



## THE 2023-2024 PLATFORM REPORT TO THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

To:	Chair:	Rep. Rick Hansen	HD 53B	
	Vice-Chair -	Rep. Sydney Jordan	HD 60A	
Rep. Jeff Brand		HD 18A	Rep. Heather Edelson	HD 50A
Rep. Leigh Finke		HD 66A	Rep. Peter Fischer	HD 44A
Rep. Fue Lee		HD 59A	Rep. Dave Lislegard	HD 07B
Rep. Kristi Pursell		HD 58A	Rep. Samantha Vang	HD 38B
Rep. Liz Olson		HD 08A		

*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.*

### **Rights of Water and Wetlands**

Support government entities' or private citizens' standing to bring action against any entity that damages Minnesota waters and wetlands, which have a right to exist, flow, and be protected against harm. [ 7 CDs, 14 OUs, 76%]

### **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%]

### **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%]

### **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%]

### **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%]

### **Dismantle racial, gender, and economic injustice**

Supports taking bold action to dismantle racial, gender and economic injustice in our democracy, institutions, and public programs. [7 CDs, 14 OUs, 84%]

### **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 gasses 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%]

### **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%]

### **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%]

### **Non-Compostable Plastic Bags**

Support banning the use of non-compostable plastic bags and polystyrene containers in stores and eating establishments and require the use of compostable plastic or paper bags.[5 CDs,9 OUs, 76%].

### **PFAS Chemicals**

Support the reduction or banning of toxic and carcinogenic substances, such as harmful PFAS chemicals, in consumer goods, and require newly developed similar substances to be proven safe before widespread manufacture and use. [ 7 CDs, 23 OUs, 88%]

### **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. [ 8CDs, 20 OUs, 79%]

### **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%]

*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.*