

CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES

Representative Jamie Long, Chair of the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy, called the virtual meeting to order at 10:30 AM on March 9th, 2021 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:

Long, Jamie, Chair
Acomb, Patty, Vice Chair
Swedzinski, Chris, Republican Lead
Bierman, Robert
Boe, Greg
Christensen, Shelly
Franson, Mary
Gruenhagen, Glenn
Hollins, Athena
Hornstein, Frank
Igo, Spencer
Lee, Fue
Lippert, Todd
Lislegard, Dave
Mekeland, Shane
Munson, Jeremy
Stephenson, Zack

A quorum was present.

Bills not introduced at the time of the meeting are indicated by the House Research, Revisor, or Counsel code.

Representative Acomb presented HF 653, A bill for an act relating to solar energy; modifying siting provisions governing community solar gardens; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216B.1641.

Testifying on HF 653:

- Eric Pasi, Chief Development Officer, Impact Power Solutions (IPS)
- Reed Richerson, Chief Operating Officer. US Solar Corporation

Public testimony on HF 653:

- Madeline Gould, Policy Manager, Arcadia
- Kevin Pranis, Campaign Director, LiUNA
- John Reynolds, Director of Energy, Telecommunications, and Elections Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- Rick Evans, Director of Regional Government Affairs, Xcel Energy

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF0653A1 amendment.

Representative Swedzinski requested a roll call on the HF0653A1 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski
Boe
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo
Mekeland
Munson

NAYS:

Long
Acomb
Bierman
Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Lislegard
Stephenson

There being 7 ayes and 10 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Igo moved the HF0653A2 amendment.

Representative Igo requested a roll call on the HF0653A2 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski
Boe
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo
Mekeland
Munson

NAYS:

Long
Acomb
Bierman
Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Lislegard

ABSTAINED:

Stephenson

There being 7 ayes, 9 nays, and 1 abstention, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Boe moved the HF0653A3 amendment.

Representative Boe requested a roll call on the HF0653A3 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski
Boe
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo
Mekeland

NAYS:

Long
Acomb
Bierman
Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Lislegard
Munson
Stephenson

There being 6 ayes and 11 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Gruenhagen moved the HF0653A4 amendment.

Representative Gruenhagen requested a roll call on the HF0653A4 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski
Boe
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo
Mekeland
Munson

NAYS:

Long
Acomb
Bierman
Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Lislegard
Stephenson

There being 7 ayes and 10 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Mekeland moved the HF0653A5 amendment.

Representative Mekeland requested a roll call on the HF0653A5 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski
Boe
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo
Lislegard
Mekeland
Munson

NAYS:

Long
Acomb
Bierman

Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Stephenson

There being 8 ayes and 9 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF0653A6 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF0653A7 amendment.

Representative Swedzinski requested a roll call on the HF0653A7 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski
Boe
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo
Mekeland
Munson

NAYS:

Long
Acomb
Bierman
Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Lislegard

ABSTAINED:

Stephenson

There being 7 ayes, 9 nays, and 1 abstention, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF0653A9 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Mekeland moved the HF0653A8 amendment.

Representative Mekeland requested a roll call on the HF0653A8

Representative Mekeland withdrew the HF0653A8 amendment

Representative Acomb renewed her motion that HF 653 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Long handed the gavel to Representative Acomb at 11:13am.

Representative Long presented HF 1397, A bill for an act relating to community solar gardens; modifying the community solar garden program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216B.1641.

Testifying on HF 1397:

- Timothy DenHerder-Thomas, General Manager, Cooperative Energy Futures
- Bishop Howell, Minister, Shiloh Temple International Ministries
- Roger Steinkamp, Member, City of Faribault Environment Commission

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF1397DE1 amendment.

Representative Swedzinski requested a roll call on the HF1397DE1 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski

Boe

Franson

Gruenhagen

Igo

Mekeland

Munson

NAYS:

Long

Acomb

Bierman

Christensen

Hollins

Hornstein

Lee

Lippert

Lislegard

ABSTAINED:

Stephenson

There being 7 ayes, 9 nays, and 1 abstention, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF1397A1 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Gruenhagen moved the HF1397A2 amendment.

Representative Gruenhagen requested a roll call on the HF1397A2 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski
Boe
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo
Mekeland

NAYS:

Long
Acomb
Bierman
Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Lislegard
Munson

ABSTAINED:

Stephenson

There being 6 ayes, 10 nays, and 1 abstention, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF1397A3 amendment.

Representative Swedzinski requested a roll call on the HF1397A3 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski
Boe
Franson

Gruenhagen
Igo
Mekeland
Munson

NAYS:

Long
Acomb
Bierman
Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Lislegard

ABSTAINED:

Stephenson

There being 7 ayes, 9 nays, and 1 abstention, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Swedzinski withdrew the HF1397A4 amendment.

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF1397A5 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Boe withdrew the HF1397A6 amendment.

Representative Gruenhagen moved the HF1397A7 amendment.

Representative Gruenhagen requested a roll call on the HF1397A7 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski
Boe
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo
Mekeland
Munson

NAYS:

Long
Acomb
Bierman

Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Lislegard

ABSTAINED:
Stephenson

There being 7 ayes, 9 nays, and 1 abstention, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF1397A8 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF1397A9 amendment.

Representative Acomb ruled the HF1397A9 amendment out of order.

Representative Swedzinski moved to table HF1397.

Representative Swedzinski requested a roll call to the motion to table HF1397.

AYES:
Swedzinski
Boe
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo
Mekeland
Munson

NAYS:
Long
Acomb
Bierman
Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Lislegard
Stephenson

There being 7 ayes and 10 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Long renewed his motion that HF 1397 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Long presented House Research BE 063, A bill for an act relating to modifying the community solar garden program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216B.1641.

Testifying on House Research BE 063:

- Gabe Chan, Assistant Professor, Humphrey School of Public Affairs
- David Shaffer, Executive Director, MnSEIA

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Representative Jamie Long, Chair

Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant