



THE 2023-2024 PLATFORM REPORT TO THE SENATE ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE, AND LEGACY 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.

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

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.