



THE 2023-2024 PLATFORM REPORT TO THE HOUSE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

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The resolutions listed below are from part of our state's DFL platform, known as the Action Agenda and have been identified as potentially being relevant to the work of your committee. The level of DFL 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.

Fully Fund School Meals

Support full funding for all nutrition programs at public schools including, but not limited to healthy food at breakfast, lunch, and snack time. [5 CDs, 9 OUs, 94%]

Rent Stabilization

Support rent stabilization. [6 CDs, 11 OUs, 64%]

Statewide, High Quality Public Schools

Support all public school students having access to local, quality public education through an equitable funding formula to maintain uniform, high quality public schools throughout the state [8 CDs, 35 OUs, 91%]

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%]

Pre-School For All

Support affordable and quality pre-school for all. [8 CDs, 41 OUs, 91%]

Student Loan Debt

Support the Federal Government and Minnesota working to reduce the crushing student loan debt of our population. [4 CDs, 7 OUs, 80%]

Affordable Public Education

Support the basic premise that a fundamental requisite for a thriving democracy, economy and healthy, fulfilling society is a public education system from infant daycare through K-12, vocational, college, and higher education that is robust and affordable. [8 CDs, 18 OUs, 89%]

Special Education

Support encouraging the Minnesota Legislature to more fully fund special education in our state for the purposes of equalizing services for learners and stabilizing the financial positions of districts around the state. [5 CDs, 7 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%]

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%]

Protect and Extend Medicare/ Medicaid

Supports legislation to protect and extend Medicare/Medicaid by capping Medicare out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs, including insulin, at \$2 000 per year, creating hearing, vision, and dental benefits under Medicare, expanding Medicaid to cover more nursing home and assisted living expenses for seniors, and protecting Medicare/Medicaid from benefits cuts. [7 CDs, 18 OUs, 86%]

Expand Minnesota Care

Supports taking bold action to ensure every Minnesotan is able to easily access needed medical care without worrying about cost by expanding MinnesotaCare, so this high-quality public program is available to all Minnesotans. [8 CDs, 32 OUs],85%

Aging in Place

Supports expanding, improving, and fully funding all programs that constitute a viable safety net for Minnesota's senior citizens to stay in their homes, provide in-home services to improve seniors' ability to age in place, and provide efficient, safe, convenient transportation options. [8 CDs, 20 OUs, 87%]

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%]

Universal Single-Payer –

Support legislation for government sponsored universal healthcare, wherein "universal" means all persons are fully covered for healthcare. [8 CDs, 45 OUs, 86%]

Oppose Corporatization of Healthcare

The DFL supports preventing further corporatization of healthcare, stronger regulations to assure community benefit, financial and geographic access to quality health care services based on need, not profit. [6 CDs, 8 OUs, 82%]

Personal Care Attendants

Support an increase in pay and benefits for Personal Care Attendants and in-home health care workers who provide services to assist seniors' ability to stay in their homes; and raise the reimbursement rate to home-health agencies that employ PCAs to ensure a skilled and available personal care workforce. [3 CDs, 12 OUs, 91%]

Common Sense Gun Violence Prevention

Support common sense gun violence prevention measures to keep guns out of the hands of people who've proven themselves to be dangerous, including criminal background checks on all gun sales and extreme risk protection orders (often referred to as red flag laws). [8CD's, 62 OU's, 91%]

Support for Indigenous Women

Support funding and implementation of programs to end the exploitation and murder of missing indigenous women. [7CD's, 7OU's, 92%]

Schools Share MN Gun Storage Law

Support public school districts and charter schools (through collaboration with the MN Dept of Education and Dept of Justice) in providing families/guardians information related to child firearm access prevention and the existing Minnesota statute for safe storage of firearms. [7 CD's, 7 OU's, 75%]

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%]

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%]

MPCA's Responsibility to Resource-Limited Communities

support legislation to require the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to mitigate the disproportionate impact of human health hazards on black, indigenous, communities of color, and resource-limited communities when making permitting decisions. [3 CDs, 5 OUs, 73%]

Gender Affirming Health Care

Support the rights of all to gender-affirming healthcare, that may be life-saving, and oppose gender-denying harassment and discrimination in schools, workplaces, and public accommodations. [Approved by the State Central Committee]

Ban Unnecessary Surgery Under 12

Supports banning all medically unnecessary and irreversible surgeries that alter sex and gender on intersex individuals prior to the age of 12. [Approved by the State Central Committee]

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%]

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%]

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.