo

Chair Lillie renewed the motion that HF 1657 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future Legacy Finance Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37AM.

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Representative Leon Lillie, Chair

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Madisyn Priestley, Committee Legislative Assistant