

TRANSPORTATION FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Frank Hornstein, Chair of the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:00pm on March 22, 2022, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

HORNSTEIN, Frank, Chair
KOEGL, Erin, Vice-Chair
PETERSBURG, John, Lead
BAHR, Cal
BERNARDY, Connie
ELKINS, Steve
FREDERICK, Luke
HAUSMAN, Alice
HEINRICH, John
KOZNICK, Jon
MASIN, Sandra
MURPHY, Mary
NELSON, Michael
OLSON, Bjorn
RICHARDSON, Ruth
TORKELOSON, Paul
WEST, Nolan

A quorum was present.

Representative Petersburg moved that the March 17 minutes be adopted. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF4164 (Elkins) - Driver and vehicle services; various provisions modified including driver's license expiration dates, driver and vehicle record copies, filing fees, and exam requirements; recommendations made; reports required; and money appropriated.

Chair Hornstein moved to lay over HF 4164, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Public Testimony on HF 4164

Pong Xiong, Director of Driver and Vehicle Services, DPS
Jenna Covey, Chief Business Technology Officer, DNR

Chair Hornstein laid over HF 4164, as amended.

HF1355 (Gomez) - Marijuana amount definition modified, marijuana law small amount possession modified, water pipe weight of fluid prohibited from being used to determine marijuana weight mixture, record expungement authorized, affirmative defense provided, and driver's license revocation ended for low-level marijuana offenses.

Chair Hornstein moved to refer HF 1355 to the committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy.

Vice-Chair Koegel moved that the H1355A3 amendment be adopted. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Rep. Gomez gave an overview of HF 1355, as amended.

Public Testimony on HF 1355, as amended

Detective Nick Morrow (Ret.) - LEAP (Law Enforcement Action Partnership)
Tom Gallagher - Criminal Defense Attorney / MN NORML Board Member

Chair Hornstein renewed the motion to rerefer HF 1355, as amended, to the committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy. The results were as follows:

AYES:

HORNSTEIN, Frank
KOEGL, Erin
BAHR, Cal
BERNARDY, Connie
ELKINS, Steve
FREDERICK, Luke
HAUSMAN, Alice
HEINRICH, John
MASIN, Sandra
MURPHY, Mary
NELSON, Michael
RICHARDSON, Ruth
WEST, Nolan

NAYS:

PETERSBURG, John
OLSON, Bjorn
TORKELSON, Paul

There being 13 AYES and 3 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3312 (Ecklund) - Forest products special permit amended, and technical changes made.

Chair Hornstein moved to lay over HF 3312 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Chair Hornstein moved that the H3312A12 amendment be adopted. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Ecklund gave an overview of HF 3312, as amended.

Public Testimony on HF 3312 as amended

Rick Horton, Executive Vice President, Minnesota Forest Industries
Ray Higgins, Minnesota Timber Producers Association
Jake Hasbargen, owner of Jake's Sawmill in Baudette
Laura Roads, MnDOT
Jeff Krueger, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Townships

Chair Hornstein laid over HF 3312, as amended.

HF3787 (Koegel) - Watercraft operator safety education and permitting required, and motorboat rental requirements established.

Chair Hornstein moved to refer HF 3787 to the committee on Ways and Means.

Vice-Chair Koegel moved that the H3787A2 amendment be adopted. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Vice-Chair Koegel moved that the H3787A3 amendment be adopted. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Vice-Chair Koegel gave an overview of HF 3787, as amended.

Public Testimony on HF 3787, as amended

Jill Sims, National Marine Manufacturers Association

Jeff Forester, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates

Chair Hornstein renewed the motion to refer HF 3787, as amended, to the committee on Ways and Means. The results were as follows:

AYES:

HORNSTEIN, Frank
KOEGL, Erin
PETERSBURG, John
BERNARDY, Connie
ELKINS, Steve
FREDERICK, Luke
HAUSMAN, Alice
KOZNICK, Jon
MASIN, Sandra
MURPHY, Mary
NELSON, Michael
OLSON, Bjorn
RICHARDSON, Ruth
TORKEELSON, Paul
WEST, Nolan

NAYS:

BAHR, Cal
HEINRICH, John

There being 14 AYES and 2 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Hornstein adjourned the meeting at 2:32pm.

Representative Frank Hornstein, Chair

Dan Dodge, Committee Legislative Assistant