

Energy Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Swedzinski, Chair of the Energy Finance and Policy Committee, began the meeting at 1:00 PM, on February 13, 2025, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

Representative Sexton moved the minutes of February 11, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Chair
MURPHY, Tom, Vice Chair
ACOMB, Patty, Lead
ANDERSON, Paul
BAKER, Dave
CARROLL, Ned
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HOLLINS, Athena
IGO, Spencer
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WIENER, Mike

Non-voting member present:

TABKE, Brad

H28 (Mekeland) Data center generation redundancy provided.

Representative Mekeland moved HF28 be referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Mekeland moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

The following individuals testified on HF28:

Sydnie Lieb, Assistant Commissioner Department of Commerce
Jeremy Schmidt, Superintendent Becker Public School District
Cathy Johnson, President of the Coalition of Responsible Data Center Development
Mo Feshami, Member Coalition of Responsible Data Center Development
Mark Kolbinger, Mayor of the City of Becker
Greg Lerud, Administrator City of Becker
Dan Diorio, Senior Director of the Data Center Coalition
Avonna Starck, State Director of the Clean Water Action
Charles Sutton, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49 &
North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters Member
Jim Pearson, Principal Manager, State Government Affairs Xcel Energy
Peter Wagenius, Legislative Director Sierra Club North Star Chapter
Sarah Mooradian, Government Relations Policy Director CURE

Representative Mekeland renewed the motion that HF28 be referred to the Environment and

Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee.
Representative Acomb requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Chair
MURPHY, Tom, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
BAKER, Dave
IGO, Spencer
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WIENER, Mike

NAYS:

ACOMB, Patty, Lead
CARROLL, Ned
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HOLLINS, Athena
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry
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On a vote of 8 Ayes and 7 Nays **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.



Representative Chris Swedzinski, Chair



Sharon Goblish, Committee Legislative Assistant