STATE OF MINNESOTA THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-THIRD SESSION

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES**

Representative Liebling, Chair of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:31 A.M. on March 5, 2024 in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

LIEBLING, Tina, Chair

BIERMAN, Robert, Vice-Chair

SCHOMACKER, Joe, Minority Lead

ACOMB, Patty

BACKER, Jeff

BAHNER, Kristin

CARROLL, Ned

ELKINS, Steve

FISCHER, Peter

HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda

HER, Kaohly Vang

KIEL, Debra

MURPHY, Tom

NADEAU, Danny

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

PERRYMAN, Bernie

QUAM, Duane

REYER, Liz

SMITH, Andy

Members excused:

A quorum was present.

Representative Bierman moved that the minutes of February 28, 2024 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF4484 (Howard)** Repealer; sunset for the long-term safety net insulin program.

Chair Liebling moved that HF4484 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Liebling moved the H4484A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Howard presented his bill as amended.

Testifying:

1. Nicole Smith Holt, Charity Ambassador for T1International and Member, MNinsulin4all

Erika Helvick Anderson, Senior Director of Public Affairs, MNsure, responded to member questions.

Chair Liebling renewed her motion that HF4484, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF3700 (Smith)** Notice and public hearings for hospital closures, curtailment of operations, relocation of services, and cessation in offering services governing requirements modified; penalties provided; and right of first refusal before the sale of hospital or hospital campus established.

Representative Smith moved that HF3700, as amended by the H3700A1 Amendment, adopted by the committee on February 29, 2024, be laid over for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

Representative Smith presented his bill as amended.

Testifying:

1. Brittany Livaccari, Registered Nurse (RN), United Hospital
2. Justin Stofferahn, Antimonopoly Director, Minnesota Farmers Union
3. Mary Krinkie, Vice President of Government Relations, Minnesota Hospital Association
4. Amy Loesch, Policy Director, Minnesota Business Partnership

Doug Berg, House Fiscal Analyst, responded to member questions.

Representative Nadeau moved the H3700A2-2 Amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Smith renewed his motion that HF3700, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in a committee omnibus bill.

Chair Liebling laid over HF3700, as amended, for possible inclusion.

**HF2177 (Cha)** Sale or offer for sale of flavored tobacco, nicotine, or lobelia products prohibited; and penalties authorized.

Chair Liebling moved that HF2177 be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy.

Chair Liebling moved the H2177A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Cha presented his bill as amended.

Testifying:

1. Eugene Nichols, Board Chair, Minnesotans for a Smoke Free Generation (MSFG)
2. Da’Kwon Eppolite, Student and Member of Rochester Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council
3. Dr. Gail Brottman, Director, Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine, Hennepin County Medical Center
4. Michael Perez, Indigenous Peoples Task Force
5. Colleen O’Neill, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Chemical Health Specialist, Mounds View District
6. Namad Khalif, Student Advocate, Association for Nonsmokers (ANSR) Minnesota
7. Kelly McCarthy, Chief of Police, City of Mendota Heights
8. Rev. Dr. Charles Gill, Pastor, Pilgrim Baptist Church
9. Thomas Briant, Executive Director, Minnesota Wholesale Marketers Association
10. Frank Orton, Owner, Orton Oil
11. Clay Lambert, Owner/Operator, Metro Petro
12. Yasir Abuhaleigah, Owner, Fridley BP, Little Canada BP and Member of the Minnesota Service Station and Convenience Store Association
13. Tom Madden, Owner, E-Cig POD
14. Joe Zerka, Owner, A to Z Tobacco Inc.
15. Paul Lampland, Owner, Grey Cloud Studio

Emily Anderson, Director of Policy, ANSR and MSFG, responded to member questions.

Chair Liebling renewed her motion that HF2177, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 P.M.

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Krysta Niedernhöfer, Committee Legislative Assistant