

Taxes Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Aisha Gomez, Chair of the Taxes Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:15AM on March 26, 2025, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll

Members present:

GOMEZ, Aisha, DFL Chair  
DAVIDS, Greg GOP Chair  
NORRIS, Matt, DFL Chair  
JOY, Jim, GOP 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

Vice Chair Joy moved the minutes from March 25, 2025 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1479 (Virnig) Provider taxes; quarterly pharmacy refunds established.

Chair Gomez moved HF 1479 before the committee.

Representative Virnig presented HF 1479.

Testifiers:

- Randy Shindelar, Chief Financial Officer & Senior Vice President, Astrup Companies & Sterling Specialty Pharmacy.

Chair Gomez moved that HF 1479 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Tax omnibus bill.

HF 1529(Cha) Woodbury; refundable sales and use tax exemption provided for construction materials for certain projects.

Chair Gomez moved HF 1529 before the committee.

Representative Cha presented HF 1529.

Testifiers:

- Anne Burt, Mayor, City of Woodbury

Chair Gomez moved that HF 1529 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Tax omnibus bill.

HF 443(Kozlowski) Property tax exemption modified for certain airport property.

Representative Kozlowski moved HF 433 before the committee.

Representative Kozlowski presented HF 433.

Testifiers:

- Tom Werner, Executive Director, Duluth International Airport (remote)

Chair Gomez moved that HF 433 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Tax omnibus bill.

HF 2499(K. Lee) Renter's credit expanded to provide parity with the homestead credit refund.

Representative Lee moved HF 2499 before the committee.

Representative Lee presented HF 2499.

Testifiers:

- Michael Dahl, Public Policy Director, HOME line
- Nan Madden, Director, Minnesota Budget Project

Chair Gomez moved that HF 2499 be laid over for possible inclusion in a final omnibus bill.

HF 1522(Her) Property tax; definition of agricultural land modified for agricultural property classification.

Representative Her moved HF 1522 before the committee.

Representative Her moved the A1 amendment before the committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Her presented HF 1522, as amended.

Testifiers:

- Kelsey Zaavedra, President, Chisago County Farmers Union
- Stu Lounsbury, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Farmers Union

Chair Gomez moved that HF 1522, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in a Tax omnibus bill.

Vice Chair Norris assumed the gavel.

HF 2257(Gomez) Property tax; provisions related to public charity institution exemption modified.

Chair Gomez moved HF 2257 before the committee.

Chair Gomez presented HF 2257.

Testifiers:

- Ben Thomas, Deputy Assessor, St. Louis County
- Josh Hoogland, Legislative Chair, Minnesota Association of Assessing Officers

Chair Gomez moved that HF 2257 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Tax omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 AM.

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Representative Aisha Gomez, Chair

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Shamat Abraha, Committee Legislative Assistant