



**THE 2023-2024 PLATFORM REPORT TO THE HOUSE
SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY COMMITTEE**

To: Chair – Rep. Erin Koegel HD 39A
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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.

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%]

Lead in Drinking Water

The DFL supports the reduction of lead exposure in people and animals by eliminating lead in drinking water, investing in lead remediation in Minnesota homes and other locations, and banning the use of lead ammunition and fishing tackle. [7 CDs, 31 OUs, 90%]

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

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

Soil Health and Regenerative Farming

Support funding to provide accessible grants and direct payments to farmers, as well as funds for research, technical assistance, and education, to establish and sustain soil health practices such as utilizing perennial crops, rotational grazing, cover crops, and no-till farming. Set a statewide goal to reach 5.75 million acres of farmland with soil-health practices by 2030, 11.5 million acres by 2035, and 23 million acres by 2040. Invest in rural communities and our food and farming system, to conserve and build healthy soils, clean our water, sequester carbon, and bolster farm income. [8 CDs, 85 OUs, 85%]

Rural Infrastructure

Support building the infrastructure needed by small and mid-sized farms in rural and urban communities to create regional food systems that support regenerative farming and provide all people with the nourishing foods they want and need, including investment in small business development and transitions, processing infrastructure, and marketing of goods and specialty crops. [8 CDs, 30 OUs, 84%]

Oppose Weakening Environmental Protections

Oppose any effort to circumvent or weaken state or federal environmental laws or protections involving administrative procedures and permitting. [4 CDs, 9 OUs, 82%]

Clean Transportation For All

Support investment in clean transportation options such as public transit, commuter rail, light rail, buses, bicycling, walking, electric vehicles, and other non-motorized transportation options. These must be racially just, economically competitive, safer, and accessible for users of all ages and abilities. [7 CDs, 37 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%]

Green New Deal

Supports a Green New Deal to rapidly cut greenhouse gas emissions and provide an equitable energy future, establishing millions of high paying jobs, affordable housing, investing in multi-modal transportation options; to provide clean air and water, healthy food, and a sustainable environment for all. [7 CDs, 35 OUs, 80%]

Right to Repair Laws

Support Right to Repair Laws to protect consumers from manufacturers that restrict the ability of third party and self-repair of their products (like farm tractors or cell phones) that are already purchased. [3 CDs, 5 OUs, 80%]

Efficient Repair, Reuse, and Recycling

Support a comprehensive policy to make available and maximize the expected use life, facilitate efficient repair, reuse, and recycling of manufactured products. Minimize the use and maximize recycling of strategic materials. Promote widespread reduction, usage, and composting of food waste. [8 CDs, 20 OUs, 79%]

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%]

Single Use Plastics

Support discussion and cooperation between manufacturers, retail, food retail, and trash disposal groups to reduce or ban the use of plastics, especially single-use plastic, require the recycling of all plastics that are used, and require packaging producers to share cost for disposal and recycling of the products they sell in Minnesota. [4 CDs, 6 OUs, 74%]

MPCA Citizen Board

Support the restoration of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Citizen's Board to its full capacity and authority.[6 CDs, 7 OUs, 74%]

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. [7 CDs, 20 OUs, 73%]

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%]

Statewide Passenger Rail System

We support the re-introduction of regional passenger rail service to rural Minnesota on the statewide network of existing rail lines as designated in the Minnesota Statewide Rail Plan as a powerful catalyst for rural economic development. [5 CDs, 13 OUs, 76%]

DNR responsibilities to DEED

The DFL supports eliminating the conflict of interest between mineral regulation and promotion in the Department of Natural Resources by reassigning responsibility for development and economic analysis of state minerals to the Department of Employment and Economic Development. [6 CDs, 10 OUs, 63%]

From the DFL Ongoing Agenda:

We Support

- Preservation and protection of farmland through soil conservation and sound sustainable ecological practices
- Educational research and development programs, including sustainable agriculture.
- Increased use of renewable energy sources.
- Aggressive energy conservation in transportation, commercial, industrial, residential, and governmental sectors.
- Decreasing dependence on nuclear power.
- International cooperation to protect the global environment in areas such as preventing acid rain, preserving the rainforests, preserving the ozone layer, and preventing global warming.
- Strong environmental programs with provisions for strong enforcement that provide for healthy surroundings for all citizens and for sustainable, long term use of natural resources and a strong role for government in environmental protection.
- Living and working conditions free from significant exposure to poisons and radioactivity in air, water and soil.
- Recognize, protect and conserve clean water as a shared resource held in public trust for the health, safety and benefit of the public.

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.