

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE POLICY MEETING MINUTES

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn, Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Co-Chair
WEST, Nolan, Co-Chair
HANSON, Jessica, Co-Vice Chair
NELSON, Nathan, Co-Vice Chair
ALTENDORF, Pam
COULTER, Nathan
HEMMINGSSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HICKS, Kim
MCDONALD, Joe
NADEAU, Danny
OLSON, Bjorn
PÉREZ-VEGA, María Isa
SENCER-MURA, Samantha
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

A quorum was present.

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger moved the minutes of April 1, 2025. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1367 (Pinto) - Judicial review of child maltreatment occurring outside of Minnesota allowed, and local welfare agency responsibility for assessing or investigating alleged maltreatment occurring outside of state provided.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved that HF1367 be re-referred to the General Register.

Representative Pinto presented HF 1367.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF 1367 re-referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1685 (Kraft) - Commissioner of Minnesota IT Services directed to integrate the transit assistance program into the Minnesota benefits web portal, and money appropriated.

Representative Kraft presented HF 1685.

Presenter(s):

- Nas Nourkadi (he/him), State Policy Lead, Move Minnesota Action.

HF 2732 (Pursell) - Rural child care stabilization and support payment program established, report required, and money appropriated.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved that HF 2732 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

Representative Pursell presented HF2732.

Testifiers:

- Karen DeVos (she/her), Owner, Little Learners Ada and Westview, Ada, Minnesota
- Tawna Scheider (she/her), Director, Little Village Early Learning Center, Dundas, MN

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF 2732 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill. THE BILL IS LAID OVER.

HF 1897 (Moller) - Correction order requirements modified.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved that HF 1897 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

Rep. Kotyza-Witthuhn moved the DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Moller presented HF 1867 as amended.

Testifiers:

- Cyndi Cunningham, Public Policy Chairperson, Lead & Care

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF 1867 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill. THE BILL IS LAID OVER.

HF 1383 (Kotyza-Witthuhn) - Program established to assist families with the cost of child care.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved that HF 1383 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn presented HF 1383.

Testifiers:

- Alexandria Packard (she/her)
- Alaina Skoglund (she/her), Early Childhood Educator, Mother, Minnesota State University Moorhead, Early Childhood Education Center

Rep. Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF 1383 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill. THE BILL IS LAID OVER.

HF 2863 (Kotyza-Witthuhn) - Cross-references in the definition of child care background study subject corrected.

Rep. Kotyza-Witthuhn moved that HF 2863 be re-referred to the General Register.

Rep. Kotyza-Witthuhn presented HF 2863.

Rep. Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF 2863 be re-referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2728 (Coulter) - Child care great start compensation support payments modified.

Rep. Coulter moved that HF 2728 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

Rep. Coulter presented HF 2728.

Rep. Coulter renewed the motion that HF 2728 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children

and Families Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill. THE BILL IS LAID OVER.

HF 1424 (Hanson) - Relative foster care licensing, training, and background study requirements modified; Minnesota family investment program modified; and money appropriated.

Rep. Hanson moved that HF 1424 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

Rep. Hanson moved the DE3 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Hanson moved the A4 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Hanson moved the A5 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Hanson presented HF 1424 as amended.

Testifiers:

- Christina Zeise, Ampersand Families
- Kathy Duffy, Quality Parenting Initiative-MN
- Sean McKnight, Retired Police Detective, Apple Valley Police Coalition

Rep. Hanson renewed the motion that HF 1424 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill. THE BILL IS LAID OVER.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49PM.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn, Chair

Caleb Rohrer, Committee Legislative Assistant