

**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES**

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. on March 19, 2024, in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

HANSEN, Rick (Chair)
JORDAN, Sydney (Vice Chair)
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (GOP Lead)
BLISS, Matt
BRAND, Jeff
BURKEL, John
EDELSON, Heather
FINKE, Leigh
FISCHER, Peter
GILLMAN, Dawn
JACOB, Steven
LEE, Fue
LISLEGARD, Dave
PURSELL, Kristi
SKRABA, Roger
VANG, Samantha

A quorum was present.

Representative Pursell moved to approve the minutes from March 13, 2024. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4409 (Agbaje); Grant program established for pilot projects to encourage and increase composting in multifamily buildings, report required, and money appropriated.

Chair Hansen moved that HF4409 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Agbaje presented HF4409.

Testifying on the bill:

- Andrea Lovoll, Lobbyist, Minnesota Environmental Justice Table
- Kirk Koudelka, Assistant Commissioner for Land Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF4409 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF4932 (Hornstein); Management of wasted food provided.

Chair Hansen moved that HF4932 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen moved to adopt the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hornstein presented HF4932, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Kirk Koudelka, Assistant Commissioner for Land Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Andrea Lovoll, Lobbyist, Minnesota Environmental Justice Table
- Jill Sims, Lobbyist, Hospitality Minnesota
- Jamie Pfuhl, President, Minnesota Grocers Association
- Bruce Nustad, President, Minnesota Retailers Association
- Toya Polez, Board of Directors Vice Chair, Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF4932, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF3457 (Kraft); Deadline established for state agencies to issue permits for a large electric power facility that has been granted a site or route permit.

Chair Hansen moved that HF3457 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Kraft presented HF3457.

Testifying on the bill:

- Joe Henderson, Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Lands and Minerals Division
- Alexis Donath, Legislative Coordinator, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF3457 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF4322 (Vang); Sustainable aviation fuel definition amended.

Representative Vang moved that HF4322 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Vang presented HF4322.

Testifying on the bill:

- Andrea Vaubel, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Peter Wagenius, Legislative and Political Director, Sierra Club North Star Chapter
- Megan Lenin, Energy and Environment Section Supervisor, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Representative Vang renewed the motion that HF4322 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Representative Jordan assumed the gavel at 4:18 P.M.

HF4135 (Hansen, R.); Agricultural fertilizer research fee and program extended by one year, drinking-water fee established for nitrogen fertilizer and private well drinking-water assistance program, testing for biosolids for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances required, reports required, and money appropriated.

Chair Hansen moved that HF4135 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Hansen moved to adopt the A5 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Hansen presented HF4135, as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Amanda Bilek, Senior Public Policy Director, Minnesota Corn Growers Association
- Tom Johnson, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Craig Johnson, Intergovernmental Relations Representative, League of Minnesota Cities

Chair Hansen renewed the motion that HF4135, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 P.M.

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair

Sam O'Neill, Committee Legislative Assistant