



THE 2023-2024 PLATFORM REPORT TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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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.

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

Pre-School For All

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

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

Restorative Public Safety Policies

Support evidence-based public safety policies that prioritize restoration/rehabilitation. [4CD's, 7OUs, 74%]

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%]

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.