

**JOINT HEARING: JUDICIARY FINANCE AND CIVIL LAW & CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEES**

Chairs: Representative Jamie Becker-Finn and Representative Dave Pinto

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Capitol 120

1. Call to Order

2. *Informational Hearing: HF1071 (KEELER) Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act changes made.

a. Bill Presentation:

1. **Rep. Heather Keeler** (04A, DFL)
2. **Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn** (40B, DFL)
3. **Rep. Alicia Kozlowski** (08B, DFL)

b. Testifiers:

1. **Chairman Faron Jackson**, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
2. **Chairman Kevin R. Dupuis Sr.**, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
3. **Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin**, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
4. **President Robert Larsen**, Lower Sioux Indian Community (virtual testimony)
5. **Vice President Shelley Buck**, Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Council
6. **Opichi Petite**, Youth, Fond du Lac Band Member
7. **Rebecca McConkey-Greene**, Associate Judge, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
8. **Patricia Staine**, Social Work Professional
9. **Bobbi Jo Marjorie Potter**, Manager of the Indian Child Welfare Program, Ramsey County Social Services Department
10. **Gertrude Buckanaga**, Executive Director, Upper Midwest American Indian Center
11. **Larissa Marie Littlewolf**, Associate Director, Tribal Training and Certification Partnership, University of Minnesota Duluth
12. **Amelia Carol LeGarde**, Impacted Community Member, Social Work Professional
13. **Jill Esch**, Ombudsperson, Office of Ombudsperson for American Indian Families
14. **Tonya Long**, Vice Chair, American Indian Community-Specific Board, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
15. **Delores Gabbard** (virtual testimony)
16. **Curtis Jackson**, Father, Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz Recovery Center, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe (virtual testimony)
17. **Deanna Drift**, Aunt, Director of Tribal Projects, FamilyWise Services, Enrolled Member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa,
18. **Lynn Brave Heart**, M.S.W., State ICWA Division Program Manager, Minnesota Guardian ad Litem Board
19. **Emelie Esther Rivera**, Bemidji, MN (Virtual Testimony)
20. **Samantha Gorman**, Mother, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

3. Adjournment

**The informational hearing will be limited to the bill presentation and testimony only. Discussion to the bill will be scheduled at a separate hearing. HF1071 is currently in the possession of the Children and Families Committee.*

Agenda items may be added or changed