

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Wednesday, March 15, 2023

The Senate met at 11:00 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Frentz imposed a call of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Sharon Day.

The members of the Senate gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was called, and the following Senators were present:

Abeler	Eichorn	Klein	McEwen	Rarick
Bahr	Farnsworth	Koran	Miller	Rasmusson
Boldon	Fateh	Kreun	Mitchell	Rest
Carlson	Frentz	Kunesh	Mohamed	Seeberger
Champion	Green	Kupec	Morrison	Utke
Cwodzinski	Gruenhagen	Latz	Murphy	Weber
Dahms	Gustafson	Lieske	Nelson	Wesenberg
Dibble	Hauschild	Limmer	Oumou Verbeten	Westlin
Dornink	Hawj	Lucero	Pappas	Wiklund
Draheim	Hoffman	Mann	Pha	Xiong
Drazkowski	Housley	Marty	Port	
Duckworth	Jasinski	Mathews	Pratt	
Dziedzic	Johnson	Maye Quade	Putnam	

The President declared a quorum present.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal, as printed and corrected, was approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senator Frentz moved that the Committee Reports at the Desk be now adopted, with the exception of the report on S.F. No. 1934.

The question was taken on the adoption of the motion.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 43 and nays 10, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Duckworth	Housley	Maye Quade	Pha
Boldon	Dziedzic	Jasinski	McEwen	Port
Carlson	Farnsworth	Klein	Miller	Pratt
Champion	Fateh	Kreun	Mohamed	Seeberger
Cwodzinski	Frentz	Kunesh	Morrison	Weber
Dahms	Gustafson	Kupec	Murphy	Westlin
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Draheim	Hoffman	Marty	Pappas	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Boldon cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Dziedzic, Hawj, and Maye Quade.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Bahr	Eichorn	Gruenhagen	Mathews	Rasmusson
Drazkowski	Green	Koran	Rarick	Utke

The motion prevailed.

Senator Champion from the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1741: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money to African Economic Development Solutions for building construction.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Capital Investment. Report adopted.

Senator Frentz from the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2301: A bill for an act relating to energy; establishing the Minnesota Innovative Finance Authority to provide financing and leverage private investment for clean energy and other projects; requiring a report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. [216C.441] MINNESOTA CLIMATE INNOVATION FINANCE AUTHORITY.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment; purpose.** (a) There is created a public body corporate and politic to be known as the "Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority," whose purpose is to accelerate the deployment of clean energy projects, greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects, and other qualified projects through the strategic deployment of public funds in the form of grants, loans, credit enhancements, and other financing mechanisms in order to leverage existing public and private sources of capital to reduce the upfront and total cost of qualified projects and to overcome financial barriers to project adoption, especially in low-income communities.

(b) The goals of the authority include but are not limited to:

(1) reducing Minnesota's contributions to climate change by accelerating the deployment of clean energy projects;

(2) ensuring that all Minnesotans share the benefits of clean and renewable energy and the opportunity to fully participate in the clean energy economy by promoting:

(i) the creation of clean energy jobs for Minnesota workers, particularly in environmental justice communities and communities in which fossil fuel electric generating plants are retiring; and

(ii) the principles of environmental justice in the authority's operations and funding decisions;
and

(3) maintaining energy reliability while reducing the economic burden of energy costs, especially on low-income households.

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Authority" means the Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority.

(c) "Board" means the Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority's board of directors established in subdivision 10.

(d) "Clean energy project" has the meaning given to "qualified project" in paragraph (m), clauses (1) to (7).

(e) "Community navigator" means an organization that works to facilitate access to clean energy project financing by community groups.

(f) "Credit enhancement" means a pool of capital set aside to cover potential losses on loans and other investments made by financing entities. Credit enhancement includes but is not limited to loan loss reserves and loan guarantees.

(g) "Energy storage system" has the meaning given in section 216B.2422, subdivision 1, paragraph (f).

(h) "Environmental justice" means that:

(1) communities of color, Indigenous communities, and low-income communities have a healthy environment and are treated fairly when environmental statutes, rules, and policies are developed, adopted, implemented, and enforced; and

(2) in all decisions that have the potential to affect the environment of an environmental justice community or the public health of an environmental justice community's residents, due consideration is given to the history of the area's and the area's residents' cumulative exposure to pollutants and to any current socioeconomic conditions that increase the physical sensitivity of the area's residents to additional exposure to pollutants.

(i) "Environmental justice community" means a community in Minnesota that, based on the most recent data published by the United States Census Bureau, meets one or more of the following criteria:

(1) 40 percent or more of the community's total population is nonwhite;

(2) 35 percent or more of households in the community have an income that is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level;

(3) 40 percent or more of the community's residents over the age of five have limited English proficiency; or

(4) the community is located within Indian country, as defined in United States Code, title 18, section 1151.

(j) "Greenhouse gas emissions" means emissions of carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride emitted by anthropogenic sources.

(k) "Loan loss reserve" means a pool of capital set aside to reimburse a private lender if a customer defaults on a loan, up to an agreed-upon percentage of loans originated by the private lender.

(l) "Microgrid system" means an electrical grid that:

(1) serves a discrete geographical area from distributed energy resources; and

(2) can operate independently from the central electric grid on a temporary basis.

(m) "Qualified project" means a project, technology, product, service, or measure promoting energy efficiency, clean energy, electrification, or water conservation and quality that:

(1) substantially reduces greenhouse gas emissions;

(2) reduces energy use without diminishing the level of service;

(3) increases the deployment of renewable energy projects, energy storage systems, district heating, smart grid technologies, or microgrid systems;

(4) replaces existing fossil-fuel-based technology with an end-use electric technology;

(5) supports the development and deployment of electric vehicle charging stations and associated infrastructure, electric buses, and electric fleet vehicles;

(6) reduces water use or protects, restores, or preserves the quality of surface waters; or

(7) incentivizes customers to shift demand in response to changes in the price of electricity or when system reliability is not jeopardized.

(n) "Renewable energy" has the meaning given in section 216B.1691, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clauses (1), (2), and (4), and includes fuel cells generated from renewable energy.

(o) "Securitization" means the conversion of an asset composed of individual loans into marketable securities.

(p) "Smart grid" means a digital technology that:

(1) allows for two-way communication between a utility and the utility's customers; and

(2) enables the utility to control power flow and load in real time.

Subd. 3. **General powers.** (a) For the purpose of exercising the specific powers granted in this section, the authority has the general powers granted in this subdivision.

(b) The authority may:

(1) hire an executive director and staff to conduct the authority's operations;

(2) sue and be sued;

(3) have a seal and alter the seal;

(4) acquire, hold, lease, manage, and dispose of real or personal property for the authority's corporate purposes;

(5) enter into agreements, including cooperative financing agreements, contracts, or other transactions, with any federal or state agency, county, local unit of government, regional development commission, person, domestic or foreign partnership, corporation, association, or organization;

(6) acquire real property, or an interest therein, in the authority's own name, by purchase or foreclosure, where acquisition is necessary or appropriate;

(7) provide general technical and consultative services related to the authority's purpose;

(8) promote research and development in matters related to the authority's purpose;

(9) analyze greenhouse gas emissions reduction project financing needs in the state and recommend measures to alleviate any shortage of financing capacity;

(10) contract with any governmental or private agency or organization, legal counsel, financial advisor, investment banker, or others to assist in the exercise of the authority's powers;

(11) enter into agreements with qualified lenders or others insuring or guaranteeing to the state the payment of qualified loans or other financing instruments; and

(12) accept on behalf of the state any gift, grant, or interest in money or personal property tendered to the state for any purpose pertaining to the authority's activities.

Subd. 4. **Authority duties.** (a) The authority must:

(1) serve as a financial resource to reduce the upfront and total costs of implementing qualified projects;

(2) ensure that all financed projects reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

(3) ensure that financing terms and conditions offered are well-suited to qualified projects;

(4) strategically prioritize the use of the authority's funds to leverage private investment in qualified projects, with the aim of achieving a high ratio of private to public money invested through funding mechanisms that support, enhance, and complement private investment;

(5) coordinate with existing federal, state, local, utility, and other programs to ensure that the authority's resources are being used most effectively to add to and complement those programs;

(6) stimulate demand for qualified projects by:

(i) contracting with the department's Energy Information Center and community navigators to provide information to project participants about federal, state, local, utility, and other authority financial assistance for qualifying projects, and technical information on energy conservation and renewable energy measures;

(ii) forming partnerships with contractors and informing contractors about the authority's financing programs;

(iii) developing innovative marketing strategies to stimulate project owner interest, especially in underserved communities; and

(iv) incentivizing financing entities to increase activity in underserved markets;

(7) finance projects in all regions of the state;

(8) develop participant eligibility standards and other terms and conditions for financial support provided by the authority;

(9) develop and administer:

(i) policies to collect reasonable fees for authority services; and

(ii) risk management activities to support ongoing authority activities;

(10) develop consumer protection standards governing the authority's investments to ensure that financial support is provided responsibly and transparently and is in the financial interest of participating project owners;

(11) develop methods to accurately measure the impact of the authority's activities, particularly on low-income communities and on greenhouse gas emissions reductions; and

(12) hire an executive director and sufficient staff with the appropriate skills to carry out the authority's programs.

(b) The authority may:

(1) employ credit enhancement mechanisms that reduce financial risk for financing entities by providing assurance that a limited portion of a loan or other financial instrument is assumed by the authority via a loan loss reserve, loan guarantee, or other mechanism;

(2) co-invest in a qualified project by providing senior or subordinated debt, equity, or other mechanisms in conjunction with other investment or financing;

(3) aggregate small and geographically dispersed qualified projects in order to diversify risk or secure additional private investment through securitization or similar resale of the authority's interest in a completed qualified project; and

(4) serve as the designated state entity to apply for and accept federal funds for Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund grants authorized by the federal Clean Air Act, United States Code, title 42, section 7434(a)(2) and 7434(a)(3).

Subd. 5. Underserved market analysis. (a) Before developing a financing program, the authority must conduct an analysis of the financial market the authority is considering entering in order to determine the extent to which the market is underserved and to ensure that the authority's activities supplement, and do not duplicate or supplant, the efforts of financing entities currently serving the market. The analysis must address the nature and extent of any barriers or gaps that may be preventing financing entities from adequately serving the market, and must examine present and projected future efforts of existing financing entities, federal, state, and local governments, and of utilities and others to serve the market.

(b) In determining whether the authority should enter a market, the authority must consider:

(1) whether serving the market advances the authority's policy goals;

(2) the extent to which the market is currently underserved;

(3) the unique tools the authority would deploy to overcome existing market barriers or gaps;

(4) how the authority would market the program to potential participants; and

(5) potential financing partners and the role financing partners would play in complementing the authority's activities.

Subd. 6. Authority lending practices; labor and consumer protection standards. (a) In determining the projects in which the authority will participate, the authority must give preference to projects that:

(1) maximize the creation of high-quality employment and apprenticeship opportunities for local workers, consistent with the public interest, especially workers from environmental justice communities and from Minnesota communities hosting retired or retiring electric generation facilities, including workers previously employed at retiring facilities;

(2) utilize energy technologies produced domestically that received an advanced manufacturing tax credit under section 45X of the Internal Revenue Code, as allowed under the federal Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, Public Law 117-169; and

(3) certify, for all contractors and subcontractors, that the rights of workers to organize and unionize are recognized.

(b) The authority must require, for all projects for which the authority provides financing, that:

(1) if the budget is \$100,000 or more, all contractors and subcontractors:

(i) must pay no less than the prevailing wage rate, as defined in section 177.42, subdivision 6; and

(ii) are subject to the requirements and enforcement provisions under sections 177.27, 177.30, 177.32, 177.41 to 177.43, and 177.45;

(2) financing is not offered without first ensuring that the participants meet the authority's underwriting criteria; and

(3) any loan made to a homeowner for a project on the homeowner's residence complies with section 47.59 and the following federal laws:

(i) the Truth in Lending Act, United States Code, title 15, section 1601 et seq.;

(ii) the Fair Credit Reporting Act, United States Code, title 15, section 1681;

(iii) the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, United States Code, title 15, section 1691 et seq.; and

(iv) the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, United States Code, title 15, section 1692.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "local workers" means Minnesota residents who permanently reside within 150 miles of the location of a proposed project in which the authority is considering to participate.

Subd. 7. **Strategic plan.** (a) By December 15, 2024, and each December 15 in even-numbered years thereafter, the authority must develop and adopt a strategic plan that prioritizes the authority's activities over the next two years. A strategic plan must:

(1) identify targeted underserved markets for qualified projects in Minnesota;

(2) develop specific programs to overcome market impediments through access to authority financing and technical assistance; and

(3) develop outreach and marketing strategies designed to make potential project developers, participants, and communities aware of financing and technical assistance available from the authority, including the deployment of community navigators.

(b) Elements of the strategic plan must be informed by the authority's analysis of the market for qualified projects, and by the authority's experience under the previous strategic plan, including the degree to which performance targets were or were not achieved by each financing program. In addition, the authority must actively seek input regarding activities that should be included in the strategic plan from stakeholders, environmental justice communities, the general public, and participants, including via meetings required under subdivision 9.

(c) The authority must establish annual targets in a strategic plan for each financing program regarding the number of projects, level of authority investments, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and installed generating capacity or energy savings the authority hopes to achieve, including separate targets for authority activities undertaken in environmental justice communities.

(d) The authority's targets and strategies must be designed to ensure that no less than 40 percent of the direct benefits of authority activities flow to environmental justice communities as defined under subdivision 2, by the United States Department of Energy, or as modified by the department.

Subd. 8. Investment strategy; content; process. (a) No later than, and every four years thereafter, the authority must adopt a long-term investment strategy to ensure the authority's paramount goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is reflected in all of the authority's operations. The investment strategy must address:

(1) the types of qualified projects the authority should focus on;

(2) gaps in current qualified project financing that present the greatest opportunities for successful action by the authority;

(3) how the authority can best position itself to maximize its impact without displacing, subsidizing, or assuming risk that should be shared with financing entities;

(4) financing tools that will be most effective in achieving the authority's goals;

(5) partnerships the authority should establish with other organizations to increase the likelihood of success; and

(6) how values of equity, environmental justice, and geographic balance can be integrated into all investment operations of the authority.

(b) In developing an investment strategy, the authority must consult, at a minimum, with similar organizations in other states, lending authorities, state agencies, utilities, environmental and energy policy nonprofits, labor organizations, and other organizations that can provide valuable advice on the authority's activities.

(c) The long-term investment strategy must contain provisions ensuring that:

(1) authority investments are not made solely to reduce private risk; and

(2) private financing entities do not unilaterally control the terms of investments to which the authority is a party.

(d) The board must submit a draft long-term investment strategy for comment to each of the groups and individuals the board consults under paragraph (b) and to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with primary jurisdiction over energy finance and policy, and must post the draft strategy on the authority's website. The authority must accept written comments on the draft strategy for at least 30 days and must consider the comments in preparing the final long-term investment strategy.

Subd. 9. Public communications and outreach. The authority must:

(1) maintain a public website that provides information about the authority's operations, current financing programs, and practices, including rates, terms, and conditions; the number and amount of investments by project type; the number of jobs created; the financing application process; and other information;

(2) periodically issue an electronic newsletter to stakeholders and the public containing information on the authority's products, programs, and services and key authority events and decisions; and

(3) hold quarterly meetings accessible online to update the general public on the authority's activities, report progress being made in regard to the authority's strategic plan and long-term investment strategy, and invite audience questions regarding authority programs.

Subd. 10. **Board of directors.** (a) The Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority Board of Directors shall consist of the following 11 members:

(1) the commissioner of commerce, or the commissioner's designee;

(2) the commissioner of labor and industry, or the commissioner's designee;

(3) the commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, or the commissioner's designee;

(4) the commissioner of employment and economic development, or the commissioner's designee;

(5) the chair of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, or the chair's designee; and

(6) six additional members appointed by the governor, as follows:

(i) one member, appointed after the governor consults with labor organizations in the state, must be a representative of a labor union with experience working on clean energy projects;

(ii) one member with expertise in the impact of climate change on Minnesota communities, particularly low-income communities;

(iii) one member with expertise in financing projects at a community bank, credit union, community development institution, or local government;

(iv) one member with expertise in sustainable development and energy conservation;

(v) one member with expertise in environmental justice; and

(vi) one member with expertise in investment fund management or financing and deploying clean energy technologies.

(b) At least two members appointed to the board must permanently reside outside the metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2. The board must collectively reflect the geographic and ethnic diversity of the state.

(c) Board members appointed under paragraph (a), clause (6), shall serve a term of four years, except that the initial appointments made under clause (6), items (i) to (iii), shall be for two-year

terms, and the initial appointments made under clause (6), items (iv) to (vi), shall be for three-year terms.

(d) Members appointed to the board must:

(1) provide evidence of a commitment to the authority's purposes and goals; and

(2) not hold any personal or professional conflicts of interest related to the authority's activities, including with respect to the member's financial investments and employment or the financial investments and employment of the member's immediate family members.

(e) The governor must make the appointments required under this section no later than July 30, 2023.

(f) The initial meeting of the board of directors must be held no later than September 15, 2023. At the initial meeting, the board shall elect a chair and vice-chair by majority vote of the members present.

(g) The authority shall contract with the department to provide administrative and technical services to the board and to prospective borrowers, especially those serving or located in environmental justice communities.

(h) Compensation of board members, removal of members, and filling of vacancies are governed by the provisions of section 15.0575.

(i) Board members may be reappointed for up to two full terms.

(j) A majority of board members, excluding vacancies, constitutes a quorum for the purpose of conducting business and exercising powers, and for all other purposes. Action may be taken by the authority upon a vote of a majority of the quorum present.

(k) Board members and officers are not personally liable, either jointly or severally, for any debt or obligation created or incurred by the authority.

Subd. 11. **Report; audit.** Beginning February 1, 2024, the authority must annually submit a comprehensive report on the authority's activities during the previous year to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over energy policy. The report must contain, at a minimum, information on:

(1) the amount of authority capital invested, by project type;

(2) the amount of private and public capital leveraged by authority investments, by project type;

(3) the number of qualified projects supported, by project type and location within Minnesota, including in environmental justice communities;

(4) the estimated number of jobs created for local workers and nonlocal workers, and tax revenue generated as a result of the authority's activities;

(5) estimated reductions in greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the authority's activities;

(6) the number of clean energy projects financed in low- and moderate-income households;

(7) a narrative describing the progress made toward the authority's equity, social, and labor standards goals; and

(8) a financial audit conducted by an independent party.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$45,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority established under Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.441, for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 216C.441.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete "Innovative" and insert "Climate Innovation"

Page 1, line 4, after the second semicolon, insert "appropriating money;"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Frenz from the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2201: A bill for an act relating to energy; requiring energy guidelines for state buildings to incorporate provisions that address resiliency with respect to climate change; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16B.325, subdivision 2.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans. Report adopted.

Senator Frenz from the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2720: A bill for an act relating to energy; adding the definitions of gas and hazardous liquid; authorizing exempt rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 216G.02, subdivision 1.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

H.F. No. 62: A bill for an act relating to labor; modifying Public Employment Relations Board data; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 13.43, subdivision 6;

179A.041, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2318: A bill for an act relating to marriage; changing the process by which a person with a felony conviction applies for a name change; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 259.13, subdivision 1; 517.08, subdivision 1a.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, after line 31, insert

"Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 517.08, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

Subd. 1b. **Term of license; fee; premarital education.** (a) The local registrar shall examine upon oath the parties applying for a license relative to the legality of the contemplated civil marriage. Both parties must present proof of age to the local registrar. If one party is unable to appear in person, the party appearing may complete the absent applicant's information. The local registrar shall provide a copy of the civil marriage application to the party who is unable to appear, who must verify the accuracy of the appearing party's information in a notarized statement. The verification statement must be accompanied by a copy of proof of age of the party. The civil marriage license must not be released until the verification statement and proof of age has been received by the local registrar. If the local registrar is satisfied that there is no legal impediment to it, including the restriction contained in section 259.13, the local registrar shall issue the license, containing the full names of the parties before and after the civil marriage, and county and state of residence, with the county seal attached, and make a record of the date of issuance. The license shall be valid for a period of six months. Except as provided in paragraph (b), the local registrar shall collect from the applicant a fee of \$115 for administering the oath, issuing, recording, and filing all papers required, and preparing and transmitting to the state registrar of vital records the reports of civil marriage required by this section. If the license should not be used within the period of six months due to illness or other extenuating circumstances, it may be surrendered to the local registrar for cancellation, and in that case a new license shall issue upon request of the parties of the original license without fee. A local registrar who knowingly issues or signs a civil marriage license in any manner other than as provided in this section shall pay to the parties aggrieved an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

(b) The civil marriage license fee for parties who have completed at least 12 hours of premarital education is \$40. In order to qualify for the reduced license fee, the parties must submit at the time of applying for the civil marriage license a statement that is signed, dated, and notarized or marked with a church seal from the person who provided the premarital education on their letterhead confirming that it was received. The premarital education must be provided by a licensed or ordained minister or the minister's designee, a person authorized to solemnize civil marriages under section 517.18, or a person authorized to practice marriage and family therapy under section 148B.33. The education must include the use of a premarital inventory and the teaching of communication and conflict management skills.

(c) The statement from the person who provided the premarital education under paragraph (b) must be in the following form:

"I, (name of educator), confirm that (names of both parties) received at least 12 hours of premarital education that included the use of a premarital inventory and the teaching of communication and conflict management skills. I am a licensed or ordained minister, a person authorized to solemnize civil marriages under Minnesota Statutes, section 517.18, or a person licensed to practice marriage and family therapy under Minnesota Statutes, section 148B.33."

The names of the parties in the educator's statement must be identical to the legal names of the parties as they appear in the civil marriage license application. Notwithstanding section 138.17, the educator's statement must be retained for seven years, after which time it may be destroyed.

~~(d) If section 259.13 applies to the request for a civil marriage license, the local registrar shall grant the civil marriage license without the requested name change. Alternatively, the local registrar may delay the granting of the civil marriage license until the party with the conviction:~~

~~(1) certifies under oath that 30 days have passed since service of the notice for a name change upon the prosecuting authority and, if applicable, the attorney general and no objection has been filed under section 259.13; or~~

~~(2) provides a certified copy of the court order granting it. The parties seeking the civil marriage license shall have the right to choose to have the license granted without the name change or to delay its granting pending further action on the name change request."~~

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1760: A bill for an act relating to judiciary; modifying the jurisdictional limit for conciliation court claims by increasing the monetary value of claims to \$20,000; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 491A.01, subdivision 3a.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass. Report adopted.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1934: A bill for an act relating to public safety; clarifying the revocation of stay provision relating to certain stays of adjudication and deferred prosecutions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.14, by adding a subdivision.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, after line 5, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.14, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Grounds.** (a) When it appears that the defendant has violated any of the conditions of probation or intermediate sanction, or has otherwise been guilty of misconduct ~~which that~~ warrants the ~~imposing~~ adjudication of guilt, or imposition or execution of sentence, the court may without notice revoke the stay and direct that the defendant be taken into immediate custody.

(b) When it appears that the defendant violated any of the conditions of probation during the term of the stay, but the term of the stay has since expired, the defendant's probation officer or the prosecutor may ask the court to initiate probation revocation proceedings under the Rules of Criminal Procedure at any time within six months after the expiration of the stay. The court also may initiate proceedings under these circumstances on its own motion. If proceedings are initiated within this six-month period, the court may conduct a revocation hearing and take any action authorized under rule 27.04 at any time during or after the six-month period.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 609.135 or any law to the contrary, after proceedings to revoke the stay have been initiated by a court order revoking the stay and directing either that the defendant be taken into custody or that a summons be issued in accordance with paragraph (a), the proceedings to revoke the stay may be concluded and the summary hearing provided by subdivision 2 may be conducted after the expiration of the stay or after the six-month period set forth in paragraph (b). The proceedings to revoke the stay shall not be dismissed on the basis that the summary hearing is conducted after the term of the stay or after the six-month period. The ability or inability to locate or apprehend the defendant prior to the expiration of the stay or during or after the six-month period shall not preclude the court from conducting the summary hearing unless the defendant demonstrates that the delay was purposefully caused by the state in order to gain an unfair advantage.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.14, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Notification of grounds for revocation.** The defendant shall thereupon be notified in writing and in such manner as the court directs of the grounds alleged to exist for revocation of the stay ~~of imposition or execution of sentence~~. If such grounds are brought in issue by the defendant, a summary hearing shall be held thereon at which the defendant is entitled to be heard and to be represented by counsel.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.14, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Sentence.** If any of such grounds are found to exist the court may:

(1) if imposition of sentence was previously stayed, again stay sentence or impose sentence and stay the execution thereof, and in either event place the defendant on probation or order intermediate sanctions pursuant to section 609.135, or impose sentence and order execution thereof; ~~or~~

(2) if sentence was previously imposed and execution thereof stayed, continue such stay and place the defendant on probation or order intermediate sanctions in accordance with the provisions of section 609.135, or order execution of the sentence previously imposed; or

(3) if adjudication was stayed as authorized in section 609.095, paragraph (b), or prosecution was deferred under section 152.18, continue the stay without intermediate sanctions, continue it with intermediate sanctions, or adjudicate guilt and proceed as otherwise provided, including, in the event of a felony conviction, as provided in section 244.10."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass.

Pursuant to Joint Rule 2.03, the bill was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2044: A bill for an act relating to human rights; requiring closed-captioned television in certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 363A.11, subdivision 2.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans. Report adopted.

Senator McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1561: A bill for an act relating to health; establishing requirements for hospital nurse staffing committees and hospital nurse workload committees; modifying requirements of hospital core staffing plans; requiring the commissioner of health to grade and publicly disclose hospital compliance with core staffing plans; modifying requirements related to hospital preparedness and incident response action plans to acts of violence; modifying eligibility for nursing facility employee scholarships; establishing a hospital nursing education loan forgiveness program; modifying eligibility for the health professional education loan forgiveness program; requiring the commissioner of health to study hospital staffing; establishing a grant program to improve the mental health of health care workers; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 144.1501, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; 144.566; 144.608, subdivision 1; 144.653, subdivision 5; 144.7055; 144.7067, subdivision 1; 147A.08; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 10, line 27, delete "must" and insert "may" and after the second "of" insert "interference with or"

Page 10, line 29, delete "must" and insert "may" and after "hospital" insert "up to" and delete "for each instance of substantiated" and insert "if the commissioner finds the hospital interfered with or retaliated"

Page 10, line 30, delete "retaliation"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was referred

S.F. No. 58: A bill for an act relating to employment; establishing worker safety requirements; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 182.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 10, before the period, insert "except for the purposes of subdivisions 2, 3, and 4, "employee" means a nonexempt employee performing warehouse work occurring on the property of a warehouse distribution center, and does not include a nonexempt employee performing solely manufacturing, administrative, sales, accounting, human resources, or driving work at a warehouse distribution center"

Page 1, line 16, after the period, insert """Work speed data" does not include itemized earnings statements pursuant to chapter 181, except for any content of those records that includes work speed data as defined in this paragraph."

Page 1, line 20, delete "100" and insert "250"

Page 2, after line 3, insert:

"(f) "Nonexempt employee" means an employee as defined in section 177.23, subdivision 7."

Page 2, line 4, delete "(f)" and insert "(g)"

Page 2, line 11, delete "(g)" and insert "(h)"

Page 4, line 10, delete "injury" and insert "the violation"

Page 4, delete section 2

Renumber the sections in sequence

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was referred

S.F. No. 999: A bill for an act relating to the State Building Code; requiring the installation of adult-size changing facilities in restrooms accessible to the public; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 326B.106, subdivision 4.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 3, line 13, delete "(1)" and delete "The code must require the installation of adult-size" and insert "The commissioner shall adopt rules requiring adult-size changing facilities as part of the State Building Code."

Page 3, delete lines 14 to 30 and insert:

"Sec. 2. **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.**

The commissioner of labor and industry shall adopt rules, using the expedited rulemaking process in Minnesota Statutes, section 14.389, that set forth adult-size changing facilities to conform with the addition of Minnesota Statutes, section 326B.106, subdivision 4, paragraph (n), under this act.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1681: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring a health system to return charitable assets received from the state to the general fund in certain circumstances.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[144.557] REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN HEALTH CARE ENTITY TRANSACTIONS.**

Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meaning given.

(b) "Captive professional entity" means a professional corporation, limited liability company, or other entity formed to render professional services in which a beneficial owner is a health care provider employed by, controlled by, or subject to the direction of a hospital or hospital system.

(c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of health.

(d) "Health care entity" means:

(1) a hospital;

(2) a hospital system;

(3) a captive professional entity;

(4) a medical foundation;

(5) a health care provider group practice;

(6) an entity organized or controlled by an entity listed in clauses (1) to (5); or

(7) an entity that owns or exercised substantial control over an entity listed in clauses (1) to (5).

(e) "Health care provider" means a physician licensed under chapter 147, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 147A, or an advanced practice registered nurse as defined in section 148.171, subdivision 3, who provides health care services, including but not limited to medical care, consultation, diagnosis, or treatment.

(f) "Health care provider group practice" means two or more health care providers legally organized in a partnership, professional corporation, limited liability company, medical foundation, nonprofit corporation, faculty practice plan, or other similar entity:

(1) in which each health care provider who is a member of the group provides substantially the full range of services that a health care provider routinely provides, including but not limited to medical care, consultation, diagnosis, and treatment, through the joint use of shared office space, facilities, equipment, or personnel;

(2) for which substantially all services of the health care providers who are group members are provided through the group and are billed in the name of the group practice and amounts so received are treated as receipts of the group; or

(3) in which the overhead expenses of, and the income from, the group are distributed in accordance with methods previously determined by members of the group.

An entity that otherwise meets the definition of health care provider group practice in this paragraph shall be considered a health care provider group practice even if its shareholders, partners, or owners include single-health care provider professional corporations, limited liability companies formed to render professional services, or other entities in which beneficial owners are individual health care providers.

(g) "Hospital" means a health care facility licensed as a hospital under sections 144.50 to 144.56.

(h) "Medical foundation" means a nonprofit legal entity through which physicians or other health care providers perform research or provide medical services.

(i) "Transaction" means a single action, or a series of actions within a five-year period, that constitutes:

(1) a merger or exchange of a health care entity with another entity;

(2) the sale, lease, or transfer of 30 percent or more of the assets of a health care entity to another entity;

(3) the granting of a security interest of 30 percent or more of the property and assets of a health care entity to another entity;

(4) the transfer of 30 percent or more of the shares or other ownership of the health care entity to another entity;

(5) an addition or substitution of one or more members of the health care entity's governing body that effectively transfers control, responsibility for, or governance of the health care entity to another entity;

(6) the creation of a new health care entity; or

(7) substantial investment of 30 percent or more in a health care entity that results in sharing of revenues without a change in ownership or voting shares.

Subd. 2. **Notice required.** (a) This subdivision applies to all transactions where:

(1) the health care entity involved in the transaction has average revenue of at least \$10,000,000 per year; or

(2) an entity created by the transaction is projected to have average revenue of at least \$10,000,000 per year once the entity is operating at full capacity.

(b) A health care entity must provide notice to the attorney general and the commissioner and comply with this subdivision before entering into a transaction. Notice must be provided at least 180 days before the proposed completion date for the transaction.

(c) As part of the notice required under this subdivision, at least 180 days before the proposed completion date of the transaction, a health care entity must affirmatively disclose the following to the attorney general and the commissioner:

(1) the entities involved in the transaction;

(2) the leadership of the entities involved in the transaction, including all directors, board members, and officers;

(3) the services provided by each entity and the attributed revenue for each entity by location;

(4) the primary service area for each location;

(5) the proposed service area for each location;

(6) the current relationships between the entities and the health care providers and practices affected, the locations of affected health care providers and practices, the services provided by affected health care providers and practices, and the proposed relationships between the entities and the health care providers and practices affected;

(7) the terms of the transaction agreement or agreements;

(8) the acquisition price;

(9) markets in which the entities expect postmerger synergies to produce a competitive advantage;

(10) potential areas of expansion, whether in existing markets or new markets;

(11) plans to close facilities, reduce workforce, or reduce or eliminate services;

(12) the experts and consultants used to evaluate the transaction;

(13) the number of full-time equivalent positions at each location before and after the transaction by job category, including administrative and contract positions; and

(14) any other information requested by the attorney general or commissioner.

(d) As part of the notice required under this subdivision, at least 180 days before the proposed completion date of the transaction, a health care entity must affirmatively produce the following to the attorney general and the commissioner:

(1) the current governing documents for all entities involved in the transaction and any amendments to these documents;

(2) the transaction agreement or agreements and all related agreements;

(3) any collateral agreements related to the principal transaction, including leases, management contracts, and service contracts;

(4) all expert or consultant reports or valuations conducted in evaluating the transaction, including any valuation of the assets that are subject to the transaction prepared within three years preceding the anticipated transaction completion date and any reports of financial or economic analysis conducted in anticipation of the transaction;

(5) the results of any projections or modeling of health care utilization or financial impacts related to the transaction, including but not limited to copies of reports by appraisers, accountants, investment bankers, actuaries, and other experts;

(6) a financial and economic analysis and report prepared by an independent expert or consultant on the effects of the transaction;

(7) an impact analysis report prepared by an independent expert or consultant on the effects of the transaction on communities and the workforce, including any changes in availability or accessibility of services;

(8) all documents reflecting the purposes of or restrictions on any related nonprofit entity's charitable assets;

(9) copies of all filings submitted to federal regulators, including any Hart-Scott-Rodino filing the entities submitted to the Federal Trade Commission in connection with the transaction;

(10) a certification sworn under oath by each board member and chief executive officer for any nonprofit entity involved in the transaction containing the following: an explanation of how the completed transaction is in the public interest, addressing the factors in subdivision 5, paragraph (a); a disclosure of each declarant's compensation and benefits relating to the transaction for the three years following the transaction's anticipated completion date; and a disclosure of any conflicts of interest;

(11) audited and unaudited financial statements from all entities involved in the transaction and tax filings for all entities involved in the transaction covering the preceding five fiscal years; and

(12) any other information or documents requested by the attorney general or commissioner.

(e) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this section, and may alter, amend, suspend, or repeal any of such rules. The requirements of section 14.125 do not apply to the adoption of rules under this paragraph.

(f) The attorney general may extend the notice and waiting period required under paragraph (b) for an additional 90 days by notifying the health care entity in writing of the extension.

(g) The attorney general may waive all or any part of the notice and waiting period required under paragraph (b).

(h) The attorney general or the commissioner may hold public listening sessions or forums to obtain input on the transaction from providers or community members who may be impacted by the transaction.

(i) The attorney general or the commissioner may bring an action in district court to compel compliance with the notice requirements in this subdivision.

Subd. 3. **Prohibited transactions.** No health care entity may enter into a transaction that will:

- (1) substantially lessen competition; or
- (2) tend to create a monopoly or monopsony.

Subd. 4. **Additional requirements for nonprofit health care entities.** A health care entity that is incorporated under chapter 317A or organized under section 322C.1101, or that is a subsidiary of any such entity, must, before entering into a transaction, ensure that:

- (1) the transaction complies with chapters 317A and 501B and other applicable laws;
- (2) the transaction does not involve or constitute a breach of charitable trust;
- (3) the nonprofit health care entity will receive full and fair value for its public benefit assets;
- (4) the value of the public benefit assets to be transferred has not been manipulated in a manner that causes or has caused the value of the assets to decrease;
- (5) the proceeds of the transaction will be used in a manner consistent with the public benefit for which the assets are held by the nonprofit health care entity;
- (6) the transaction will not result in a breach of fiduciary duty; and
- (7) there are procedures and policies in place to prohibit any officer, director, trustee, or other executive of the nonprofit health care entity from directly or indirectly benefiting from the transaction.

Subd. 5. **Attorney general enforcement and supplemental authority.** (a) The attorney general may bring an action in district court to enjoin or unwind a transaction or seek other equitable relief necessary to protect the public interest if a health care entity or transaction violates this section, if the transaction is contrary to the public interest, or if both a health care entity or transaction violates this section and the transaction is contrary to the public interest. Factors informing whether a transaction is contrary to the public interest include but are not limited to whether the transaction:

- (1) will harm public health;
- (2) will reduce the affected community's continued access to affordable and quality care and to the range of services historically provided by the entities or will prevent members in the affected community from receiving a comparable or better patient experience;
- (3) will have a detrimental impact on competing health care options within primary and dispersed service areas;

(4) will reduce delivery of health care to disadvantaged, uninsured, underinsured, and underserved populations and to populations enrolled in public health care programs;

(5) will have a substantial negative impact on medical education and teaching programs, health care workforce training, or medical research;

(6) will have a negative impact on the market for health care services, health insurance services, or skilled health care workers;

(7) will increase health care costs for patients; or

(8) will adversely impact provider cost trends and containment of total health care spending.

(b) The attorney general may enforce this section under section 8.31.

(c) Failure of the entities involved in a transaction to provide timely information as required by the attorney general or the commissioner shall be an independent and sufficient ground for a court to enjoin the transaction or provide other equitable relief, provided the attorney general notified the entities of the inadequacy of the information provided and provided the entities with a reasonable opportunity to remedy the inadequacy.

(d) The attorney general shall consult with the commissioner to determine whether a transaction is contrary to the public interest. Any information exchanged between the attorney general and the commissioner according to this subdivision is confidential data on individuals as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 3, or protected nonpublic data as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 13. The commissioner may share with the attorney general, according to section 13.05, subdivision 9, any not public data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 8a, held by the Department of Health to aid in the investigation and review of the transaction, and the attorney general must maintain this data with the same classification according to section 13.03, subdivision 4, paragraph (d).

Subd. 6. **Supplemental authority of commissioner.** (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner may use data or information submitted under this section, section 62U.04, and sections 144.695 to 144.705 to conduct analyses of the aggregate impact of health care transactions on access to or the cost of health care services, health care market consolidation, and health care quality.

(b) The commissioner shall issue periodic public reports on the number and types of transactions subject to this section and on the aggregate impact of transactions on health care cost, quality, and competition in Minnesota.

Subd. 7. **Relation to other law.** (a) The powers and authority under this section are in addition to, and do not affect or limit, all other rights, powers, and authority of the attorney general or the commissioner under chapter 8, 309, 317A, 325D, 501B, or other law.

(b) Nothing in this section shall suspend any obligation imposed under chapter 8, 309, 317A, 325D, 501B, or other law on the entities involved in a transaction.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to transactions completed on or after that date. In determining whether a transaction was completed

on or after the effective date, any actions or series of actions necessary to the completion of the transaction that occurred prior to the effective date must be considered.

Sec. 2. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 6, article 5, section 11, as amended by Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 9, article 8, section 20, is amended to read:

Sec. 11. MORATORIUM ON CONVERSION TRANSACTIONS.

(a) Notwithstanding Laws 2017, chapter 2, article 2, a nonprofit ~~health~~ service plan corporation operating under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62C, or a nonprofit health maintenance organization operating under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62D, as of January 1, 2017, may only merge or consolidate with; convert; or transfer, as part of a single transaction or a series of transactions within a 24-month period, all or a material amount of its assets to an entity that is a corporation organized under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 317A; or to a Minnesota nonprofit hospital within the same integrated health system as the health maintenance organization. For purposes of this section, "material amount" means the lesser of ten percent of such an entity's total admitted net assets as of December 31 of the previous year, or \$50,000,000.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply if the nonprofit service plan corporation or nonprofit health maintenance organization files an intent to dissolve due to insolvency of the corporation in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 317A, or insolvency proceedings are commenced under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 60B.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a nonprofit health maintenance organization or a nonprofit service plan corporation to engage in any transaction or activities not otherwise permitted under state law.

(d) This section expires July 1, ~~2023~~ 2026.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 3. APPROPRIATIONS.

\$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 144.557."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to health; specifying requirements for certain health care entity transactions; extending the moratorium on conversion transactions for certain organizations; appropriating money; amending Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 6, article 5, section 11, as amended; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 165: A bill for an act relating to health care; limiting the release of health records in cases related to reproductive health; prohibiting certain acts by certain health-related licensing boards; preventing the enforcement of certain judgments related to reproductive health; restricting the enforcement of subpoenas issued in cases related to reproductive health; creating a cause of action for penalties and court costs for lawsuits related to reproductive health; prohibiting extradition of persons charged in another state for acts committed or services received in Minnesota related to reproductive health; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 147.091, by adding a subdivision; 147A.13, by adding a subdivision; 148.261, by adding a subdivision; 629.02; 629.05; 629.06; 629.13; 629.14; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 144; 548; 604.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 3, after line 23, insert:

"Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.15, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. **Reproductive health care services.** The commissioner may not disqualify an individual subject to a background study under this chapter for accessing or providing reproductive health care services, as defined in section 147.091, subdivision 1c.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Murphy from the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1773: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; amending veterinary medicine licensing for University of Minnesota employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 156.12, subdivisions 2, 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 156; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 156.12, subdivision 6.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass. Report adopted.

Senator Murphy from the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1522: A bill for an act relating to veterinary medicine; regulating veterinary technicians, the practice of veterinary technology, and unlicensed veterinary employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 156.001, by adding subdivisions; 156.07; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 156.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Report adopted.

Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2712: A bill for an act relating to commerce; providing remedies to debtors with coerced debt; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 332.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 15, delete everything after "include" and insert "secured debt."

Page 3, line 19, delete "3" and insert "2"

Page 4, line 13, after the second "debt" insert "for which the creditor has been notified is coerced debt"

Page 4, line 22, delete "(a)"

Page 5, delete lines 1 to 5 and insert:

"Subd. 2. Procedural safeguards. The court must take appropriate steps necessary to prevent abuse of the debtor or to the debtor, the debtor's children, parents, other relatives, or a family pet. For purposes of this subdivision, appropriate steps include but are not limited to sealing the file, marking the file as confidential, redacting personally identifiable information about the debtor, and directing that any deposition or evidentiary hearing be conducted remotely."

Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

Page 5, line 6, after "that" insert "the debtor has been aggrieved by a violation of section 332.72 and"

Page 5, after line 15, insert:

"(b) If the court orders relief for the debtor under paragraph (a), the court, after the creditor's motion has been served by United States mail to the last known address of the person who violated section 332.72, shall issue a judgment in favor of the creditor against the person in the amount of the debt or a portion thereof."

Page 5, line 16, delete "(b)" and insert "(c)"

Page 5, line 21, delete "3" and insert "4"

Page 6, line 6, delete everything after "effective" and insert "January 1, 2024, and apply to all debts incurred on or after that date."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1089: A bill for an act relating to insurance; modifying time limitations requirements for motor vehicle insurance policies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 65B.49, by adding a subdivision.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 65B.49, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10. **Time limitations.** (a) Unless expressly provided for in this chapter, a plan of reparation security must conform to the six-year time limitation provided under section 541.05, subdivision 1, clause (1).

(b) The time limitation for commencing a cause of action relating to underinsured motorist coverage under section 65B.49, subdivision 3a, is four years from the date of accrual.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective on August 1, 2023, and applies to contracts issued or renewed on or after that date."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 482: A bill for an act relating to health; establishing requirements for pharmacy benefit managers and health carriers related to clinician-administered drugs; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62W.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 3, lines 3 and 4, delete "medication" and insert "drug"

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1565: A bill for an act relating to consumer protection; modifying limitations on credit card surcharges; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 325G.051, subdivision 1.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass. Report adopted.

Senator McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1885: A bill for an act relating to human rights; prohibiting employers from inquiring about past pay; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 363A.08, by adding a subdivision.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 13, delete everything after the period

Page 1, delete lines 14 and 15

Page 1, line 16, delete everything before "The"

Page 1, line 23, after "without" insert "asking, encouraging, or"

Page 2, line 1, after "without" insert "asking, encouraging, or"

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was referred

S.F. No. 207: A bill for an act relating to labor; providing safe workplaces for meat and poultry processing workers; authorizing rulemaking; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 179.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. [179.87] TITLE.

Sections 179.87 to 179.8757 may be titled the Safe Workplaces for Meat and Poultry Processing Workers Act.

Sec. 2. [179.871] DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of sections 179.87 to 179.8757, the terms in this section have the meanings given.

Subd. 2. **Authorized employee representative.** "Authorized employee representative" has the meaning given in section 182.651, subdivision 22.

Subd. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of labor and industry or the commissioner's designee.

Subd. 4. **Coordinator.** "Coordinator" means the meatpacking industry worker rights coordinator or the coordinator's designee.

Subd. 5. **Meat-processing worker.** "Meat-processing worker" or "worker" means any individual who a meat-processing employer suffers or permits to work directly in contact with raw meatpacking products in a meatpacking operation, including independent contractors and persons performing

work for an employer through a temporary service or staffing agency. Workers in a meatpacking operation who inspect or package meatpacking products and workers who clean, maintain, or sanitize equipment or surfaces are included in the definition of a meat-processing worker. Meat-processing worker does not include a federal, state, or local government inspector.

Subd. 6. **Meatpacking operation.** "Meatpacking operation" or "meat-processing employer" means a business with 50 or more meat-processing workers in which slaughtering, butchering, meat canning, meatpacking, meat manufacturing, poultry canning, poultry packing, poultry manufacturing, or processing of meatpacking products occurs. Meatpacking operation or meat-processing employer does not mean a grocery store, butcher shop, meat market, deli, restaurant, or other business preparing meat or poultry products for immediate consumption or for sale in a retail establishment or otherwise directly to an end-consumer.

Subd. 7. **Meatpacking products.** "Meatpacking products" means meat food products and poultry food products as defined in section 31A.02, subdivision 10.

Sec. 3. **[179.8715] WORKER RIGHTS COORDINATOR.**

(a) The commissioner must appoint a meatpacking industry worker rights coordinator in the Department of Labor and Industry and provide the coordinator with necessary office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, and assistance.

(b) The commissioner must enforce sections 179.87 to 179.8757, including inspecting, reviewing, and recommending improvements to the practices and procedures of meatpacking operations in Minnesota. A meat-processing employer must grant the commissioner full access to all meatpacking operations in this state at any time that meatpacking products are being processed or meat-processing workers are on the job.

(c) No later than December 1 each year, the coordinator must submit a report to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over labor. The report must include recommendations to promote better treatment of meat-processing workers. The coordinator shall also post the report on the Department of Labor and Industry's website.

Sec. 4. **[179.872] REFUSAL TO WORK UNDER DANGEROUS CONDITIONS.**

A meat-processing worker has a right to refuse to work under dangerous conditions in accordance with section 182.654, subdivision 11. Pursuant to that provision, the worker shall continue to receive pay and shall not be subject to discrimination.

Sec. 5. **[179.875] ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE.**

Subdivision 1. **Administrative enforcement.** The commissioner, either on the commissioner's initiative or in response to a complaint, may inspect a meatpacking operation and subpoena records and witnesses as provided in sections 175.20 and 182.659. If a meat-processing employer does not comply with the commissioner's inspection, the commissioner may seek relief as provided in this section or chapter 175 or 182.

Subd. 2. **Compliance authority.** The commissioner of labor and industry may issue a compliance order under section 177.27, subdivision 4, requiring an employer to comply with sections 179.87 to 179.8757. The commissioner also has authority, pursuant to section 182.662, subdivision 1, to issue a stop work or business closure order when there is a condition or practice that could result in death or serious physical harm.

Subd. 3. **Private civil action.** If a meat-processing employer does not comply with a provision in sections 179.87 to 179.8757, an aggrieved worker, authorized employee representative, or other person may bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction within three years of an alleged violation and, upon prevailing, must be awarded the relief provided in this section. Pursuing administrative relief is not a prerequisite for bringing a civil action.

Subd. 4. **Other government enforcement.** The attorney general may enforce sections 179.87 to 179.8757 under section 8.31. A city or county attorney may also enforce these sections. Such law enforcement agencies may inspect meatpacking operations and subpoena records and witnesses and, where such agencies determine that a violation has occurred, may bring a civil action as provided in this section.

Subd. 5. **Relief.** (a) In a civil action or administrative proceeding brought to enforce sections 179.87 to 179.8757, the court or commissioner must order relief as provided in this subdivision.

(b) For any violation of sections 179.87 to 179.8757:

(1) an injunction to order compliance and restrain continued violations;

(2) payment to a prevailing worker by a meat-processing employer of reasonable costs, disbursements, and attorney fees; and

(3) a civil penalty payable to the state of not less than \$100 per day per worker affected by the meat-processing employer's noncompliance with sections 179.87 to 179.8757.

Subd. 6. **Whistleblower enforcement; penalty distribution.** (a) The relief provided in this section may be recovered through a private civil action brought on behalf of the commissioner in a court of competent jurisdiction by another individual, including an authorized employee representative, pursuant to this subdivision.

(b) The individual must give written notice to the coordinator of the specific provision or provisions of sections 179.87 to 179.8757 alleged to have been violated. The individual or representative organization may commence a civil action under this subdivision if no enforcement action is taken by the commissioner within 30 days.

(c) Civil penalties recovered pursuant to this subdivision must be distributed as follows:

(1) 70 percent to the commissioner for enforcement of sections 179.87 to 179.8757; and

(2) 30 percent to the individual or authorized employee representative.

(d) The right to bring an action under this subdivision shall not be impaired by private contract. A public enforcement action must be tried promptly, without regard to concurrent adjudication of a private claim for the same alleged violation.

Sec. 6. [179.8755] RETALIATION AGAINST EMPLOYEES AND WHISTLEBLOWERS PROHIBITED.

(a) Pursuant to section 182.669, no meat-processing employer or other person may discharge or discriminate against a worker because the employee has raised a concern about a meatpacking operation's health and safety practices to the employer or otherwise exercised any right authorized under sections 182.65 to 182.674.

(b) No meat-processing employer or other person may attempt to require any worker to sign a contract or other agreement that would limit or prevent the worker from disclosing information about workplace health and safety practices or hazards, or to otherwise abide by a workplace policy that would limit or prevent such disclosures. Any such agreements or policies are hereby void and unenforceable as contrary to the public policy of this state. An employer's attempt to impose such a contract, agreement, or policy shall constitute an adverse action enforceable under sections 179.87 to 179.8757.

(c) Reporting or threatening to report a meat-processing worker's suspected citizenship or immigration status, or the suspected citizenship or immigration status of a family member of the worker, to a federal, state, or local agency because the worker exercises a right under sections 179.87 to 179.8757 constitutes an adverse action for purposes of establishing a violation of that worker's rights. For purposes of this paragraph, "family member" means a spouse, parent, sibling, child, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew, cousin, grandparent, or grandchild related by blood, adoption, marriage, or domestic partnership.

(d) Any worker who brings a complaint under sections 179.87 to 179.8757 and suffers retaliation is entitled to treble damages in addition to lost pay and recovery of attorney fees and costs.

(e) Any company who is found to have retaliated against a meat-processing worker must pay a fine of up to \$10,000 to the commissioner, in addition to other penalties available under the law.

Sec. 7. [179.8756] MEATPACKING WORKER CHRONIC INJURIES AND WORKPLACE SAFETY.

Subdivision 1. Safe worker program required; facility committee. (a) Meat-processing employers must adopt a safe worker program as part of the employer's work accident and injury reduction program to minimize and prevent musculoskeletal disorders. For purposes of this section, "musculoskeletal disorders" includes carpal tunnel syndrome, tendinitis, rotator cuff injuries, trigger finger, epicondylitis, muscle strains, and lower back injuries.

(b) The meat-processing employer's safe worker program must be developed and implemented by a committee of individuals who are knowledgeable of the tasks and work processes performed by workers at the employer's facility. The committee must include:

(1) a certified professional ergonomist;

(2) a licensed, board-certified physician, with preference given to a physician who has specialized experience and training in occupational medicine; and

(3) at least three workers employed in the employer's facility who have completed a general industry outreach course approved by the commissioner, one of whom must be an authorized employee representative if the employer is party to a collective bargaining agreement.

(c) If it is not practicable for a certified professional ergonomist or a licensed, board-certified physician to be a member of the committee required by paragraph (b), the meatpacking employer must have their safe worker program reviewed by a certified professional ergonomist and a licensed, board-certified physician prior to implementation of the program and annually thereafter.

(d) The meatpacking employer must solicit feedback for its safe worker program through its safety committee required by section 182.676, in addition to any other opportunities for employee participation the employer may provide. The safety committee must be directly involved in ergonomics worksite assessments and participate in the annual evaluation of the program.

Subd. 2. **Program elements.** (a) The committee must establish written procedures to identify ergonomic hazards and contributing risk factors, which must include:

(1) the ergonomic assessment tools used to measure ergonomic hazards;

(2) all jobs where the committee has an indication or knowledge that ergonomic hazards may exist; and

(3) workers who perform the same job or a sample of workers in that job who have the greatest exposure to the ergonomic hazard.

(b) The committee must conduct ergonomic assessments to identify hazards and contributing risk factors; review all surveillance data at least quarterly to identify ergonomic hazards and contributing risk factors; and maintain records of the hazard identification process, which, at a minimum, must include the completed ergonomic assessment tools, the results of the ergonomic assessments including the jobs and workers evaluated, and the assessment dates.

(c) The committee must implement a written ergonomic hazard prevention and control plan to identify and select methods to eliminate, prevent, or control the ergonomic hazards and contributing risk factors. The plan must:

(1) set goals, priorities, and a timeline to eliminate, prevent, or control the ergonomic hazards and contributing risk factors identified;

(2) identify the person or persons responsible for ergonomic hazard assessments and implementation of controls;

(3) rely upon the surveillance data and the ergonomic risk assessment results; and

(4) take into consideration the severity of the risk, the numbers of workers at risk, and the likelihood that the intervention will reduce the risk.

(d) A meat-processing employer must control, reduce, or eliminate ergonomic hazards which lead to musculoskeletal disorders to the extent feasible by using engineering, work practice, and administrative controls.

(e) The committee must monitor at least annually the implementation of the plan including the effectiveness of controls and evaluate progress in meeting program goals.

Subd. 3. **New employee training.** (a) A meat-processing employer must work with the committee to provide each new employee with information regarding:

(1) the committee and its members;

(2) the facility's workplace accident and injury reduction program under section 182.653, subdivision 8, as well as any other hazard prevention and control plan the facility may have;

(3) early signs and symptoms of musculoskeletal injuries and the procedures for reporting them;

(4) procedures for reporting other injuries and hazards;

(5) engineering and administrative hazard controls implemented in the workplace, including ergonomic hazard controls; and

(6) how to use personal protective equipment, and where it is located.

(b) A meat-processing employer must work with the committee and ensure that new workers receive safety training prior to starting a job that the worker has not performed before. The employer must provide the safety training during working hours and compensate the new employee at the employee's standard rate of pay. The employer also must give a new employee an opportunity within 30 days of the employee's hire date to receive a refresher training on the topics covered in the new worker safety training. The employer must provide new employee training in a language and with vocabulary that the employee can understand.

Subd. 4. **New task and annual safety training.** (a) Meat-processing employers must provide every worker who is assigned a new task if the worker has no previous work experience with training on how to safely perform the task, the ergonomic and other hazards associated with the task, and training on the early signs and symptoms of musculoskeletal injuries and the procedures for reporting them. The employer must give a worker an opportunity within 30 days of receiving the new task training to receive refresher training on the topics covered in the new task training. The employer must provide this training in a language and with vocabulary that the employee can understand.

(b) Meat-processing employers must provide each worker with no less than eight hours of safety training each year. This annual training must address health and safety topics that are relevant to the establishment and the worker's job assignment, such as cuts, lacerations, amputations, machine guarding, biological hazards, lockout/tagout, hazard communication, ergonomic hazards, and personal protective equipment. At least two of the eight hours of annual training must be on topics related to the facility's ergonomic injury prevention program, including the assessment of surveillance data, the ergonomic hazard prevention and control plan, and the early signs and symptoms of musculoskeletal disorders and the procedures for reporting them. The employer must provide this training in a language and with vocabulary that the employee can understand.

Subd. 5. **Attestation and record keeping.** Meat-processing employers must maintain a written attestation dated and signed by each person who provides training and each employee who receives training pursuant to this section. The attestation completed by the training provider must certify that

the employer has provided training consistent with the requirements of this section. The employer must ensure that these records are up to date and available to the commissioner, the coordinator, and the authorized employee representative upon request.

Subd. 6. **Medical services and qualifications.** (a) Meat-processing employers must ensure that:

(1) all first-aid providers, medical assistants, nurses, and physicians engaged by the employer are licensed and perform their duties within the scope of their licensed practice;

(2) medical management of musculoskeletal disorders is under direct supervision of a licensed physician specializing in occupational medicine who will advise on best practices for management and prevention of work-related musculoskeletal disorders; and

(3) medical management of musculoskeletal injuries follows the most current version of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine practice guidelines.

(b) Meat-processing employers must make a record of all worker visits to medical or first aid personnel, regardless of severity or type of illness or injury, and make a redacted version of these records available to the coordinator and the authorized employee representative. The name, contact information, and occupation of an employee, and any other information that would reveal the identity of an employee, must be removed in the redacted version. The redacted version must only include, to the extent it would not reveal identity of an employee, the location where the employee worked, the date of the injury or visit, a description of the medical treatment or first aid provided, and a description of the injury suffered. The employer must make an unredacted version of the records available to the commissioner and the authorized employee representative upon their request.

(c) Meat-processing employers must maintain records of all ergonomic injuries suffered by workers for at least five years.

(d) The coordinator may compile, analyze, and publish annually, either in summary or detailed form, all reports or information obtained under sections 179.87 to 179.8757, including information about safe worker programs, and may cooperate with the United States Department of Labor in obtaining national summaries of occupational deaths, injuries, and illnesses. The coordinator and authorized employee representative must preserve the anonymity of each employee with respect to whom medical reports or information is obtained.

(e) Meat-processing employers must not institute or maintain any program, policy, or practice that discourages employees from reporting injuries, hazards, or safety standard violations, unless the employee authorizes his or her information be shared.

Subd. 7. **Pandemic protections.** (a) This subdivision applies during a public health emergency that involves airborne transmission.

(b) Meat-processing employers must maintain a radius of space around and between each worker according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines unless a nonporous barrier separates the workers. An employer may accomplish such distancing by increasing physical space between workstations, slowing production speeds, staggering shifts and breaks, adjusting shift size, or a combination thereof. The employer must reconfigure common or congregate spaces to allow for such distancing, including lunch rooms, break rooms, and locker rooms. The employer must

reinforce social distancing by allowing workers to maintain six feet of distance along with the use of nonporous barriers.

(c) Meat-processing employers must provide employees with face masks and must make face shields available on request. Face masks, including replacement face masks, and face shields must be provided at no cost to the employee. All persons present at the meatpacking operation must wear face masks in the facility except in those parts of the facility where infection risk is low because workers work in isolation.

(d) Meat-processing employers must provide all meat-processing workers with the ability to frequently and routinely sanitize their hands with either hand-washing or hand-sanitizing stations. The employer must ensure that restrooms have running hot and cold water and paper towels and are in sanitary condition. The employer must provide gloves to those who request them.

(e) Meat-processing employers must clean and regularly disinfect all frequently touched surfaces in the workplace, such as workstations, training rooms, machinery controls, tools, protective garments, eating surfaces, bathrooms, showers, and other similar areas. Employers must install and maintain ventilation systems that ensure unidirectional air flow, outdoor air, and filtration in both production areas and common areas such as cafeterias and locker rooms.

(f) Meat-processing employers must disseminate all required communications, notices, and any published materials regarding these protections in English, Spanish, and other languages as required for employees to understand the communication.

(g) Meat-processing employers must provide adequate break time for workers to use the bathroom, wash their hands, and don and doff protective equipment.

(h) Meat-processing employers must provide sufficient personal protective equipment for each employee for each shift, plus replacements, at no cost to the employee. Meat-processing employers must provide training in proper use of personal protective equipment, safety procedures, and sanitation.

(i) Meat-processing employers must record all injuries and illnesses in the facility and make these records available upon request to the health and safety committee. The name, contact information, and occupation of an employee, and any other information that would reveal the identity of an employee, must be removed. The redacted records must only include, to the extent it would not reveal identity of an employee, the location where the employee worked, the date of the injury or visit, a description of the medical treatment or first aid provided, and a description of the injury suffered. The employer also must make its records available to the commissioner, and where there is a collective bargaining agreement, to the authorized bargaining representative.

(j) Meat-processing employers must provide paid sick time for workers to recuperate from illness or injury or to care for ill family members. For purposes of this paragraph, "family member" includes:

(1) biological, adopted, or foster children, stepchildren, children of domestic partners or spouses, and legal wards of workers;

(2) biological parents, stepparents, foster parents, adoptive parents, or legal guardians of a worker or a worker's spouse or domestic partner;

(3) a worker's legally married spouse or domestic partner as registered under the laws of any state or political subdivision;

(4) a worker's grandparent, whether from a biological, step-, foster, or adoptive relationship;

(5) a worker's grandchild, whether from a biological, step-, foster, or adoptive relationship;

(6) a worker's sibling, whether from a biological, step-, foster, or adoptive relationship; and

(7) any other individual related by blood or affinity to the worker whose association with the worker is the equal of a family relationship.

(k) All meat-processing workers must accrue at least one hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked. For purposes of this paragraph, paid sick time means time that is compensated at the same hourly rate, including the same benefits, as is normally earned by the worker.

(l) Meat-processing employers may provide all paid sick time a worker is expected to accrue at the beginning of the year or at the start of the worker's employment.

(m) Meat-processing employers must carry an employee's earned paid sick time over into the following calendar year. If a worker does not wish to carry over sick time, the meat-processing employer must pay the worker for accrued sick time. If a worker chooses to receive pay in lieu of carried-over sick time, the employer must provide the worker with an amount of paid sick time that meets or exceeds the requirements of sections 179.87 to 179.8757, to be available for the worker's immediate use at the start of the following calendar year.

(n) Meat-processing employers must maintain records for at least three years showing hours worked and paid sick time accrued and used by workers. Employers must allow the commissioner and coordinator access to these records in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of sections 179.87 to 179.8757.

(o) If a meat-processing employer transfers a worker to another division or location of the same meat-processing employer, the worker is entitled to all earned paid sick time accrued in the worker's previous position. If a worker is separated from employment and rehired within one year by the same meat-processing employer, the meat-processing employer must reinstate the worker's earned sick time to the level accrued by the worker as of the date of separation.

(p) If a meat-processing employer is succeeded by a different employer, all workers of the original employer are entitled to all earned paid sick time they accrued when employed by the original employer.

(q) Meat-processing employers must not require workers to find or search for a replacement worker to take the place of the worker as a condition of the worker using paid sick time.

(r) Meat-processing employers must not require workers to disclose details of private matters as a condition of using paid sick time, including details of a worker or family member's illness, domestic violence, sexual abuse or assault, or stalking and harassment. If the employer does possess

such information, it must be treated as confidential and not disclosed without the express permission of the worker.

(s) Meat-processing employers must provide workers written notice of their rights and the employer's requirements under this section at the time the worker begins employment. This notice must be provided in English, Spanish, or the employee's language of fluency. The amount of paid sick time a worker has accrued, the amount of paid sick time a worker has used during the current year, and the amount of pay the worker has received as paid sick time must be recorded on or attached to the worker's paycheck. Meat-processing employers must display a poster in a conspicuous location in each facility where workers are employed that displays the information required under this paragraph. The poster must be displayed in English and any language of fluency that is read or spoken by at least five percent of the employer's workers.

(t) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to:

(1) prohibit or discourage an employer from adopting or retaining a paid sick time policy that is more generous than the one provided in this subdivision;

(2) diminish the obligation of an employer to comply with a collective bargaining agreement, or any other contract that provides more generous paid sick time to a worker than provided for in this subdivision; or

(3) override any provision of local law that provides greater rights for paid sick time than is provided for in this subdivision.

Sec. 8. [179.8757] NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.

(a) Meat-processing employers must provide written information and notifications about employee rights under section 179.86 and sections 179.87 to 179.8757 to workers in their language of fluency at least annually. If a worker is unable to understand written information and notifications, the employer must provide such information and notices orally in the worker's language of fluency.

(b) The coordinator must notify covered employers of the provisions of sections 179.87 to 179.8757 and any recent updates at least annually.

(c) The coordinator must place information explaining sections 179.87 to 179.8757 on the Department of Labor and Industry's website in at least English, Spanish, and any other language that at least ten percent of meat-processing workers communicate in fluently. The coordinator must also make the information accessible to persons with impaired visual acuity.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 182.654, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. **Refusal to work under dangerous conditions.** An employee acting in good faith has the right to refuse to work under conditions which the employee reasonably believes present an imminent danger of death or serious physical harm to the employee.

A reasonable belief of imminent danger of death or serious physical harm includes but is not limited to a reasonable belief of the employee that the employee has been assigned to work in an

unsafe or unhealthful manner with a hazardous substance, harmful physical agent or infectious agent.

An employer may not discriminate against an employee for a good faith refusal to perform assigned tasks if the employee has requested that the employer correct the hazardous conditions but the conditions remain uncorrected.

An employee who has refused in good faith to perform assigned tasks and who has not been reassigned to other tasks by the employer shall, in addition to retaining a right to continued employment, receive pay for the tasks which would have been performed if (1) the employee requests the commissioner to inspect and determine the nature of the hazardous condition, and (2) the commissioner determines that the employee, by performing the assigned tasks, would have been placed in imminent danger of death or serious physical harm.

Additionally, the commissioner may order:

(1) reinstatement of the worker to the same position held before any adverse personnel action or to an equivalent position, reinstatement of full fringe benefits and seniority rights, and compensation for unpaid wages, benefits and other remuneration, or front pay in lieu of reinstatement; and

(2) compensatory damages payable to the aggrieved worker equal to the greater of \$5,000 or twice the actual damages, including unpaid wages, benefits and other remuneration, and punitive damages.

An employer has the right to contest the commissioner's order within 20 days. If not resolved, the commissioner shall refer the matter for a contested case proceeding under Minnesota Rules, chapter 5210.

Sec. 10. APPROPRIATIONS.

\$360,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$169,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of labor and industry for purposes of this act."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, delete "authorizing rulemaking;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Hoffman from the Committee on Human Services, to which was referred

H.F. No. 19: A bill for an act relating to employment; providing for earned sick and safe time; adding a district court judge to the Ninth Judicial District; requiring a report; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 2.722, subdivision 1; 177.27, subdivisions 2, 4, 7; 181.942, subdivision 1; 181.9436; 181.944; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 177; 181; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 181.9413.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, after line 10, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 181.032, is amended to read:

181.032 REQUIRED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS BY EMPLOYER; NOTICE TO EMPLOYEE.

(a) At the end of each pay period, the employer shall provide each employee an earnings statement, either in writing or by electronic means, covering that pay period. An employer who chooses to provide an earnings statement by electronic means must provide employee access to an employer-owned computer during an employee's regular working hours to review and print earnings statements.

(b) The earnings statement may be in any form determined by the employer but must include:

(1) the name of the employee;

(2) the rate or rates of pay and basis thereof, including whether the employee is paid by hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other method;

(3) allowances, if any, claimed pursuant to permitted meals and lodging;

(4) the total number of hours worked by the employee unless exempt from chapter 177;

(5) the total number of earned sick and safe time hours accrued and available for use under section 181.9446;

(6) the total number of earned sick and safe time hours used during the pay period under section 181.9447;

(7) the total amount of gross pay earned by the employee during that period;

~~(8)~~ (8) a list of deductions made from the employee's pay;

~~(9)~~ (9) the net amount of pay after all deductions are made;

~~(8)~~ (10) the date on which the pay period ends;

~~(9)~~ (11) the legal name of the employer and the operating name of the employer if different from the legal name;

~~(10)~~ (12) the physical address of the employer's main office or principal place of business, and a mailing address if different; and

~~(11)~~ (13) the telephone number of the employer.

(c) An employer must provide earnings statements to an employee in writing, rather than by electronic means, if the employer has received at least 24 hours notice from an employee that the employee would like to receive earnings statements in written form. Once an employer has received

notice from an employee that the employee would like to receive earnings statements in written form, the employer must comply with that request on an ongoing basis.

(d) At the start of employment, an employer shall provide each employee a written notice containing the following information:

(1) the rate or rates of pay and basis thereof, including whether the employee is paid by the hour, shift, day, week, salary, piece, commission, or other method, and the specific application of any additional rates;

(2) allowances, if any, claimed pursuant to permitted meals and lodging;

(3) paid vacation, sick time, or other paid time-off accruals and terms of use;

(4) the employee's employment status and whether the employee is exempt from minimum wage, overtime, and other provisions of chapter 177, and on what basis;

(5) a list of deductions that may be made from the employee's pay;

(6) the number of days in the pay period, the regularly scheduled pay day, and the pay day on which the employee will receive the first payment of wages earned;

(7) the legal name of the employer and the operating name of the employer if different from the legal name;

(8) the physical address of the employer's main office or principal place of business, and a mailing address if different; and

(9) the telephone number of the employer.

(e) The employer must keep a copy of the notice under paragraph (d) signed by each employee acknowledging receipt of the notice. The notice must be provided to each employee in English. The English version of the notice must include text provided by the commissioner that informs employees that they may request, by indicating on the form, the notice be provided in a particular language. If requested, the employer shall provide the notice in the language requested by the employee. The commissioner shall make available to employers the text to be included in the English version of the notice required by this section and assist employers with translation of the notice in the languages requested by their employees.

(f) An employer must provide the employee any written changes to the information contained in the notice under paragraph (d) prior to the date the changes take effect."

Page 2, line 22, delete everything after "include" and insert a colon

Page 2, after line 22, insert:

"(1) an independent contractor; or

(2) an individual employed by an air carrier as a flight deck or cabin crew member who:

(i) is subject to United States Code, title 45, sections 181 to 188;

(ii) works less than a majority of their hours in Minnesota in a calendar year; and

(iii) is provided with paid leave equal to or exceeding the amounts in section 181.9446."

Page 9, line 15, delete everything after the period

Page 9, delete line 16

Page 16, delete section 1

Page 16, line 4, strike "; CONFORMING CHANGES"

Page 17, delete lines 31 and 32

Page 18, delete lines 1 to 3 and insert:

"ARTICLE 4

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RATES FOR EMPLOYERS OF DIRECT CARE WORKERS

Section 1. DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; RATES FOR EMPLOYERS OF DIRECT CARE WORKERS.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "direct care worker" means either: (1) an employee of a medical assistance enrolled provider who provides direct nonprofessional long-term care services and supports funded through medical assistance, including through a home and community-based waiver or alternative care, to a person with a disability or an older adult; or (2) an individual provider as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.0711.

Subd. 2. **Rate increases for employers of direct care workers.** Beginning January 1, 2024, the commissioner of human services must increase the medical assistance reimbursement rates of any employer that employs a direct care worker by an amount sufficient to offset the additional costs to employers for direct care workers' earned sick and safe time leave required under Minnesota Statutes, sections 181.9445 to 181.9448.

Subd. 3. **Draft legislation required.** By January 1, 2024, for any medical assistance rates established in Minnesota Statutes that reimburse employers of direct care workers, the commissioner must develop draft legislation to incorporate the rate increase described in subdivision 2 into the rate or rate framework and submit the draft legislation to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees or divisions with jurisdiction over human services finance. The commissioner must not construe failure of the legislature to enact the draft legislation as relieving the commissioner of the commissioner's duty to increase rates as required under subdivision 2. If the legislature enacts the draft legislation, implementation of the statutory rate increases will satisfy the requirements of subdivision 2 with respect to employers reimbursed under those rates."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete "adding a district" and insert "requiring medical assistance reimbursement rate increases for certain providers;"

Page 1, line 3, delete "court judge to the Ninth Judicial District;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Hoffman from the Committee on Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2139: A bill for an act relating to behavioral health; establishing the Task Force on Pregnancy Health and Substance Use Disorders; requiring reports; appropriating money.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 20, delete "Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council" and insert "Minnesota Indian Affairs Council"

Page 3, line 2, delete the second "and"

Page 3, after line 2, insert:

"(18) two members who identify as Native American or American Indian and who have lived experience with the child welfare system and substance use disorders appointed by the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council;

(19) two members from the Council on African Heritage; and"

Page 3, line 3, delete "(18)" and insert "(20)"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Hoffman from the Committee on Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1567: A bill for an act relating to human services; permitting remote supervision of personal care assistance services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0659, by adding a subdivision.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.0659, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 14a. **Qualified professional; remote supervision.** (a) For recipients with chronic health conditions or severely compromised immune systems, a qualified professional may conduct the

supervision required under subdivision 14 via two-way interactive audio and visual telecommunications if, at the recipient's request, the recipient's primary health care provider:

(1) determines that remote supervision is appropriate; and

(2) documents the determination under clause (1) in a statement of need or other document that is subsequently included in the recipient's personal care assistance care plan.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a care plan developed or amended via remote supervision may be executed by electronic signature.

(c) A personal care assistance provider agency must not conduct its first supervisory visit for a recipient and complete its initial personal care assistance care plan via a remote visit.

(d) A recipient may request to return to in-person supervisory visits at any time.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2023, or upon federal approval, whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained."

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. Nos. 2318, 1760, 1773, 482, 1565, 1885, and 1567 were read the second time.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 2907: A bill for an act relating to taxation; local sales and use; authorizing the city of St. Joseph to impose a local sales and use tax.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Latz introduced--

S.F. No. 2908: A bill for an act relating to corrections; modifying Board of Pardons provisions; establishing Clemency Review Commission; requiring a report; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 638.01; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 638; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 638.02; 638.03; 638.04; 638.05; 638.06; 638.07; 638.075; 638.08.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Latz introduced--

S.F. No. 2909: A bill for an act relating to state government; amending certain judiciary, public safety, corrections, human rights, firearm, and 911 Emergency Communication System statutory policy provisions; providing for reports; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money for judiciary, courts, civil legal services, Guardian ad Litem Board, Uniform Laws Commission, Board on Judicial Standards, Board of Public Defense, human rights, sentencing guidelines, public safety, emergency management, criminal apprehension, fire marshal, firefighters, Office of Justice programs, Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, Private Detective Board, corrections, incarceration and release, probation, juveniles, and Ombudsperson for Corrections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 13.072, subdivision 1; 244.03; 244.05, subdivisions 1b, 2, 5; 297I.06, subdivision 1; 299A.38; 299A.41, subdivision 3; 299A.52; 299N.02, subdivision 3; 326.32, subdivision 10; 326.3381, subdivision 3; 363A.09, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 403.02, subdivisions 7, 9a, 11b, 16a, 17, 17c, 18, 19, 19a, 20, 20a, 21, by adding subdivisions; 403.025; 403.03, subdivision 2; 403.05; 403.06; 403.07; 403.08; 403.09, subdivision 2; 403.10, subdivisions 2, 3; 403.11; 403.113; 403.15, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, by adding a subdivision; 611.23; 611A.211, subdivision 1; 611A.31, subdivisions 2, 3, by adding a subdivision; 611A.32; 624.712, by adding a subdivision; 624.713, subdivision 1; 624.7131, subdivisions 4, 5, 7, 9, 11; 624.7132, subdivisions 4, 5, 8, 12, 15; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 244; 299A; 299C; 624; 626; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 299C.80, subdivision 7; 403.02, subdivision 13; 403.09, subdivision 3; 624.7131, subdivision 10; 624.7132, subdivisions 6, 14.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Abeler, Nelson, and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 2910: A bill for an act relating to energy; appropriating money for low-income home energy heating assistance.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senators Nelson, Abeler, and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 2911: A bill for an act relating to energy; appropriating money for supplemental low-income home energy heating assistance.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senator Limmer introduced--

S.F. No. 2912: A bill for an act relating to judiciary; modifying appeal of deposit for possession of property; permitting electronic service for order for protection and restraining order; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 117.042; 518B.01, subdivision 8; 609.748, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Limmer introduced--

S.F. No. 2913: A bill for an act relating to judiciary; requiring confidentiality of certain personal information of justices, judges, and judicial staff; providing a penalty; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 2914: A bill for an act relating to public safety; authorizing grants to county attorneys to reduce criminal caseload backlogs and fund innovative initiatives; requiring a report; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 2915: A bill for an act relating to consumer data privacy; giving various rights to consumers regarding personal data; placing obligations on certain businesses regarding consumer data; providing for enforcement by the attorney general; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325O.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 2916: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for local road improvements in the city of Lake Park; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 2917: A bill for an act relating to local taxes; authorizing the city of Dilworth to impose a local sales and use tax.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 2918: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for reconstruction of 13th Street in the city of Barnesville; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 2919: A bill for an act relating to local taxes; authorizing the city of Detroit Lakes to impose an additional sales and use tax.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Weber introduced--

S.F. No. 2920: A bill for an act relating to taxation; converting the property tax refund program to a refundable income tax credit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 290A.03, subdivision 3; 290A.04, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a, 2h, 3, 4, 5; 290A.05; 290A.08; 290A.09; 290A.11, subdivision 5; 290A.13; 290A.14; 290A.15; 290A.18; 290A.25; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 290A.07, subdivisions 1, 2a, 3, 5; 290A.23, subdivisions 1, 3.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Miller introduced--

S.F. No. 2921: A bill for an act relating to taxation; establishing the Minnesota refund program; transferring certain forecasted positive unrestricted general fund balances to the Minnesota refund account; establishing criteria for statutory sales tax refunds; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 16A.152, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 297J.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Jasinski introduced--

S.F. No. 2922: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for the small cities assistance program and for town roads.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Morrison, Mann, Fateh, and Boldon introduced--

S.F. No. 2923: A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing medical assistance reimbursement rates for doula services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.758.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Hawj and Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 2924: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for grant to Public Art Saint Paul.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 2925: A bill for an act relating to taxation; income and corporate franchise; sales and use; providing a credit for certain payments to entertainers and a sales and use tax exemption for certain ticket sales; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators McEwen and Hauschild introduced--

S.F. No. 2926: A bill for an act relating to taxation; modifying the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act; allowing claimants to lengthen the covenant; modifying provisions related to the death of a claimant; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 290C.055; 290C.12.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 2927: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Lot D redevelopment project in the city of Duluth; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 2928: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for repair and maintenance for YWCA facilities in St. Paul.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Draskowski and Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 2929: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; increasing the school building bond agricultural credit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 273.1387, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Draskowski introduced--

S.F. No. 2930: A bill for an act relating to taxation; lawful gambling; subjecting all lawful gambling receipts to a flat rate tax; repealing the combined net receipts tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 297E.02, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 297E.02, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Drazkowski introduced--

S.F. No. 2931: A bill for an act relating to taxation; lawful gambling; subjecting all lawful gambling receipts to a flat rate tax; repealing the combined net receipts tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 297E.02, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 297E.02, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Drazkowski and Bahr introduced--

S.F. No. 2932: A bill for an act relating to taxation; lawful gambling; repealing the taxes imposed on all lawful gambling receipts; making related technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 270C.56, subdivision 1; 297A.68, subdivision 3a; 299L.03, subdivision 1; 299L.07, subdivision 8; 349.12, subdivision 25; 349.151, subdivision 4; 349.162, subdivision 2; 349.163, subdivision 5; 349.1641; 349.19, subdivision 5; 349.2125, subdivisions 1, 3; 349.2127, subdivisions 1, 2, 4; 349.213, subdivision 1; 349.22, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 13.4967, subdivision 6; 297E.01; 297E.02, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a, 3, 6, 6a, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11; 297E.03; 297E.031; 297E.04; 297E.05; 297E.06; 297E.07; 297E.10; 297E.11; 297E.12, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; 297E.13; 297E.14; 297E.16, subdivisions 1, 2; 297E.17; 349.16, subdivision 11; Minnesota Rules, parts 8122.0100; 8122.0150; 8122.0200; 8122.0250; 8122.0300; 8122.0350; 8122.0400; 8122.0450; 8122.0500; 8122.0510; 8122.0550; 8122.0650.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Kreun and Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 2933: A bill for an act relating to real property; providing for mortgage foreclosure redemption and surpluses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 272.45; 580.07, subdivision 1; 580.10; 580.225; 580.24; 580.25; 580.26; 580.28; 582.03, subdivisions 1, 2; 582.043, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Hoffman and Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 2934: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying provisions governing the care provider workforce, aging and disability services, and behavioral health; establishing the Department of Behavioral Health; making forecast adjustments; requiring reports; making technical and conforming changes; establishing certain grants; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 15.01; 15.06, subdivision 1; 43A.08, subdivision 1a; 177.24, by adding a subdivision; 245A.10, subdivision 3; 245D.03, subdivision 1; 245G.01, by adding subdivisions; 245G.05, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 245G.06, subdivisions 1, 3, by adding subdivisions; 245G.07, subdivision 2; 245G.22, subdivision 15; 245I.04, subdivision 10, by adding subdivisions; 245I.10, subdivision 6; 252.44; 254B.01, subdivision 8, by adding subdivisions; 254B.05, subdivisions 1, 1a, 5; 256.042, subdivisions 2, 4; 256.045, subdivision 3; 256.478, subdivision 2; 256B.056, subdivision 3; 256B.057, subdivision 9; 256B.0615, subdivisions 1, 5; 256B.0625, subdivisions 17, 17b, 18a, 18h; 256B.0759, subdivision 2; 256B.0911, subdivision 13; 256B.0913, subdivisions 4,

5; 256B.092, subdivision 1a; 256B.0949, subdivision 15; 256B.49, subdivision 13; 256B.4905, subdivisions 4a, 5a; 256B.4912, by adding subdivisions; 256B.4914, subdivisions 3, 5, 5a, 5b, 6, 8, 9, 9a, 14, by adding subdivisions; 256B.5012, by adding a subdivision; 256B.85, by adding a subdivision; 256B.851, subdivisions 5, 6; 256D.425, subdivision 1; 256M.42; 256R.17, subdivision 2; 256R.25; 256R.47; 256S.15, subdivision 2; 256S.18, by adding a subdivision; 256S.19, subdivision 3; 256S.203, subdivisions 1, 2; 256S.21; 256S.2101; 256S.211, by adding subdivisions; 256S.212; 256S.213; 256S.214; 256S.215, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17; 268.19, subdivision 1; Laws 2021, chapter 30, article 12, section 5, as amended; Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 17, sections 8; 16; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 252; 254B; 256; 256B; 256S; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 246C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 245G.06, subdivision 2; 245G.11, subdivision 8; 256B.4914, subdivision 6b; 256S.19, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senator Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 2935: A bill for an act relating to transportation; amending certain limitations related to highway purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 161.045; 161.20, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Mitchell introduced--

S.F. No. 2936: A bill for an act relating to energy; providing for decommissioning of certain wind energy conversion systems; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216F.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senator Xiong introduced--

S.F. No. 2937: A bill for an act relating to taxation; income; providing a temporary credit for the purchase and installation of solar energy systems.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Mitchell and Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 2938: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money to Hong De Wu Guan to create cultural arts projects and to preserve traditional performances.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 2939: A bill for an act relating to environment; prohibiting misleading claims regarding product or packaging recyclability; requiring creation of recyclable materials list; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 2940: A bill for an act relating to economic development; establishing a headwaters community food and water economic resiliency program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 2941: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for construction of Integrative Health Care Unit for Incarcerated People in Dakota County; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 2942: A bill for an act relating to housing; establishing a fee-based, first-time homebuyer home purchase financing program; requiring a report; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 2943: A bill for an act relating to education finance; making forecast adjustments; appropriating money; amending Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 13, article 1, section 10, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9; article 2, section 4, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 12, 27; article 3, section 7, subdivision 7; article 5, section 3, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; article 7, section 2, subdivisions 2, 3; article 8, section 3, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; article 9, section 4, subdivisions 5, 6, 12; article 10, section 1, subdivisions 2, 8.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senators Miller, Hoffman, Abeler, Fateh, and Mann introduced--

S.F. No. 2944: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing the Direct Care Service Corps; requiring a report; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senators Abeler, Fateh, Hoffman, Mann, and Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 2945: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying the Board on Aging Native American elders coordinator position; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.975, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 782. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Marty be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 999. The motion prevailed.

Senator Westlin moved that the name of Senator Rest be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1401. The motion prevailed.

Senator Fateh moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1637. The motion prevailed.

Senator Wiklund moved that the name of Senator Mann be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1681. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hauschild moved that the name of Senator Gustafson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1794. The motion prevailed.

Senator Champion moved that the name of Senator Pappas be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1965. The motion prevailed.

Senator Nelson moved that the name of Senator Gustafson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2185. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2269. The motion prevailed.

Senator Carlson moved that the name of Senator Jasinski be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2354. The motion prevailed.

Senator Seeberger moved that the name of Senator Pratt be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2380. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hawj moved that the names of Senators Hoffman and Hauschild be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 2404. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that the name of Senator Pappas be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2442. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2519. The motion prevailed.

Senator Xiong moved that the name of Senator Putnam be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2549. The motion prevailed.

Senator Wiklund moved that the name of Senator Boldon be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2588. The motion prevailed.

Senator Putnam moved that the name of Senator Johnson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2598. The motion prevailed.

Senator Maye Quade moved that the name of Senator McEwen be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2669. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rasmusson moved that the name of Senator Frentz be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2720. The motion prevailed.

Senator Putnam moved that the name of Senator Rasmusson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2763. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hawj moved that the name of Senator Hoffman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2777. The motion prevailed.

Senator Seeberger moved that the name of Senator Howe be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2821. The motion prevailed.

Senator Morrison moved that S.F. No. 168 be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety and re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. The motion prevailed.

Senator Morrison moved that S.F. No. 1526 be withdrawn from the Committee on Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. The motion prevailed.

Senator Carlson moved that S.F. No. 1943 be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety and re-referred to the Committee on Elections. The motion prevailed.

Senator Marty moved that S.F. No. 2098 be withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans. The motion prevailed.

Senator Latz moved that S.F. No. 2795 be withdrawn from the Committee on Taxes and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. The motion prevailed.

Senators Drazkowski, Bahr, Murphy, Anderson, and Lang introduced --

Senate Resolution No. 18: A resolution expressing the sense of the Minnesota Senate supporting the need for suitable accommodations for the Fort Snelling National Cemetery Memorial Rifle Squad.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Pursuant to Rule 26, Senator Frentz, designee of the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, designated the following bills a Special Orders Calendar to be heard immediately:

H.F. No. 112 and S.F. No. 1816.

SPECIAL ORDER

H.F. No. 112: A bill for an act relating to education; delaying review of physical education standards; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120B.021, subdivision 4.

H.F. No. 112 was read the third time and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 55 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Duckworth	Housley	Mathews	Port
Bahr	Dziedzic	Jasinski	Maye Quade	Pratt
Boldon	Eichorn	Johnson	McEwen	Putnam
Carlson	Farnsworth	Klein	Miller	Rarick
Champion	Fateh	Koran	Mitchell	Rasmusson
Cwodzinski	Green	Kreun	Morrison	Rest
Dahms	Gruenhagen	Kunesh	Murphy	Seeberger
Dibble	Gustafson	Kupec	Nelson	Utke
Dornink	Hauschild	Latz	Oumou Verbeten	Weber
Draheim	Hawj	Limmer	Pappas	Westlin
Drazkowski	Hoffman	Marty	Pha	Wiklund

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Boldon cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Dziedzic, Hawj, and Maye Quade.

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

SPECIAL ORDER

S.F. No. 1816: A bill for an act relating to state government; providing deficiency funding for the Office of Administrative Hearings; appropriating money.

S.F. No. 1816 was read the third time and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 59 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Cwodzinski	Drazkowski	Fateh	Hauschild
Bahr	Dahms	Duckworth	Frentz	Hawj
Boldon	Dibble	Dziedzic	Green	Hoffman
Carlson	Dornink	Eichorn	Gruenhagen	Housley
Champion	Draheim	Farnsworth	Gustafson	Jasinski

Johnson	Limmer	Mitchell	Pha	Seeberger
Klein	Mann	Mohamed	Port	Utke
Koran	Marty	Morrison	Pratt	Weber
Kreun	Mathews	Murphy	Putnam	Westlin
Kunesh	Maye Quade	Nelson	Rarick	Wiklund
Kupec	McEwen	Oumou Verbeten	Rasmusson	Xiong
Latz	Miller	Pappas	Rest	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Boldon cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Dziedzic, Hawj, and Maye Quade.

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Anderson, Coleman, Howe, Lang, and Westrom were excused from the Session of today. Senators Lieske, Lucero, and Wesenberg were excused from the Session of today at 11:10 a.m. Senators Mohamed and Xiong were excused from the Session of today from 11:15 to 11:20 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Frentz moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 16, 2023. The motion prevailed.

Thomas S. Bottern, Secretary of the Senate