



## THE 2023-2024 PLATFORM REPORT TO THE HOUSE STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

To: Chair: Rep. Ginny Klevorn HD 42B  
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*The resolutions listed below are from part of our DFL platform, known as the Action Agenda and have been identified as potentially being relevant to the work of your committee. The support for each resolution is given; the number of Congressional Districts and Organizing Units backing the resolution, and the percentage of approval by the delegates to the State Convention.*

### **Fair Payments for Agricultural Land Use**

support adequate payment to farmer landowners when taking land out of production for buffer strips and waterways, with incentives to set up alternative agriculture production systems including haying and grazing. [7 CDs, 22 OUs, 78%]

### **Prevention of Rural and Urban Food Deserts**

support innovative programs to identify and prevent rural and urban food deserts by establishing food coops and/or small independent grocery stores in both rural and urban communities through grants and/or tax credits. [7 CDs, 19 OUs, 82%]

### **Community Food & Water Resiliency**

Support a sustainable, statewide, locally adapted food economy from source-to-table that is designed to be inclusive, expands SNAP benefits and helps create health and well-being for all people in rural and urban communities, including under-served communities such as Black, Indigenous, and immigrant communities, and the rural poor. [5 CDs, 9 OUs, 81%]

### **Safe and Secure Elections**

Supports strengthening democracy by using 21st century technology to ensure all Minnesotans are able to cast their ballot freely, safely, and equally. We also support enhanced protections for voters and elections officials against threat or intimidation, foreign or domestic. [8 CDs, 34 OUs, 90%]

### **Affordable Housing**

Expand resources for a range of affordable housing: apartments, townhouses, and starter/small homes for individuals, families, and seniors throughout the state. Protect public housing and balance the rights of renters with the interests of property owners. [7 CDs, 20 OUs, 88%]

### **Clean Water Infrastructure**

Support substantial investments to upgrade and expand our failing public water infrastructure including water, sewage and stormwater systems to assure safe drinking water and to protect aquatic ecosystems from pollution. [8 CDs, 52 OUs, 92%]

### **Homelessness**

Homelessness and housing are state-wide issues. All levels of government must renew their commitments to decent housing options, affordable for all. Solutions must include safe neighborhoods, removal of income and racial barriers to decent housing and ensuring no one must spend more than 30% of their monthly income on permanent housing. [4 CDs, 8 OUs, 80%]

### **Mental Health**

Support the availability and funding of mental health and substance abuse treatment so all individuals who are in need of help, including children, have sufficient access to these services. [7 CDs, 9 OUs, 91%]

### **Mental Health Support for Public Safety**

Support a model of public safety that includes more professionals who are trained in mental health issues. [4CD's, 5OU's, 90%]

### **Civics Education**

Support K-12 education that provides a quality civics education including the history of Minnesotans of all races. [8 CDs, 35 OUs, 86%]

### **Zero-Carbon**

Supports a transition to 100% clean electricity by 2040 as part of a plan that reduces racial, gender & economic disparities and provides high paying jobs, while cutting greenhouse gases by 45% by 2030 and to "net zero" by 2050. We support a massive shift in electricity generation towards a future powered by wind, solar, storage, and a modern electrical grid that will power our homes, businesses, and transportation. [8 CDs, 59 OUs, 78%]

### **Climate Impact Calculation**

Mandates the calculation of climate impacts including external and social costs of carbon, for all new infrastructure projects; limit funding or deny permits for high-impact projects and incentivize those with the lowest carbon footprint; remove existing fossil-fuel based infrastructure as quickly as possible. [7CDs, 20 OUs, 73%]

### **Border-To-Border**

Support the implementation and expansion of the Border-to-Border statewide broadband initiative (1) by providing stable multi-year funding, (2) by eliminating corporate-monopoly sponsored restrictions, obstacles, and preemptions, (3) by encouraging municipalities, (4) facilitate stronger Native Nations broadband access, and (5) go "the last mile" ensuring that no one is left behind. [8 CDs, 51 OUs, 88%]

### **Electric School Buses for MN**

Support funding for rapid replacement of diesel-fueled school buses with electric school buses, and the construction of necessary charging infrastructure. This will reduce greenhouse gases and create a cleaner, quieter, and healthier environment for our children. [5 CDs, 11 OUs, 78%]

### **Electric Vehicle Infrastructure**

Support the development of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure throughout Minnesota, including rural areas, with adequate access. [8CDs, 29 OUs, 87%]

### **End Privatization of Public Institutions**

Support ending the practice of privatization of public institutions and services, including prisons, hospitals, and educational institutions, and also including other services formerly conducted by public governmental agencies and civil servants. [ 6 CDs, 10 OUs, 81%]

We present this report as a summary of the passion of our grass roots, a vision of our caring society. We appreciate your support for the DFL's legislative priorities as you move forward this session. Thank you for supporting the people of Minnesota.