

Taxes Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Davids, Co- Chair of the Taxes Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:15AM on March 25, 2025, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

DAVIDS, Greg, GOP Chair  
GOMEZ, Aisha, DFL Chair  
JOY, Jim, GOP Vice Chair  
NORRIS, Matt, DFL Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Patti  
ELKINS, Steve  
FREIBERG, Mike  
HANSON, Jessica  
HARDER, Bobbie  
HER, Kaohly  
HUOT, John  
JOHNSON, Wayne  
KOZLOWSKI, Liish  
LEE, Liz  
ROBBINS, Kristin  
SCHWARTZ, Erica  
SMITH, Andy  
STEPHENSON, Zack  
SWEDZINSKI, Chris  
WARWAS, Cal  
WIENER, Mike  
WITTE, Jeff  
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

Excused: ROACH, Drew

Representative Lee moved the minutes from March 20, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1697 (Elkins) - Individual income and corporate franchise tax; transfer and certification provisions modified.**

Representative Elkins moved HF1697 before the committee.

Testifying:

Amber L. Backhaus, Executive Director, Minnesota Regional Railroads Association

Chair Davids laid over HF1697 for possible inclusion in the Tax Omnibus Bill.

**HF1698 (Anderson, P.H.) Property tax exemption allowed for certain leased land.**

Chair Davids moved HF1698 before the committee.

Testifying:

Liz Beery, Associate Director, Grasslands for The Nature Conservancy in Minnesota

Chair Davids laid over HF632 for possible inclusion in the Tax Omnibus Bill.

**HF632 (Nadeau) Property with conservation restrictions or easements allowed valuation reductions, and technical corrections made.**

Chair Davids moved HF632 before the committee.

Chair Davids moved the H0632A1 Amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifying:

Wayne Ostlie, Director of Land Protection, Minnesota Land Trust  
Kristine Maurer, Habitat Conservation Supervisor, Hennepin County  
Connie LaFond, Landowner  
Matt Hilgart, Director, Association of Minnesota Counties

Chair Davids laid over HF632, as amended, for possible inclusion in the Tax Omnibus Bill.

**HF1352 (Witte) Solid waste management; definition of residential generator modified.**

Representative Witte Moved HF1352 before the committee

Representative Witte moved the H1352A1 Amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifying:

Deanna Smiley Gulliford, Director of Public Affairs, Goodwill  
Emily Barker, Executive Director, Reuse Minnesota

Chair Davids laid over HF1352, as amended, for possible inclusion in the Tax Omnibus Bill.

**HF618 (Swedzinski) Exemption provisions modified for construction materials by contractors, and refund provision added.**

Representative Swedzinski moved HF618 before the committee

Representative Swedzinski moved the H0618A1 Amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Davids laid over HF618, as amended, for possible inclusion in the Tax Omnibus Bill.

**HF1248 (Norris) Sales and use tax exemption provisions modified for construction materials purchased by certain contractors.**

Representative Norris moved HF1248 before the committee.

Testifying:

Valeri Dosland, MN Association of School Administrators  
Nathan Jesson, Executive Director, Minnesota Inter-County Association  
Jenny Max, City Administrator, Nisswa

Chair Davids laid over HF1248 for possible inclusion in the Tax Omnibus Bill.

**HF2197 (Robbins) Individual income tax; child credit marriage penalty eliminated and credit phaseout increased, and working family credit limited based on earned income to taxpayers with qualifying children.**

Representative Robbins moved HF2197 before the committee.

Testifying:

Nan Madden, Minnesota Budget Project Director, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits  
Alexandra Fitzsimmons, Senior Policy Director, Children's Health Defense Fund Minnesota

Chair Davids laid over HF2197 for further discussion at the Thursday, March 27, 2025 Taxes Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

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Representative Greg Davids, Chair

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Jennifer H. Goblirsch, Committee Legislative Assistant