



THE 2023-2024 PLATFORM REPORT TO THE SENATE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

To:	Chair:	Sen. John Hoffman	SD 34	
	Vice-Chair:	Sen. Omar Fateh	SD 62	
	Sen. Alice Mann	SD 50	Sen. Nicole Mitchell	SD 47
	Sen. Erin Maye Quade	SD 56	Sen. Melissa Wiklund	SD 51

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.

Women's Reproductive Rights

supports women's right to safe, legal, accessible, affordable abortion services and reproductive health services, and strong measures to equalize access to reproductive services among all populations and classes. [8 CDs, 15 OUs, 93%]

Support Roe v. Wade

Supports Roe v. Wade and see any attempt to control reproductive rights as a violation of our core democratic principles of human rights, equality, privacy, and individual freedom. [8 CDs, 16 OUs, 93%]

End-of-Life

Support passing legislation to allow terminally ill adults a full range of end-of-life options, including medical aid in dying, permitting Minnesotans to make the best end-of-life decisions for themselves and their families. [8 CDs, 27 OUs, 81%]

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%]

Homelessness

Homelessness and housing are state-wide issues. All levels of government must renew their commitments to decent housing options, affordable for all. Solutions must include safe neighborhoods, removal of income and racial barriers to decent housing and ensuring no one must spend more than 30% of their monthly income on permanent housing. [4 CDs, 8 OUs, 80%]

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%]

Driver's License for Undocumented

Support allowing undocumented Minnesotans access to the process of acquiring a Minnesota State Drivers' License. [8 CDs, 24 OUs, 85%]

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%]

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%]

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%]

Oppose Right to Work Laws

Oppose Right to Work laws in Minnesota and support the freedom for all workers to join together in strong labor unions. [8 CDs, 25 OUs, 90%]

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%]

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%]

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. [3CDs, 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]

Declare Minnesota a Sanctuary State

Support declaring Minnesota a sanctuary state for people seeking or providing gender affirming care. [Approved by the State Central Committee]

Progressive Education Tax

Support a progressive education-funding tax levied on the wealthiest 1%, those with wealth starting at \$100 million, and the largest corporations. [7 CDs, 12 OUs, 76%]

88. Restore 100 beds to Mn State Veterans Home

Support immediate and full funding of work to restore the 100 skilled care nursing beds to our Minnesota State Veterans Home. [5 CDs, 7 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.