

2017 POPULAR OR INTERESTING BILLS

Please note: This list is produced for internal use within the Senate Information office as a way of quickly finding “popular” bills.

Capital Investment	Fireworks	Metropolitan Council
Constitutional Amendment	Game and Fish	Public Safety
Corrections	Health	Stadiums
Education	Health Care	State Government
Elections	Immigration	2018 Super Bowl
Employment	Judiciary	Taxes
Energy	Liquor	Technology
Environment	Marijuana	Transportation
Firearms		

Subject	File Number	Author	Brief Summary
Capital Investment	SF 210	Senjem	Omnibus capital investment bill. (See also SF 640)
Constitutional Amendment	SF 101	Dziedzic	Amending Article 1 to provide for gender equality under the law. (See also SF 224)
Constitutional Amendment	SF 611	Fischbach	Changing Article 14 to allocate state tax revenue from motor vehicle repair or maintenance sales exclusively to pay for roads.
Constitutional Amendment	SF 989	Hoffman	Amending Article 9 to require gubernatorial approval of a constitutional amendment proposal before it’s submitted to the voters.
Constitutional Amendment	SF 1080	Eken	Amending the Constitution to remove real and personal property from taxation and replace it with a progressive tax based on individual income.
Constitutional Amendment	SF 1548	Eken	Amending Article 9 to create a dedicated fund for long-term care services.
Corrections	SF 1675	Latz	Prohibiting the state from using private prisons.
Education	SF 4	Pratt	Making plans to restructure Minnesota’s teacher licensure system. (See also SF 56) (Ch. 73, vetoed)
Education	SF 256	Chamberlain	Providing tax credits to people who donate money to pay for scholarships. (See also SF 402)
Education	SF 1961	Abeler	Creating the Student Data Privacy Act.
Elections	SF 10	Wiger	Electing the U.S. president by national popular vote. (See also SF 16)
Elections	SF 86	Kiffmeyer	Establishing redistricting principles.
Elections	SF 323	Laine	Automatically registering eligible voters when they get their driver’s license, unless they decline. (See also SF 796)

Elections	SF 358	Schoen	Requiring presidential candidates to disclose five years of tax returns prior to being placed on the ballot.
Elections	SF 370	Isaacson	Establishing legislative and congressional districting principles and creating a redistricting commission.
Elections	SF 1264	Housley	Changing the primary from August to June.
Elections	SF 2071	Ingebrigtsen	Allowing local governments to adopt ranked-choice voting.
Employment	SF 580	Miller	Uniform State Labor Standards Act, preempting local governments from establishing a higher minimum wage than the state. (Ch. 2, special session, vetoed)
Employment	SF 830	Kent	Providing paid family and medical leave.
Employment	SF 1293	Utke	Workers Compensation Advisory Council recommendations.
Employment	SF 1318	Marty	Phasing in an increase in the minimum wage, increasing the working family credit and other provisions.
Energy	SF 85	Mathews	Authorizing a natural-gas power plant on the site of the Sherco power plant in Becker. (Ch. 5)
Energy	SF 1239	Mathews	Eliminating the prohibition on issuing a certificate of need for a new nuclear power plant.
Energy	SF 1531	Frentz	Requiring that Minnesota electric utilities generate 50 percent of their power from renewable sources by 2030.
Environment	SF 262	Ingebrigtsen	Legacy: Outdoor Heritage Fund projects. (Ch. 91)
Environment (buffers)	SF 465	Draheim	Extending the deadline for landowners to put vegetative buffer strips along public waters and public drainage systems. (See also SF 938)
Environment	SF 550	Westrom	Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund projects. (Ch. 96)
Environment	SF 708	Ruud	Legacy: Clean Water, Parks and Trails, and Arts and Culture projects. (Ch. 91)
Environment	SF 1087	Ingebrigtsen	Modifying environmental permitting requirements; Eliminating the Environment Quality Board and reassigning its duties.
Environment	SF 1269	Dibble	Creating the Health and Climate Resiliency Commission.
Environment (buffers)	SF 1542	Dziedzic	Establishing a compensation program for landowners who are required to have vegetative buffer strips; Creating riparian protection aid. (Ch. 93, Article 2)
Environment (buffers)	SF 1569	Westrom	Requiring a certain amount of Legacy funding to be spent on buffer easement acquisition.

Firearms	SF 292	Ruud	Defense of Dwelling and Person Act of 2017, expanding laws for the use of deadly force in self-defense.
Firearms	SF 649	Utke	Providing the right to carry a firearm without a permit. (See also SF 650)
Firearms	SF 1261	Latz	Requiring criminal background checks for firearm transfers.
Firearms	SF 1262	Latz	Allowing law enforcement and family members to petition a court to prohibit people from possessing firearms if they pose significant danger to themselves or others.
Fireworks	SF 235	Westrom	Expanding the kinds of fireworks that can be used in Minnesota. (See also SF 1191)
Game and Fish	SF 1850	Eaton	Prohibiting open season for taking wolves.
Health	SF 1572	Eaton	End of Life Option Act of 2017, allowing for medical aid in dying.
Health Care	SF 1	Benson	2017 Health Care Emergency Aid and Access Act, providing temporary assistance from the Budget Reserve Account for individuals to pay health insurance premiums. (Ch. 2)
Health Care	SF 58	Lourey	Getting a federal waiver to increase the income limit for people to get their health insurance from MinnesotaCare.
Health Care	SF 60	Lourey	Providing a temporary subsidy from the Health Care Access Fund for individuals to pay health insurance premiums. (Governor's proposal)
Health Care	SF 219	Marty	Minnesota Health Plan, providing health insurance coverage. (See also SFs 220, 221, 222, 223)
Health Care	SF 593	Nelson	Reforming prior authorization requirements for prescription drug coverage.
Health Care	SF 1148	Jensen	Requiring the state to replace MNsure with a federally facilitated marketplace.
Health Care	SF 2028	Utke	Requiring parity between mental health benefits and other medical benefits.
Health Care	SF 2062	Benson	Repealing MinnesotaCare.
Health Care	SF 2066	Miller	Increasing the payment rate and funding for providers of direct care services.
Immigration	SF 1110	Torres Ray	Making Minnesota a sanctuary state for immigration enforcement purposes.
Immigration	SF 1454	Dibble	Restricting state and local officials from cooperating with federal immigration enforcement efforts.
Judiciary	SF 134	Dibble	Requiring certain cases of peace-officer initiated use of force are handled by a special prosecutor.
Judiciary	SF 1044	Senjem	Eliminating the mandatory retirement age for judges.

Liquor	SF 33	Osmek	Allowing municipal liquor stores to sell liquor on Sundays. (See also SF 1085)
Liquor	SF 440	Housley	Extending alcohol service hours during the 2018 Super Bowl.
Liquor	SF 891	Osmek	Allowing bars to stay open until 4 a.m.
Liquor	SF 976	Klein	Dedicating sales tax proceeds from liquor sold on Sundays to pay for chemical dependency programs.
Liquor	SF 1086	Miller	Allowing liquor stores to sell liquor on Sundays. (See also SF 41) (Signed into law as HF 30, Ch. 6)
Marijuana	SF 1320	Hayden	Allowing individuals aged 21 and older to consume marijuana.
Metropolitan Council	SF 38	Osmek	Providing for staggered terms for Metropolitan Council members. (See also SF 641)
Metropolitan Council	SF 40	Osmek	Requiring local approval of the governor's Metropolitan Council appointees.
Metropolitan Council	SF 150	Osmek	Prohibiting the Metropolitan Council from undertaking a light rail project without legislative authority.
Metropolitan Council	SF 642	Dibble	Making Metropolitan Council members elected in their districts. (See also SF 883)
Metropolitan Council	SF 892	Pratt	Requiring locally elected officials on the Metropolitan Council.
Metropolitan Council	SF 1139	Anderson, B.	Prohibiting the Metropolitan Council from expanding beyond the seven-county metro area.
Metropolitan Council	SF 1490	Osmek	Modifying Metropolitan Council governance to include county commissioners and local elected officials from a newly formed municipal committee.
Metropolitan Council	SF 1822	Osmek	Transferring all long-range transportation planning functions from the Metropolitan Council to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.
Metropolitan Council	SF 1823	Osmek	Prohibiting state funding for light-rail operating costs on new or expanded light rail lines.
Public Safety	SF 445	Limmer	Requiring peace officers to receive training in crisis conflict, conflict management and cultural diversity. (See also SF 464)
Public Safety	SF 679	Ingebrigtsen	Making people who engage in unlawful public assembly liable for public safety response costs.
Public Safety	SF 1529	Mathews	Prohibiting law enforcement from using drones to gather evidence in certain circumstances.
Public Safety	SF 2355	Housley	Expanding the crime of female genital mutilation.
Stadiums	SF 626	Rosen	Restricting the use of stadium suites, modifying appointments to the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority board.
Stadiums	SF 1255	Senjem	Providing tax exemptions for the Major League Soccer stadium in St. Paul. (Ch. 1 , special session)

State Government	SF 27	Rest	Requiring all governor's portraits to be displayed in the State Capitol at all times. (See also SF 1114)
State Government	SF 65	Fischbach	Requiring zero-based budgeting. (See also SF 939)
State Government	SF 78	Kiffmeyer	Creating the Legislative Budget Office. (Ch. 4 , Article 2, special session)
State Government	SF 324	Laine	Requiring adoption of joint House and Senate budget targets at least 14 days before the constitutional adjournment date.
State Government	SF 1843	Bakk	Reducing the number of members of the Legislature
State Government	SF 2048	Ingebrigtsen	Creating a standing appropriation for legislative salaries.
2018 Super Bowl	SF 900	Bakk	Modifying the sales tax exemption and requiring certain reimbursements related to the Super Bowl. (Ch. 1 , Article 3, special session)
2018 Super Bowl	SF 2221	Torres Ray	Imposing taxes during the Super Bowl that provide funding to address human trafficking.
Taxes	SF 3	Chamberlain	Providing federal tax conformity. (Ch. 1, regular session)
Taxes	SF 19	Ruud	Phasing out the tax on Social Security benefits. (See also SF 286, SF 401, SF 403, SF 424, SF 425, SF 1175, SF 1373 and SF 2027) (Ch. 1 , Article 1, special session)
Taxes	SF 45	Rest	Omnibus tax bill. (Similar to HF 848, which was vetoed by the governor in 2016.)
Taxes	SF 83	Anderson, B.	Repealing the estate tax. (See also SF 462; Ch. 1 , Article 1, special session)
Technology	SF 1251	Anderson, P.	Creating the Legislative Commission on Cyber Security.
Transportation	SF 2	Newman	Providing transportation financing.
Transportation	SF 166	Pratt	Implementing the federal REAL ID Act. (See also SF 2249) (Ch. 76)
Transportation	SF 837	Carlson	Prohibiting use of a cell phone while driving.
Transportation	SF 1524	Anderson, P.	Requiring MnDOT to develop a policy for evaluating, ranking and selecting projects.

Governor's budget proposals (as introduced)

SF 780	Westrom	Agriculture
SF 718	Nelson	E-12 Education
SF 723	Ingebrigtsen	Environment and Natural Resources
SF 781	Lourey	Health and Human Services
SF 715	Clausen	Higher Education
SF 942	Miller	Jobs and Economic Development

SF 803	Limmer	Public Safety and Courts
SF 798	Kiffmeyer	State Government and Veterans
SF 726	Chamberlain	Taxes
SF 884	Dibble	Transportation and Public Safety

Initial Senate omnibus budget bills

(All initial budget bills were vetoed except HF 707)

SF 780	Westrom	Agriculture (third engrossment passed the Senate floor on March 30)
HF 890	Nelson	E-12 education (first unofficial engrossment)
HF 888	Ingebrigtsen	Environment and natural resources (Senate position is SF 723, the third engrossment, which passed the floor on March 29)
SF 800	Benson	Health and human services (third engrossment passed the Senate floor April 3)
SF 2214	Fischbach	Higher education (third engrossment passed the Senate floor on March 28)
SF 1937	Miller	Jobs and economic growth, commerce and energy (third engrossment passed the floor on March 29)
SF 803	Limmer	Judiciary and public safety (third engrossment passed on the floor on March 28)
HF 707	Ruud	Legacy (second unofficial engrossment) (Ch. 91)
SF 605	Kiffmeyer	State government and veterans (second engrossment passed on the floor on March 29)
HF4	Chamberlain	Taxes (first unofficial engrossment)
HF 861	Newman	Transportation (first unofficial engrossment)

Final budget bills

HF 1545 (regular session)	Westrom	Agriculture (Ch. 88)
HF 5 (special session)	Senjem	Bonding (Ch. 8)
HF 2 (special session)	Nelson	E-12 education (Ch. 5)
SF 844 (regular session)	Ingebrigtsen	Environment and natural resources (Ch. 93)
SF 2 (special session)	Benson	Health and human services (Ch. 6)
SF 943 (regular session)	Fischbach	Higher education (Ch. 89)
SF 1456 (regular session)	Miller	Jobs and economic growth, commerce and energy (Ch. 94)
HF 470 (regular session)	Limmer	Judiciary and public safety (Ch. 95)
HF 707 (regular session)	Ruud	Legacy (second unofficial engrossment) (Ch. 91)
SF 1 (special session)	Kiffmeyer	State government and veterans (Ch. 4)
HF 1 (special session)	Chamberlain	Taxes (Ch. 1)
HF 3 (special session)	Newman	Transportation (Ch. 3)