



## THE 2023-2024 PLATFORM REPORT TO THE SENATE COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

To: Chair: Sen. Matt D. Klein 53  
Vice-Chair - Sen. Judy Seeberger 41

Sen. Nick Frentz 18 Sen. Ron Latz 46  
Sen. Melissa Wiklund 51 Sen. Tou Xiong 44

*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.*

### **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%]

### **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%]

### **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%]

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

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%]

### **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%]

### **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%]

### **Drug Pricing**

Supports state and federal processes to limit the increase in costs of prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs. [7 CDs, 20 OUs, 91%]

### **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%

### **Partial Wage Replacement Leave**

Support legislation that would provide up to 12 weeks of at least partial wage replacement leave in order that workers are able to take care of their own serious medical condition, that of their family member, or to bond with a new child. [8 CDs, 16 OUs, 84%]

### **Oppose Corporatization of Healthcare**

Supports preventing further corporatization of health care, 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%]

### **Legalize Marijuana**

Supports the legalization , regulation, and taxation of marijuana in a manner similar to that of tobacco or alcohol, the pardoning of those currently incarcerated for related offenses, and the retroactive expungement of criminal records for related offenses. [8 CDs, 30 OUs, 83%]

### **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%]

### **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%]

### **Electric Cooperatives**

Support legislative oversight of Minnesota's member-owned electric cooperatives to improve transparency and ensure there is opportunity for input from members before key decisions are made that affect asset management, member payments, or climate impacts. [ 4 CDS, 09 OUs, 72%]

### **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%]

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.

R