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It certainly has been a historic month for Minnesota – but talking about our record breaking snow totals is not at the top of everyone’s mind. Therefore, let’s jump right in.

Governor Walz Releases His Budget Recommendations

On February 19th Governor Walz finalized and released his budget recommendations for the biennium. His ***Budget for One Minnesota*** can be found [here](#) and its detailed information [here](#). You can find specific agency recommendations [here](#). However, below are highlights and brief descriptions of the concepts from those agency recommendations that impact older Minnesotans. [**Note:** click the agency name for the link to its complete set of budget recommendations.]

Health and Human Services Agencies

- [Health](#)
 - ***Vulnerable Adult Protection—Current Operations Improvements*** (document page 15)
 - The Governor recommends funding to continue improvements to the regulatory activities, systems, analysis, reporting, and communications that contribute to the health, safety, care quality, and abuse prevention for vulnerable adults in Minnesota.
 - ***Vulnerable Adults – Regulatory Reforms and Enhanced Protections*** (document page 19)
 - The Governor recommends funding for regulatory reforms and enhanced protections for vulnerable adults, including:
 - Creating an assisted living licensure requirement that combines the licensing of home care services and housing with physical plant standards into a single license;
 - Adding regulatory requirements for services provided to persons with dementia through an additional certification that supplements the assisted living licensure;
 - Authorizing the Commissioner to immediately impose fines against providers when violations are detected during inspections and/or investigations instead of having to wait for an opportunity to correct the violation before imposing a fine; and
 - Prohibiting deceptive marketing and false advertising.
 - ***Opioid and Other Drug Overdose Prevention*** (document page 25)
 - The Governor recommends funding for opioid and other drug overdose prevention at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). This proposal includes a comprehensive array of evidence-based approaches to the growing crisis of drug overdoses and drug-related deaths in Minnesota. This proposal includes four components:
 - Continue and expand the community-based pilot prevention projects;

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- Invest in culturally-specific prevention efforts to address overdose disparities among American Indians and African Americans;
 - Provide Naloxone (antidote to opioid overdose) training and medication supplies to first responders and state troopers statewide; and
 - Conduct community-based, drug overdose fatality review data collection and analysis.
- ***Comprehensive Suicide Prevention*** (document page 30)
 - The Governor recommends an appropriation to support a comprehensive, community-based suicide prevention program. This proposal builds upon a public/private partnership to expand, strengthen, sustain, and support community-based suicide prevention across Minnesota.
- **Human Services**
 - ***ONECare Minnesota*** (document page 21)
 - The Governor recommends a comprehensive approach to ensure Minnesotans have access to high quality health care by addressing rising costs, increasing access to care, providing access to comprehensive coverage, and encouraging stability in the individual market.
 - ***Repeal Sunset of the Provider Tax*** (document page 28)
 - To support essential health care services and expand access to health insurance, the Governor recommends repealing the sunset on the two percent taxes on hospitals, surgical centers, health care providers, wholesale drug distributors, and those subject to the legend drug use tax contained in Minnesota Statutes, section 295.52.
 - ***Traditional Healing*** (document page 77)
 - The Governor recommends annually funding for grants to tribal communities to provide traditional healing practices to American Indians and increase the capacity of culturally specific providers in the behavioral health workforce.
 - ***Strategic Response to Opioid Crisis*** (document page 82)
 - The Governor recommends establishing an opioid stewardship advisory council to develop and oversee a comprehensive and effective statewide effort to address the impacts of the opioid crisis in Minnesota. The council will be tasked with making recommendations and providing oversight over the use of funding in the opioid stewardship account. The Governor also recommends targeted investments to county and tribal social services agencies to support child protection activities within communities most impacted this crisis.
 - ***Expand Transitions to Community Initiative*** (document page 94)
 - This proposal expands the number of people eligible to be served by the Transition to Community Initiative as well as the types of resources that can be accessed. The goal of this proposal is to provide more individuals with the necessary resources, services and supports to leave state-operate facilities (or be diverted from an institutional stay altogether), and return to their community.
 - ***Increase Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care Staffing*** (document page 97)
 - The Governor recommends an increase in staffing within the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care. The proposal will invest in 10 FTEs to fulfill the federal and state duties and requirements of the Office.

- ***Civil and Criminal Coordination for the Protection of Vulnerable Adults*** (document page 100)
 - For the protection of the state’s vulnerable adults, the Governor recommends the following:
 - 24/7 Systems and application support for Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC);
 - A MAARC dashboard for real time IT operations management, compliance and contract oversight;
 - Geographic information system mapping to identify the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction for reported allegations;
 - Improved data transmission between law enforcement and MAARC supporting efficient use of resources, reduction in unnecessary data entry and secure transmission between agencies; and
 - A dedicated state appropriation for county or tribal response to vulnerable adults who have been abused, neglected or exploited.
- ***Assisted Living Report Card*** (document page 105)
 - The Governor recommends creating an assisted living consumer and family survey process and report card to establish quality reporting in assisted living and registered housing with services establishments.
- ***Simplify & Streamline the Home & Community-Based Waiver System*** (document page 114)
 - The Governor recommends initiating a strategic redesign of the Disability Waiver Service System to promote equity, program sustainability, and increased personal authority for Minnesotans with disabilities receiving services, while updating management strategies for increased efficiency and accountability.
- ***Nursing Facility Value-Based Reimbursement and Property Payment Reform*** (document page 126)
 - The Governor proposes the following changes to nursing facility rates:
 - Revising Value Based Reimbursement (VBR) rate limit formulas to create an incentive for better quality and limit rate growth for poorer performing facilities, establish a cap on the annual rate growth of the other operating rate, eliminate a hold-harmless clause, and continue suspension of the Critical Access Nursing Facility provision.
 - Requiring nursing facilities to conduct an additional assessment following the end of therapy treatment to reclassify that resident into the appropriate Resource Utilization Group (RUG) for the remainder of the required quarterly assessment.
 - Reforming the property payment rate setting system for nursing facilities enrolled as Medical Assistance providers in Minnesota. The intent is to implement a new property payment rate system that will be more equitable, transparent as well as encourage providers to maintain and improve the existing nursing facility buildings.
- ***Service Delivery Transformation*** (document page 148)
 - The Governor recommends \$20 million in FY 2020-21 to transform the human services delivery system in order to provide a more integrated, person-centered user experience for all Minnesotans served by the system. The Department of Human Services will work in partnership with counties, tribal nations and other partners and providers of human

- services on service delivery redesign, program simplification and alignment, and long-term implementation planning.
- **Enhanced Program Integrity for Nonemergency Medical Transportation** (document page 152)
 - The Governor recommends new program integrity measures for the Nonemergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) program in response to state and federal audit findings.

Other State Agencies

- **Administration**
 - **2020 Census Mobilization and Outreach** (document page 22)
 - The Governor recommends funding to increase the capacity of the State Demographic Center to support outreach and engagement activities in FY 2020. This will be done by hiring additional communications and program staff to organize and implement the various initiatives and deliverables, by purchasing the electronic tools that support census engagement and promotion statewide, and by administering grants to local governments and community organizations to implement the initiatives in their communities.
- **Agriculture**
 - **Farm and Rural Mental Health Assistance** (document page 17)
 - The Governor recommends funding to increase rural mental health staffing by continuing, expanding, and enhancing existing activities, like one-on-one farmer counseling and the 24-hour hotline, that are not meeting growing demand for the services.
- **Commerce**
 - **Senior Financial Fraud Prevention** (document page 20)
 - The Governor recommends funding to protect older and vulnerable Minnesota adults against financial fraud and exploitation. This recommendation provides funding for targeted awareness and educational advertising, production and distribution of a fraud prevention toolkit and online content, translation services to make information accessible to vulnerable ethnic/racial communities, and travel expenses for outreach presentations and trainings.
- **Housing Finance Agency**
 - **Build More Homes: Workforce Housing** (document page 10)
 - The Governor recommends funding to produce more new workforce housing opportunities across the state, with a focus on increasing housing opportunities in growing communities.
 - **Preserve The Homes We Have: Rehabilitation Loan Program** (document page 16)
 - The Governor recommends a funding increase for the Rehabilitation Loan Program. This program provides funding for health, safety and energy efficiency improvements for very low-income homeowners who want to stay in their home and age in place.
- **Metropolitan Council - Transportation**
 - **Transit Services for Persons with Disabilities** (document page 7)
 - The Governor recommends funding for the Metropolitan Council to continue to provide transit services for persons with disabilities. The Governor also recommends changes to statute that would allow the Council and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to

- share client data, allowing the Council to receive additional federal funds for the Metro Mobility program.
- **Transportation Funding Package** (document page 11)
 - The Governor recommends the state commit to a major transportation investment plan to fund the estimated \$6 billion dollar gap that exists between funding needs and available revenues over the next 10 years. The Governor proposes filling the \$6 billion gap in road and bridge funding by:
 - Initiating a 20 cent gas tax increase;
 - Indexing the gas tax to inflation;
 - Increasing the registration tax, effective January 1, 2020;
 - Increasing the motor vehicle sales tax from 6.5 percent to 6.875 percent; and
 - Authorizing \$2 billion in trunk highway bonds over 8 years starting in 2022.

What to Expect Next?

Very shortly the Minnesota Management and Budget office will release the February Forecast. This document provides an updated view of the state's fiscal health since the previous forecast release last [November](#). The forecast provides decision makers with the basic amount of funds available to either spend or find in savings in order to balance the biennial budget. With its early- to mid-March release, both the Governor and the Legislature will set their desired fiscal spending limits and continue state budget negotiations based upon the new information it contains.

With the February Forecast, the Governor will have an opportunity to review his current budget recommendations and make any necessary adjustments to them in order to balance his two year budget for the state. Stop back and check out the next edition of the Senior Advocate FYI newsletter for a brief discussion about the February Forecast and its impact to the legislative session.

Bill Tracking and Senior Advocate FYI Details

The following pages list bills introduced so far this session that impact older adults. MBA staff seek to identify bills of interest to older adults and aging advocates beyond those in the health and human services arena (i.e. taxes, Social Security, consumer and vulnerable adult protections). You as subscribers to SA-FYI can help by calling our attention to bills you are following that you don't see on this tracker. Send your bill information to Mark Schulz at mark.schulz@state.mn.us.

As a reminder to our readers, if you would like to contact your congressional delegates the easiest way to determine who represents you is to use the Minnesota State Legislature's website, [Who Represents Me?](#) It uses your address to quickly identify both your federal and state elected officials who represent you. It also provides links to their contact information so you can reach out to them.

A subscription to the SA-FYI can be arranged by sending email addresses to Nate Patterson at nathaniel.j.patterson@state.mn.us. You may also contact Nate to be removed from this mailing list. Thank you for your ongoing interest in policy and legislative issues that affect older Minnesotans.

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MBA Tracking **	Senate File (Author)	House File (Author)	Description	Status
Yes	SF8 (Housley)	HF90 (Schultz)	Eldercare and Vulnerable Adult Protection Act of 2019. Make numerous changes to the Department of Health regulatory functions and consumer protections under various bills of rights. Also modifies the Vulnerable Adult Act.	1/10/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Family Care & Aging. 1/17/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health & Human Services Policy. 2/22/19 – Heard in HSE Health and Human Services Policy, amended, and referred to HSE Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.
Yes	SF11 (Housley)	HF146 (Schultz)	Electronic Monitoring. Authorizes electronic monitoring within specific settings by consumers.	1/10/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Family Care & Aging. 1/17/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health & Human Services Policy. 2/7/19 – Heard in SEN Family Care & Aging, amended, and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy. 2/14/19 – Heard in SEN Health and Human Service Finance, amended, and referred to SEN Judiciary and Public safety Finance & Policy. 2/21/19 – Heard in SEN Judiciary and Public safety Finance & Policy, amended, recommended to pass, and referred to SEN Floor. 2/21/19 – Second reading SEN Floor.
Yes	SF66 (Jensen)	HF182 (Lippert)	Establishes a prescription drug repository program.	1/10/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy. 1/17/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy. 2/7/19 – Heard in HSE Health and Human Services, amended, and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Finance.

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Yes	SF121 (Dibble)	None	Older & Vulnerable Adult Rights Protection Act of 2019. Modifies a variety of statutes concerning facility licensing, consumer rights, housing with services and assisted livings. This bill contains concepts similar to SF8 and SF11 but is not the same. Some bill language may be identical to those two bills.	1/14/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Family Care & Aging.
Yes	SF147 (Dziedzic)	HF865 (Loeffler)	Provides for a state income tax subtraction of public pension plans income beginning for taxable years after December 31, 2018.	1/17/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes. 2/7/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes.
Yes	SF151 (Dziedzic)	HF866 (Loeffler)	Provides for a state income tax subtraction of public pension plans income beginning for taxable years after December 31, 2018.	1/17/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes. 2/7/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes.
Yes	SF157 (Jensen)	None	Recommends a state constitutional amendment for the 2020 general election to change the size of the Minnesota house and senate from being set by the state legislature to figures set by the state constitution. The proposed amendment would limit the house to 98 members and the senate to 49 members.	1/17/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN State Government Finance & Policy and Elections.
Yes	SF223 (Klein)	None	Requires the Board of Pharmacy to establish a drug collection repository system within the state.	1/17/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF245 (Goggin)	HF56 (Jurgens)	Provides an unlimited subtraction for Social Security when calculating state income taxes.	1/14/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes. 1/17/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes.

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Yes	SF259 (Senjem)	None	Creates an ongoing appropriation for Department of Public Safety’s Lifesaver Grant program. These funds will be used by law enforcement agencies to establish rapid response programs to quickly find individuals with medical conditions (including Alzheimer’s disease) that cause wandering and result in missing person alerts.	1/17/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Judiciary and Public Safety Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF324 (Eken)	HF258 (Lien)	Nursing facilities in the Breckenridge or Moorhead area are provided an increased payment rate.	1/14/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Family Care & Aging. 1/22/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health & Human Services Policy. 2/7/19 – Heard in SEN Family Care & Aging, recommended to pass, and referred to SEN Human Services Reform Finance & Policy. 2/14/19 – Heard in HSE Health and Human Services Policy, amended, and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Finance. 2/25/19 – Referred to HSE Long-Term Care.
Yes	SF334 (Newton)	HF890 (Xiong, J.)	Provides a state income tax credit for individuals who pay for an eligible veteran’s cost to live in any nursing home. This person does not have to be related to the veteran.	1/22/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Veterans and Military Affairs Finance & Policy. 2/7/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Veterans and Military Affairs Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF352 (Jensen)	HF730 (Morrison)	Provides a state income credit for health insurance premiums.	1/22/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes. 2/4/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes.
Yes	SF430 (Hayden)	HF1283 (Gomez)	Requires state agencies to make certifications to the commissioner of human rights when implementing a new program.	1/24/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN State Government Finance and Policy & Elections. 2/14/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Government Operations.

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Yes	SF447 (Benson)	HF380 (Scott)	Clarifies counted income for eligibility determinations for public assistance and child care programs.	1/24/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Family Care & Aging. 1/28/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy.
Yes	SF468 (Hayden)	None	Classifies rideshare data for Metropolitan Council so it can be shared.	1/24/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Judiciary and Public Safety Finance & Policy. 2/14/19 – Heard in SEN Judiciary and Public Safety Finance & Policy, amended, recommended to pass, and referred to SEN Floor. 2/14/19 – Second reading SEN Floor.
Yes	SF486 (Osmek)	HF285 (Koznick)	Requires the Department of Human Services to share public program eligibility information with the Metropolitan Council for the purposes of coordinating transportation services for such individuals.	1/22/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Transportation Finance & Policy. 1/24/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Transportation Finance & Policy. 1/28/19 – Recalled to HSE Ways and Means and referred to HSE Judiciary Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF498 (Klein)	HF1426 (Cantrell)	Authorizes persons with terminal illnesses to access and utilize the senior citizens’ property tax deferral program.	1/28/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes. 2/21/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes. 2/22/19 – Referred to HSE Property and Local Tax.
Yes	SF528 (Pappas)	HF29 (Her)	Earned sick and safe time authorized.	1/10/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Labor. 1/28/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Jobs and Economic Growth Finance & Policy. 2/25/19 – Withdrawn and returned to author in Senate.
Yes	SF555 (Franzen)	None	Advance care planning grants.	1/28/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy

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Yes	SF573 (Housley)	HF267 (Schultz)	Revises and recodifies the Elderly Waiver statute into a new location	1/22/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy. 1/28/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Family Care & Aging. 2/7/19 – Heard in SEN Family Care & Aging, recommended to pass, and referred to SEN Floor. 2/7/19 – Second reading in SEN. 2/14/19 – Heard in HSE Health and Human Services Policy, recommended to pass, and referred to HSE Floor. 2/14/19 – Second reading HSE Floor.
Yes	SF648 (Draheim)	HF1585 (Cantrell)	Mandates that chain pharmacies with 3 or more stores located within the state must maintain a drug collection and disposal system.	1/31/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy. 2/21/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy.
Yes	SF695 (Hall)	HF307 (Koznick)	Requires the Department of Human Services to share public program eligibility information with the Metropolitan Council for the purposes of coordinating transportation services for such individuals.	1/24/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Ways & Means where it was referred to HSE Transportation Finance & Policy. 1/31/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Transportation Finance & Policy. 2/14/19 – Heard in SEN Transportation Finance & Policy, amended, and referred to SEN Judiciary and Public Safety Finance & Policy. 2/27/19 – Heard in SEN Judiciary, amended, and referred to SEN Local Government.
Yes	SF729 (Eken)	None	Proposes a state constitutional amendment to create a long-term care service fund.	1/31/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Family Care & Aging.
Yes	SF792 (Little)	None	Extends the survival of action for wrongful death acts to next of kind of a vulnerable adult.	2/4/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Judiciary and Public Safety Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF794 (Abeler)	None	Creates a county block grant system from numerous state grants and funds. Transfers the funding directly to counties in addition to the responsibilities associated with them.	2/4/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Human Services Reform Finance & Policy.

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Yes	SF805 (Dibble)	HF649 (Olson)	Modifies the assisted living and home care rights for consumer protections. Creates assisted living licensure.	2/4/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Family Care & Aging. 2/4/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy.
Yes	SF811 (Little)	HF486 (Schultz)	Hearing aids are required to be covered by insurance providers for persons 18 years old or older.	1/28/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Commerce. 2/4/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Commerce and Consumer Protection Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF840 (Draheim)	HF616 (Loeffler)	Modifies the Elderly Waiver cost and conversion limits.	1/31/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy. 2/4/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Human Services Reform Finance and Policy.
Yes	SF857 (Eaton)	None	Mandates that all pharmacies within the state maintain drug collection systems.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF884 (Abeler)	None	Modifies the HCBS Innovation Pool statute to include program award process for all people eligible publicly funded HCBS. Requires a legislative report on the use of funding.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Human Services Reform Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF892 (Benson)	HF443 (Gruenhagen)	Provides a state income tax subtraction for medical care and health insurance premiums.	1/28/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes. 2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes.
Yes	SF903 (Jensen)	None	Proposes changing the size of the Minnesota house and senate from being set by the state legislature to figures set by the state statute. The proposed statutory change would limit the house to 98 members and the senate to 49 members.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN State Government Finance & Policy and Elections.

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Yes	SF921 (Marty)	HF534 (Kunesh-Podein)	Recommends a state constitutional amendment for the 2020 general election to change the process for filing the vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor.	1/31/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Government Operations. 2/6/19 – Referred by HSE Government Operations to Subcommittee on Elections. 2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN State Government Finance & Policy and Elections.
Yes	SF931 (Housley)	HF1565 (Lippert)	Provides an appropriation to the Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care for 25 full time regional ombudsman and 6 administrative staff.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Family Care and Aging. 2/21/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Finance. 2/25/19 – Referred to HSE Long-Term Care.
Yes	SF933 (Housley)	HF1389 (Fischer)	Modifies the current nursing home administrators' board and creates a combined Board of Executives for Long Term Services and Supports.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Family Care & Aging. 2/14/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy.
Yes	SF936 (Relph)	None	Establishes a home care nursing workforce shortage working group.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Family Care & Aging.
Yes	SF943 (Rest)	None	Provides for nonprofit organizations purchase and sales and use tax exemption expansion to include all items purchases “used in the performance of the organization’s exempt function.”	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes.
Yes	SF948 (Mathews)	HF879 (Sundin)	Modifies indemnification agreements required for use by state agencies.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Job and Economic Growth Finance & Policy. 2/7/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Labor. 2/14/19 – Withdrawn and referred to SEN Judiciary and Public Safety Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF949 (Utke)	HF763 (Loeffler)	Modifies the excess income standard for accessing Medical Assistance within the state.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy. 2/7/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Finance. 2/25/19 – Referred to HSE Long-Term Care.

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Yes	SF950 (Utke)	HF765 (Loeffler)	Modifies the excess income standard for accessing Medical Assistance within the state.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy. 2/7/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Finance. 2/25/19 – Referred to HSE Long-Term Care.
Yes	SF959 (Mathews)	HF1222 (Schomacker)	Allows certain Medical Assistance enrollees to received fee-for-service services while awaiting their renewal eligibility determination.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to Health and Human Services Finance & Policy. 2/14/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy.
Yes	SF963 (Utke)	HF924 (Sundin)	Creates a person-centered telepresence task force to facilitate health and human services innovation.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy. 2/11/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy.
Yes	SF968 (Relph)	HF1225 (Schultz)	Modifies personal care service definitions, provider enrollment, and reimbursement rates for those services.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy. 2/14/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy.
Yes	SF971 (Marty)	HF1516 (Acomb)	Modifies the state’s home care provisions, fee structure, and other related items related to home care regulation within the state.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy. 2/21/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy.
Yes	SF983 (Abeler)	None	Modifies institution level of care for ICF/DD and Elderly Waiver cost limits.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF1006 (Nelson)	HF1257 (Cantrell)	Requires prescription drug benefit transparency and disclosure.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy. 2/14/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Commerce.

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Yes	SF1060 (Kent)	HF5 (Halverson)	Creates a paid family, pregnancy, bonding, and serious medical condition leave concept for the state.	1/10/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Labor. 1/31/19 – Heard in HSE Labor, recommended to pass, and referred to HSE Commerce. 2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Jobs and Economic Growth Finance & Policy. 2/21/19 – Heard in HSE Commerce, amended, and referred to HSE Government Operations.
Yes	SF1098 (Rosen)	HF1246 (Morrison)	Establishes the Prescription Drug Pricing Transparency Act.	2/11/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance 2/14/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy. 2/27/19 – Recalled in HSE and referred to HSE Commerce.
Yes	SF1100 (Goggin)	HF719 (Kunesh-Podein)	Authorizes tribal nation concurrent jurisdiction for law enforcement responsibilities.	2/4/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance & Policy. 2/11/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Judiciary and Public Safety Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF1125 (Marty)	HF1200 (Mann)	Creates a single state health plan that is available and affordable for every Minnesotan; a board to oversee it, patient protections, funding to operate it. Clones are SF1126-1129	2/11/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy. 2/14/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy.
Yes	SF1134 (Housley)	None	Creates a parental leave work group and provides an appropriation for it.	2/7/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Family Care & Aging.
Yes	SF1140 (Utke)	HF1046 (Loeffler)	Modifies the Medical Assistance (MA) income limit via a phased-in approach for the elderly, blind, and people with disabilities.	2/11/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Human Services Reform Finance & Policy. 2/11/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Finance. 2/25/19 – Referred to HSE Long-Term Care.

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Yes	SF1141 (Utke)	HF1045 (Loeffler)	Increases the Medical Assistance income limit for people who are elderly, blind, or have disabilities.	2/11/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Human Services Reform Finance & Policy. 2/11/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Finance. 2/25/19 – Referred to HSE Long-Term Care.
Yes	SF1160 (Utke)	HF1044 (Loeffler)	Modifies the Medical assistance asset exemption and provides for homestead maintenance and repair assets to be excluded.	2/11/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Finance Division. 2/14/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Human Services Reform Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF1175 (Newton)	HF585 (Ecklund)	Proposes an appropriation to the Commissioner of Administration to design, construct, furnish, and equip an expansion of the Minneapolis veterans nursing home.	1/31/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Veterans and Military Affairs Finance & Policy. 2/14/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Capital Investment.
Yes	SF1218 (Hoffman)	HF1264 (Cantrell)	Modifies the population eligible to be served with housing access grant funding.	2/14/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Human Services Reform Finance & Policy. 2/1/4/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Finance.
Yes	SF1246 (Jasinski)	HF281 (Koegel)	Revises the Minnesota Open Meeting Law to clarify the requirements of meeting minutes when a member attends the meeting not physically present.	1/22/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Government Operations. 2/14/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Local Government. 2/14/19 – Heard in HSE Government Operations, amended, recommended to pass, and referred to HSE Floor. 2/14/19 – Second reading HSE Floor. 2/28/19 – Scheduled for discussion on HSE Floor for passage.
Yes	SF1247 (Abeler)	HF1232 (Halverson)	Requires the Commissioner of DHS to study various value-based models and outcome-based payment strategies for fee-for-service home and community-based services.	2/14/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Human Services Reform Finance & Policy. 2/14/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy.

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Yes	SF1250 (Abeler)	HF1285 (Moller)	Modifies consumer-directed community supports and establishes a onetime grant program to promote consumer-directed community supports.	2/14/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Human Services Reform Finance & Policy. 2/19/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Service Policy.
Yes	SF1396 (Clausen)	HF1730 (Huot)	Provides a state income tax subtraction for federal military retirement payments.	2/18/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Veterans and Military Affairs Finance & Policy. 2/25/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes.
Yes	SF1445 (Pappas)	HF361 (Liebling)	Requires the Department of Human Services to share public program eligibility information with the Metropolitan Council for the purposes of coordinating transportation services for such individuals.	1/24/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. 2/18/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Judiciary and Public Safety Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF1523 (Benson)	HF1551 (Davids)	Establishes a state income tax subtraction for health insurance premiums.	2/21/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes. 2/21/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes.
Yes	SF1556 (Utke)	None	Provides an appropriation to DHS for community action grants.	2/21/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Policy.
Yes	SF1586 (Benson)	None	Creates a state agency for direct care and treatment in addition to the office of inspector general. The new OIG office would be responsible for maltreatment reporting.	2/21/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Human Services Reform Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF1631 (Abeler)	None	Requires preadmission screening for any patient admitted to a swing bed in a critical access hospital.	2/25/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF1640 (Rosen)	None	Establishes the Prescription Drug Pricing Transparency Act.	2/25/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF1685 (Housley)	None	Creates a certified nursing assistant program to provide funding for training, recruitment, and retention of certified nursing assistants in nursing facilities	2/25/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF1686 (Housley)	None	Expands the home and community-based service scholarship program to include loan forgiveness.	2/25/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy.

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Yes	SF1705 (Nelson)	HF927 (Liebling)	Modifies the conditions of hospital use of swing beds.	2/11/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy. 2/25/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF1746 (Benson)	None	Requires the DHS Commissioner to review each grant program administered to determine if the grant uses or promotes evidence-based practices, theory-based practices, or promising practices.	2/25/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN State Government Finance and Policy & Elections.
Yes	SF1597 (Pappas)	HF11 (Lesch)	Earned sick and safe time authorized.	1/10/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Labor. 2/18/19 – Heard in HSE Labor, recommended to pass, and referred to HSE Government Operations. 2/21/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Jobs and Economic Growth Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF1746 (Benson)	None	Human service grants program evaluations required.	2/25/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN State Government Finance & Policy and Elections.
Yes	SF1764 (Howe)	None	Supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) provisions modified to include able-bodied adults without dependents work requirements.	2/27/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Human Services Reform Finance & Policy.
Yes	SF1811 (Abeler)	HF1797 (Sandstede)	Required nurse staffing modifications changed.	2/27/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Health and Human Services Finance & Policy. 2/27/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy.
Yes	SF1826 (Franzen)	None	Modifies the current the Social Security subtraction for state income tax purposes.	2/27/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes.
Yes	SF1877 (Kiffmeyer)	None	State employer authorization to pay employees limited to biennial appropriation.	2/28/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN State Government Finance & Policy and Elections.
Yes	SF1913 (Rarick)	None	State government appropriations reduced for unfilled employment positions for positions remaining empty after 180 days following the opportunity's posting.	2/28/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN State Government Finance & Policy and Elections.
Yes	SF1929 (Isaacson)	None	State employee salary appropriation in the event of nonappropriation.	2/28/19 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN State Government Finance & Policy and Elections.

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Yes	None	HF123 (Nelson)	Eliminates the Legislative Budget Office established in a previous session.	1/17/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Government Operations. 1/31/19 – Heard in HSE Government Operations, recommended to pass, and referred to HSE Ways & Means where it was referred to HSE State Government Finance.
Yes	None	HF198 (Lucero)	Provides a state income tax subtraction for health insurance premiums.	1/17/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes.
Yes	None	HF256 (Koegel)	Earned sick and safe time authorized.	1/22/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Labor.
Yes	None	HF308 (Rarick)	Individual health plans offered by health carriers in Minnesota must issue and must renew plans to individuals with preexisting conditions.	1/24/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Commerce.
Yes	None	HF445 (Franson)	Removes the Office of Inspector General and its duties from the Department of Human Services and creates an independent and separate entity.	1/28/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy.
Yes	None	HF612 (Huot)	Provides a state income tax subtraction for federal military or civil service.	1/31/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes.
Yes	None	HF883 (Cantrell)	Increases the current state income tax subtraction for Social Security.	2/7/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes.
Yes	None	HF885 (Wazlawik)	Modifies the current the Social Security subtraction for state income tax purposes.	2/7/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes.
Yes	None	HF1086 (Gruenhagen)	Increases the long-term care credit from \$100 to \$250 per person or from \$250 to \$500 per couple.	2/14/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Commerce
Yes	None	HF1203 (Gruenhagen)	Department of Health required to provide notices and information to vulnerable adults subjected to maltreatment reports.	2/14/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Services Policy.
Yes	None	HF1241 (Mahoney)	Minnesota Call Center Jobs Act requires state agencies to follow specific requirements for procuring and utilizing call center vendors.	2/14/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Commerce.
Yes	None	HF1296 (Bahr)	Amends the ability of government agencies to transfer data regarding individuals that it contains.	2/18/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

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Yes	None	HF1298 (Considine)	Provides for a minimum wage for personal care service providers.	2/18/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Health and Human Service Finance. 2/25/19 – Referred to HSE Long-Term Care.
Yes	None	HF1623 (Hornstein)	Makes various policy changes to statutes governing and applicable to the Metropolitan Council including the requirement for it to share data with DHS.	2/25/19 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Transportation Finance & Policy.

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