

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE THIRTY-FOURTH 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 8:30 A.M. on March 19th, 2024, 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

Representative Hicks moved that the minutes from March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4176 (Pérez-Vega) – Early learning programs modified.

Representative Pérez-Vega moved to re-refer HF4176 to the general register.

Representative Pérez-Vega moved the A2 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Pérez-Vega presented HF4176 as amended.

Representative Pérez-Vega renewed her motion to re-refer HF4176 as amended to the general register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4537 (Pinto) – Department of Human Services Office of the Inspector General executive bill on children's licensing issues.

Chair Pinto moved to re-refer HF4537 to the Committee on Judiciary and Civil Law.

Chair Pinto moved the A3 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Pinto presented HF4537 as amended.

Testifiers:

- Ari Didion, Acting Director of Legislation and External Affairs, Office of Inspector General, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Chair Pinto renewed his motion to re-refer HF4537 as amended to the Committee on Judiciary and Civil Law. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4459 (Hanson) Department of Human Services child placement and safety executive bill.

Representative Hanson moved to re-refer HF4459 to the general register.

Representative Hanson moved the A2 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hanson presented HF4459 as amended.

Testifiers:

- Jennifer Sommerfeld, Legislative Director, Children and Family Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services.
- Nic Demm, Legislative Liaison, Children and Family Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Representative Hanson renewed her motion to re-refer HF4459 as amended to the general register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4793 (Nash) – Child maltreatment reporting modified, and criminal penalty for preventing report created.

Vice Chair Keeler moved to re-refer HF4793 to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Representative Nash presented HF4793.

Vice Chair Keeler renewed her motion to re-refer HF4793 to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF367 (Freiberg) Child care center and family child care provider allowed to adopt policy regarding immunizations.

Vice Chair Keeler moved to re-refer HF367 to the general register.

Representative Keeler moved the DE1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg presented HF367 as amended.

Testifiers:

- Clare Sanford, Government Relations Chair, MN Child Care Association
- Dawn Uribe, Owner, Mis Amigos Spanish Immersion Preschool
- Sheldon Berkowitz, MD, FAAP, Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Public Testifiers:

- Patti Carroll, Executive Director, Vaccine Safety Council of Minnesota
- Jerri Johnson, National Health Freedom Action
- Chuck Finley, Libertarian Party of Minnesota
- Diane Smith
- Steve Johnson

Vice Chair Keeler renewed her motion to re-refer HF367 as amended to the general register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Pinto recessed the committee at 10:02 A.M.

Chair Pinto reconvened the committee at 6:33 P.M. in Room 10.

HF4898 (Hanson) – Family assets modified for independence program.

Representative Hanson moved to re-refer HF4898 to the general register.

Representative Hanson presented HF4898.

Representative Hanson renewed her motion to re-refer HF4898 to the general register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Keeler assumed the gavel.

HF4732 (Pinto) – Payment of developmental screening aid clarified.

Chair Pinto moved to re-refer HF4732 to the general register.

Chair Pinto presented HF4732.

Chair Pinto renewed his motion to re-refer HF4732 to the general register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF5033 (Pinto) – Welfare data technical corrections made.

Chair Pinto moved to re-refer HF5033 to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Chair Pinto presented HF5033.

Chair Pinto renewed his motion to re-refer HF5033 to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4980 (Pinto) – Human services forecast adjustments made, and money appropriated.

Chair Pinto moved to re-refer HF4980 to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Pinto presented HF4980.

Chair Pinto renewed his motion to re-refer HF4980 to the Committee on Ways and Means. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The Committee Adjourned at 6:47P.M.

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Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

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Caleb Rohrer, Committee Legislative Assistant