



THE 2023-2024 PLATFORM REPORT TO THE SENATE ENERGY, UTILITIES, ENVIRONMENT, AND CLIMATE COMMITTEE

To: Chair: Sen. Nick Frenzt SD 18
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Sen. D. Scott Dibble	SD 61	Sen. John A. Hoffman	SD 34
Sen. Matt Klein	SD 53	Sen. Jennifer A. McEwen	SD 08
Sen. Nicole Mitchell	SD 47	Sen. Lindsey Port	SD 55

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.

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%]

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%]

Carbon Fee & Dividend

We support federal legislation that puts a steadily-rising, revenue-neutral fee on carbon with a border adjustment import tax. [4 CDs, 5 OUs, 66%]

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%]

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%]

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 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%]

Unsafe Pesticides

Support policies to reduce or eliminate the use of unsafe pesticides such as glyphosate, neonicotinoids, and chlorpyrifos in agriculture and on recreational land or lawns and require any business selling plants to let the public know whether or not the plant has been treated in any way with systemic pesticides from the neonicotinoid family. [8 CDs, 47 OUs, 83%]

Protect Wolves

Opposes wolf hunting/trapping including the use of snares, support grant programs to fund farmers' use of nonlethal prevention methods, fair streamlined reimbursement for livestock losses, and increase public education efforts as to how wolves live. [4 CDs, 5 OUs, 65%]

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%]

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%]

Divestment from Fossil Fuels

Support the continued divestment from fossil fuel funds by Minnesota State Board of Investment to protect the pensions of Minnesota civil servants and educators from financial risk and to build an economy based on clean energy sources. [7 CDs, 16 OUs, 78%]

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. [8 CDs, 29 OUs, 87%]

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.