



2025-26 Legislative Session Voting Record



The Minnesota Chamber tracks hundreds of bills during each legislative session to ensure that policymakers understand how their proposals impact Minnesota's economy and the state's ability to make Minnesota a more affordable place to live, work, grow and expand a business. The Chamber scores votes on bills or amendments that illustrate this impact. The following votes were cast in the 2025 and 2026 legislative sessions.



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The 2024 election delivered an evenly divided House of Representatives with 67 Republicans and 67 Democrats. Minnesota has the only evenly split House in the nation with the last tie in our state occurring in 1979. The Senate, which was not up for election, remained narrowly divided by a one vote margin with Democrats in the majority.

In January 2026, Governor Walz announced that instead of running for an unprecedented third term, he would not seek reelection. By the end of the current biennium, 42 legislators announced they would be retiring or seeking other elected offices. The Capitol remains a place of constant change.

The 2025 and 2026 legislative sessions were decidedly different from the Democrat trifecta of 2022-23. With a power sharing agreement in effect for the House, only bills with bipartisan support and agreement ultimately passed. While a record 10,645 bills were introduced in the biennium, only 91 were signed into law.

The Minnesota Chamber's focus is on the growth and success of our economy. According to the [2026 Business Benchmarks report](#), while we enjoy foundational strengths with innovative companies, a highly skilled workforce, undeniable richness of natural resources and quality of life, we are seeing erosion in key economic metrics such as real GDP per capita annual growth of 1.0% (ranked 38th nationally), a total civilian annual growth rate of 0.2 % (ranked 40th nationally) and continued net domestic migration loss of 47,900 (ranked 41st nationally).

The votes scored in the 2025 and 2026 sessions reflect policies that either help or hinder Minnesota's future economic growth.



Our priorities for the 2025-26 session included the following:

Fiscal responsibility

Minnesota's budget has grown considerably since the 2023-24 session. Even though the Legislature reigned in spending this session, the current budget trajectory shows state spending exceeding the amount of revenues coming in by billions of dollars. This unsustainable pattern places higher burdens on both employers and families.

Taxes

A perennial issue for Minnesota businesses is lowering the state's uncompetitive tax rates. But given the make up of the Legislature, broad based tax reform was not realistic. The Chamber focused on enhancing the state's research and development credit, protecting incentives for data center development and conforming state law to the federal HR 1, which provided a number of benefits to small and mid-sized businesses and manufacturers through 179 expensing, bonus depreciation, R&E expensing for pass through entities and changes to the business interest limit. We were able to extend the PTE tax by two years, which provides businesses federal tax relief from the SALT cap.

Bipartisan solutions that reduce costs

Based on a data rich study from the Minnesota Chamber Foundation, we successfully argued for various environmental regulatory reforms to improve accountability, predictability and timeliness when businesses seek permits from state agencies. We also supported funding and extending the state's individual health care market reinsurance program to stabilize rates and hold down premium increases.

Good governance and accountability

More than 35 new workplace mandates were passed in the 2023-24 session. This is a significant burden for employers competing for talent with businesses in states with more competitive tax and regulatory environments. This biennium, we worked to modify paid family and medical leave and earned sick and safe time. We were moderately successful in making minor "administrative" changes but more work needs to be done to provide needed flexibility for employer operations and greater accountability for program use.

Other new mandates including health care coverage, energy production, infrastructure development, and environmental product requirements and bans have lacked clear guidance from state agencies. Legislators from both sides of the aisle worked to make some changes or improvements to these laws, with modest modifications.

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Vote summaries - 2025 Session

HHS Omnibus Finance bill, HF 2435 (Wiklund)

Bill passed, Chamber opposed

Minnesota has the 9th highest family premiums and the 13th highest individual premiums in the country for employer sponsored health insurance. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, since 2017, Minnesota families have reported among the highest median health care spending in the country. This bill included a number of provisions that would push costs higher and jeopardize access to the health insurance coverage on which many Minnesotans rely. The bill included costly new health insurance mandates and regulations and more than \$500 million in new and increased health insurance and health care taxes. It would have abandoned the state's proven individual market reinsurance program in favor of a program that was neither implementable in the time frame necessary nor well understood in terms of consumer and market impact. Though the Senate did vote to advance this proposal to a House-Senate Conference committee, the final compromise version of the Health and Human Services Omnibus Finance bill that was approved by both Chambers and signed into law by the governor did not include the majority of these harmful provisions.

Earned Sick and Safe Time Modifications bill, SF 2300 (Seeberger)

Bill passed, Chamber supported

Of the roughly 35 new workplace mandates placed on business in the past two years, prior to the paid family and medical leave mandate going into effect, the sick and safe time mandate burdened Chamber members the most. In focus group meetings held around the state leading into session, employers conveyed that the sick and safe time mandate is being misused by employees, causing legitimate operational challenges and cost impacts across the board. This is largely due to the fact that the mandate is so broad and the rules for requesting notice and documentation are so limited. Policies that help employees shouldn't have to create an undue or uneven financial burden on employers. The changes proposed in this bill would help to alleviate some of the burdens this law has created – though

the Chamber had to acknowledge disappointment that the bill was amended from its original version addressing the “more generous PTO” issue and providing targeted small business exemptions. The Senate voted to advance the amended proposal on a bipartisan basis; the divided House did not consider it. Ultimately, a few of the “administrative modifications” relating to notice, documentation and advancing hours were incorporated into end-of-session negotiations and signed into law.

Environment and Natural Resources Omnibus Policy and Finance bill, SF 3 (Hawj)

Bill passed, Chamber supported

In February 2024, the Minnesota Chamber Foundation issued a report detailing that permitting in Minnesota takes too long, costs too much and is too uncertain for investment. The Chamber developed legislation using the recommendations from the report to improve our state process, identified legislative champions on both sides of the aisle in the House and Senate, worked with relevant state agencies in the Walz administration, formed a broad coalition of business, labor and environmental groups, and invested in paid media to support these reforms. Even with this degree of support, scheduling hearings and getting votes on the bills was a challenge. Senate and House Democrats opposed to mining and industrial development did not allow permitting bills to have their own hearings. Only through the budget process were we able to get the bills passed and signed into law.

SF 3 included several other provisions, most notably operating increases for environmental agencies and fee increases. Because of the sizable fee increases for boat registrations, water use and water appropriations, Republican support in both Chambers was limited. Only four Republicans in the Senate and 38 Republicans in the House supported its passage. Meanwhile, Democrats unanimously supported in both chambers, citing the operating increases for environmental agencies, fee increases and increased funding for and updates to the Community Grant Program. The Community Grant Program makes available funding to diverse recipients for helping environmentally impacted communities, education and awareness related to environmental stewardship, and more criteria.



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2026 Session

The dominating themes of the 2026 session were fraud in state government programs, conformity with the federal Medicaid and tax law changes, funding for Hennepin County Medical Center, the effects of Metro Surge, security at the Capitol and emerging tech issues such as artificial intelligence and data centers.

The Minnesota Chamber succeeded in advancing our top priorities for 2026: federal tax conformity; blocking new workplace mandates; modifying environmental regulations; and driving down costs for employers, employees and their families. We were pleased with these results detailed in key votes in this record.

Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, SF 3720 (McEwen)

Bill passed, Chamber supported

This bill implements the recommendations from the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC) for the 2026 legislative session. The WCAC is a statutory council comprised of representatives from business and organized labor, upon which the Minnesota Chamber maintains a statutory seat. The Chamber works to ensure that the work comp system remains solvent and protected from unbalanced proposals that will increase costs within the system while at the same time ensuring benefits to injured workers are adequate and delivered efficiently. This bill was unanimously recommended by the WCAC because it balances increased benefits for injured workers with system efficiencies and controlled costs within the

system. SF 3720 passed both the House and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Walz on May 18, 2026.

A23 amendment to strike the seating mandate in SF 4059 Omnibus Supplemental Appropriations (Dornink)

Amendment failed, Chamber supported

This amendment sought to remove a new seating requirement on employers in Minnesota along with the additional enforcement powers and penalties to impose it. Industries across Minnesota's diverse economy are experiencing several troubling trends, including high costs and steep increases in regulation and business mandates on workplaces that are already heavily regulated in Minnesota. Instead of reducing costs or making it easier for Minnesota businesses to remain competitive, these provisions would have the opposite effect. Throughout the legislative session, the Chamber highlighted fundamental definitional questions or scenarios demonstrating that this language would lead to litigation risks and unnecessarily subject business to penalties. While this amendment failed and the Senate passed the underlying bill with the seating mandate included, the House did not consider or pass any legislation containing the seating mandate. As a result, the seating mandate will not go into effect in Minnesota at this time.

A6 amendment to extend health care reinsurance in HF 4188 (Klein)

Amendment did not pass, Chamber supported

The Minnesota Chamber supports continuation of Minnesota's individual market reinsurance program because it has proven to be one of the state's most effective tools for improving affordability and stability in the individual market. Prior to the creation of the program in 2017, Minnesotans purchasing coverage in the individual market faced premium increases ranging from 50% to nearly 67%, creating significant affordability issues for individuals, families and small employers. Since implementation, the program has helped reduce premiums by an estimated 20%. Most recently, continuation of the program helped avoid a projected 47% increase in premiums for the 2026 plan year.

The Chamber believes maintaining a stable and affordable individual market is important for Minnesota's economy, entrepreneurs, small business owners, self-employed individuals and workers who rely on this market for coverage. At a time when health care affordability remains one of the top concerns facing Minnesota businesses, continuation of the reinsurance program represents a practical solution with a proven record of stabilizing

the individual market and should remain a priority for the state. Though the amendment ultimately did not pass, the Chamber will continue to support policies that improve affordability and preserve stability in Minnesota's health insurance markets.

A21 amendment to the Omnibus Supplemental Appropriations bill, SF 4059 (Green)

Amendment failed, Chamber supported

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs are business mandates which require producers of covered products to pay a fee to offer or use their product in Minnesota. The Legislature enacted Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for paper and packaging in 2023. Paper and packaging EPR is undergoing a long implementation timeline, including a costly rulemaking. EPR for electronic waste and removable batteries was proposed and failed in 2025. During the interim between the 2025 and 2026 legislative sessions, the Minnesota Chamber participated in stakeholder convening sessions seeking a workable EPR pathway for electronic waste ("e-waste") and battery product stewardship. Unfortunately, the bill introduced strayed from the consensus found at stakeholder convenings and the Chamber once again opposed.

Article 7 of SF 4059 included a batteries-only EPR program. It was unworkable for industry, as it proposed creating unrealistic collection targets, altering a long-standing and successful lead acid battery system, and limiting the tools available for consumers to recycle removable batteries. While this amendment failed and SF 4059 passed the Senate Floor on May 5, 2026, no EPR program ultimately became law.



Rep. Kristin Robbins, chair, and Rep. Dave Pinto, DFL lead, confer before convening the House Fraud Prevention and State Agency Oversight Policy Committee for the final time May 5.

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Senate votes

	HF 2435	SF 2300
	HHS Omnibus Finance bill	Earned Sick and Safe Time Modifications bill
	CHAMBER OPPOSED	CHAMBER SUPPORTED
Abeler	No	No
Anderson	No	Yes
Bahr	No	Yes
Boldon	Yes	No
Carlson	Yes	No
Champion	Yes	No
Clark	Yes	No
Coleman	No	Yes
Cwodzinski	Yes	No
Dahms	No	Yes
Dibble	Yes	No
Dornink	No	Yes
Draheim	No	Yes
Drazkowski	No	Yes
Duckworth	No	Yes
Farnsworth	No	Yes
Fateh	Yes	No
Frentz	Yes	Yes
Green	No	Yes
Gruenhagen	No	Yes
Gustafson	Yes	No
Hauschild	Yes	Yes
Hawj	Yes	No
Heintzeman	No	Yes
Hoffman	Yes	No
Housley	No	Yes
Howe	No	Yes
Jasinski	No	Yes
Johnson	No	Yes
Johnson Stewart	Yes	No
Klein	Yes	Yes
Koran	No	Yes
Kreun	No	Yes
Kunesh	Yes	No
Kupec	Yes	Yes
Lang	No	Yes
Latz	Yes	No
Lieske	No	Yes
Limmer	No	Yes
Lucero	No	Yes
Mann	Yes	No
Marty	Yes	No
Matthews	No	Yes
Maye Quade	Yes	No
McEwen	Yes	No
Miller	No	Yes
Mitchell	Yes	No
Mohamed	Yes	No
Murphy	Yes	No
Nelson	No	Yes
Oumou Verbeten	Yes	No
Pappas	Yes	No
Pha	Yes	No
Port	Yes	No
Pratt	No	Yes
Putnam	Yes	Yes
Rarick	No	Yes
Rasmusson	No	Yes
Rest	Yes	No
Seeberger	Yes	Yes
Utke	No	Yes
Weber	No	Yes
Wesenberg	No	Yes
Westlin	Yes	No
Westrom	No	Yes
Wiklund	Yes	No
Xiong	Yes	No

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Senate votes

	A21 to SF 4059	A23 to SF 4059	SF 3720	A6 to HF 4188
	Omnibus Supplemental Appropriations bill	Omnibus Supplemental Appropriations	Workers' Compensation Advisory Council	Commerce Policy bill
	CHAMBER SUPPORTED	CHAMBER SUPPORTED	CHAMBER SUPPORTED	CHAMBER SUPPORTED
Abeler	No	No	Yes	Yes
Bahr	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Boldon	No	No	Yes	No
Carlson	No	No	Yes	No
Champion	No	No	Yes	No
Clark	No	No	Yes	No
Coleman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cwodzinski	No	No	Yes	No
Dahms	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dibble	No	No	Yes	No
Dornink	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Draheim	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Drazkowski	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Duckworth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Farnsworth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fateh	No	No	Yes	No
Frentz	No	No	Yes	No
Green	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gruenhagen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gustafson	No	No	Yes	No
Hauschild	No	No	Yes	No
Hawj	No	No	Yes	No
Heintzeman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hemmingsen-Jaeger	No	No	Yes	No
Hoffman	No	No	Yes	No
Holmstrom	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Housley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Howe	Yes	Yes	Yes	No vote
Jasinski	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Johnson Stewart	No	No	Yes	No
Klein	No	No	Yes	No
Koran	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kreun	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kunesh	No	No	Yes	No
Kupec	No	No	No vote	No
Lang	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Latz	No	No vote	No vote	No
Lieske	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Limmer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lucero	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Mann	No	No	Yes	No
Marty	No	No	Yes	No
Mathews	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maye Quade	No	No	Yes	No
McEwen	No	No	Yes	No
Miller	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mohamed	No	No	Yes	No
Murphy	No	No	Yes	No
Nelson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oumou Verbeten	No	No	Yes	No
Pappas	No	No	Yes	No
Pha	No	No	Yes	No
Port	No	No	Yes	No
Pratt	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Putnam	No	No	Yes	No
Rarick	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rasmusson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rest	No	No	Yes	No
Seeberger	No	No	Yes	No
Utke	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Weber	No vote	No vote	Yes	Yes
Wesenberg	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Westlin	No	No	Yes	No
Westrom	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wiklund	No	No	Yes	No
Xiong	No	No	Yes	No

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House vote

	SF 3
	Environment and Natural Resources Omnibus Policy and Finance bill
	CHAMBER SUPPORTED
Acomb	Yes
Agbaje	Yes
Altendorf	No
Allen	Yes
Anderson (Patti)	No
Anderson (Paul)	No
Backer	No
Bahner	Yes
Bakeberg	No
Baker	Yes
Bennett	Yes
Berg	Yes
Bierman	Yes
Bliss	No
Burkel	Yes
Carroll	Yes
Cha	Yes
Clardy	Yes
Coulter	Yes
Curran	Yes
Davids	Yes
Davis	No
Demuth	Yes
Dippel	No
Dotseth	Yes
Duran	No
Elkins	Yes
Engen	No
Falconer	Yes
Feist	Yes
Finke	Yes
Fischer	No vote
Fogelman	No
Franson	Yes
Frazier	No vote
Frederick	Yes
Freiberg	Yes
Gander	Yes
Gillman	No
Gomez	Yes
Gordon	No
Gottfried	Yes
Greene	Yes
Greenman	Yes
Hansen	Yes
Hanson	Yes
Harder	No
Heintzeman	Yes
Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Yes
Her	Yes
Hicks	Yes
Hill	Yes
Hollins	Yes
Hortman	Yes
Howard	Yes
Hudson	No
Huot	Yes
Hussein	Yes
Igo	Yes
Jacob	Yes
Johnson, P.	Yes
Johnson, W.	No
Jones	Yes
Jordan	Yes
Joy	No
Keeler	Yes
Klevorn	Yes
Knudsen	No

	SF 3
	Environment and Natural Resources Omnibus Policy and Finance bill
	CHAMBER SUPPORTED
Kozlowski	Yes
Koznick	Yes
Kraft	Yes
Kresha	Yes
Lawrence	No
Lee (Fue)	Yes
Lee (Liz)	Yes
Liebling	Yes
Lillie	Yes
Long	Yes
Mahamoud	Yes
McDonald	Yes
Mekeland	No
Moller	Yes
Momanyi-Hiltsley	Yes
Mueller	Yes
Murphy	No
Myers	Yes
Nadeau	Yes
Nash	Yes
Nelson (Nathan)	Yes
Niska	Yes
Noor	Yes
Norris	Yes
Novotny	Yes
O'Driscoll	Yes
Olson (Bjorn)	No vote
Pérez-Vega	Yes
Perryman	Yes
Pinto	Yes
Pursell	Yes
Quam	Yes
Rarick	Yes
Rehm	Yes
Rehrauer	Yes
Repinski	Yes
Reyer	Yes
Roach	No
Robbins	Yes
Rymer	No
Schomacker	Yes
Schultz	No
Schwartz	Yes
Scott	Yes
Sencer-Mura	Yes
Sexton	Yes
Skraba	Yes
Smith	Yes
Stephenson	Yes
Stier	Yes
Swedzinski	Yes
Tabke	Yes
Torkelson	Yes
Van Binsbergen	No
Vang	Yes
Virnig	Yes
Warwas	Yes
West	Yes
Wiener	No
Witte	Yes
Wolgamott	Yes
Xiong	Yes
Youakim	Yes
Zeleznikar	Yes

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House vote

	SF 3720
	Workers' Compensation Advisory Council
	CHAMBER SUPPORTED
Acomb	Yes
Agbaje	Yes
Allen	Yes
Altendorf	Yes
Anderson (Patti)	Yes
Anderson (Paul)	Yes
Backer	Yes
Bahner	Yes
Bakeberg	Yes
Baker	Yes
Bennett	Yes
Berg	Yes
Bierman	Yes
Bliss	Yes
Buck	Yes
Burkel	Yes
Carroll	Yes
Cha	Yes
Clardy	Yes
Coulter	Yes
Curran	Yes
Davids	Yes
Davis	Yes
Demuth	Yes
Dippel	Yes
Dotseth	Yes
Duran	Yes
Elkins	Yes
Engen	No
Falconer	Yes
Feist	Yes
Finke	Yes
Fischer	Yes
Fogelman	Yes
Franson	Yes
Frazier	Yes
Frederick	Yes
Freiberg	Yes
Gander	Yes
Gillman	Yes
Gomez	Yes
Gordon	Yes
Gottfried	Yes
Greene	Yes
Greenman	Yes
Hansen	Yes
Hanson	Yes
Harder	Yes
Heintzeman	Yes
Hicks	Yes
Hill	Yes
Hollins	Yes
Howard	Yes
Hudson	No vote
Huot	Yes
Hussein	Yes
Igo	Yes
Jacob	Yes
Johnson (Peter)	Yes
Johnson (Wayne)	Yes
Jones	Yes
Jordan	Yes
Joy	Yes
Keeler	Yes
Klevorn	Yes
Knudsen	Yes
Koegel	Yes
Kotyza-Witthuhn	Yes

	SF 3720
	Workers' Compensation Advisory Council
	CHAMBER SUPPORTED
Lawrence	Yes
Lee (Fue)	Yes
Lee (Liz)	Yes
Lee (Xp)	Yes
Liebling	Yes
Lillie	Yes
Long	Yes
Luger-Nikolai	Yes
Mahamoud	Yes
McDonald	Yes
Mekeland	Yes
Moller	Yes
Momanyi-Hiltsley	Yes
Mueller	Yes
Murphy	Yes
Myers	Yes
Nadeau	Yes
Nash	Yes
Nelson	Yes
Niska	Yes
Noor	Yes
Norris	Yes
Novotny	Yes
O'Driscoll	Yes
Olson	Yes
Pérez-Vega	Yes
Perryman	Yes
Pinto	Yes
Pursell	Yes
Quam	Yes
Rarick	Yes
Rehm	Yes
Rehrauer	Yes
Repinski	Yes
Reyer	Yes
Roach	Yes
Robbins	Yes
Rymer	Yes
Schomacker	Yes
Schultz	Yes
Schwartz	Yes
Scott	Yes
Sencer-Mura	Yes
Sexton	Yes
Skraba	Yes
Smith	Yes
Stephenson	Yes
Stier	Yes
Swedzinski	Yes
Tabke	Yes
Torkelson	Yes
Van Binsbergen	Yes
Vang	Yes
Virnig	Yes
Warwas	Yes
West	Yes
Wiener	Yes
Witte	Yes
Wolgamott	Yes
Xiong	Yes
Youakim	Yes
Zeleznikar	Yes



We acknowledge and express our gratitude to the following retiring legislators who have been champions for Minnesota's economy, partners to Minnesota businesses and friends to our organization. We wish them the very best and thank them for their service to our state:

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In memoriam



Speaker Emerita
Melissa Hortman
(1970 – 2025)



Senator
Bruce D. Anderson
(1950 – 2025)

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