

# **ZZZZ**MINNESOTA SCORECARD

**2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION** 





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## ABOUT THE SCORECARD

Action 4 Liberty rates bills positively when they expand individual freedoms and reduce government control. We annotate a legislator's vote that are in agreement with our position as a "1". When a legislator votes in opposition to the freedom position, we mark the vote with a "0". If the legislator was absent for the vote, we annotate it with "A" and that vote does not count towards their overall score.

**Scores above 90% would be considered an "A" grade**. We expect all Republicans to be at this level which would represent a commitment to the conservative values they profess to have on the campaign trail. Scores below 60% are failing grades.

We separate the presentation of scores between Democrats and Republicans for several reasons. Democrat legislators generally do not profess the same belief in expanding individual freedoms and reducing government control as we do. Their scores can be somewhat misleading. A Democrat legislator might vote for our position on a bill, not based on the same principles, but because it does not grow government enough.

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Surprised by the low scores on this scorecard? What differentiates our scorecard from other rating organizations (Washington D.C. based groups) is that we score omnibus bills. Other organizations purposely ignore those votes so they can booster the scores of poor voting Republicans. We feel it's critically important to score the bills that actually grow government by billions of dollar and reduce our freedoms.

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### NOTES ON THE 2022 SESSION

This year's legislative session and special session did little to expand individual freedom and did quite a job in expanding the government. Rep. Erik Mortensen (R-55A-Shakopee) again received the highest score in the House with a score of 100%. Mortensen authored the Never Again Bill, fought vaccine/mask mandates, and was the only Legislator to not spend a penny of the budget surplus.

In this legislative session, we saw legislators band together to support vaccine mandates and expand the government's role in our medical decisions. Between all of the big government omnibus bills, little was accomplished in expanding liberty in the Democratic majority House. This, however, was also the case in the Republican majority State Senate. For the fifth straight year, no Republican Senator had a passing score in adherence with protecting freedom.

The failures of Minnesota politicians were on full display throughout the year as 
Minnesotans were overtaxed by over \$12

Billion that sits in the government's bank account to this day. Instead of returning the surplus to the taxpayers, which could have been \$4,000 per taxpayer, every Representative and Senator with exception to Rep.

Erik Mortensen, voted to spend away our tax dollars on wasteful projects and social

justice causes. This was despite the state government being fully funded, meaning that they spent our money on pet projects for special interests and lobbyists even though there was no need for a single bill to pass. There was an additional effort to prevent any bill that would give the entire Surplus from reaching the floor for debate and a vote.

The agenda of the radical left was pursued and passed this session, with the help of some Republicans! This includes banning hair discrimination, preventing free trade capitalism, increasing government control over our healthcare, feeding the propaganda machine in our schools and universities, and job killing Green New Deal type policies.

Not all bills offered and passed this year were bad, but any good idea you find in an omnibus bill can be matched with 10 terrible ideas. Playing politics has gotten our state to new lows of high crime, high prices, high inflation, high taxes, and low standards of living. Instead of standing up to Tim Walz and his failed leadership, legislation was crafted to the benefit of the Democrats and backed by many Republicans. The expansion of government has direct correlation to many of the issues facing our state.

<u>See how your Legislators scored in the toughest liberty scorecard in Minnesota.</u>

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Bill Title	Chamber	Description	Our position
Omnibus Agriculture Bill HF3420	Both	This is a bill that funds various agriculture related projects and relief to farmers. In a typical session, this bill would not be as terrible as it is. However, this bill spends \$47,090,000 of Surplus money. The majority of the appropriation (\$25 Million) goes to expanding broadband and the rest is divided into several projects. Among them includes \$827,000 for "culturally appropriate organizations for underrepresented communities entering agriculture" which would discriminate against people and reward others for physical characteristics they cannot control. Special preferences shouldn't be given by the Government to some new farmers/entrepreneurs because of factors like race or gender. Additional anti-free market regulations and special interest group funding is within this bill.	Against
Southwest Light Rail Audit HF3035	Both	This is a bill that appropriates \$200,000 for a special review/evaluation of the Southwest Light Rail by the Legislative Auditor. The Southwest Light Rail has led to many failed investments led by the corrupt Met Council. This bill would typically recieve a positive rating but the funding for this audit comes from the Surplus funds. Taxpayers should not be asked to clean up the Met Council's mess.	Against
Avion Flu Bill HF3217	Both	This is a bill that appropriates \$1,000,000 of Surplus money toward projects and intervention of the bird flu spreading. This surplus money should have been returned to Minnesota taxpayers instead of government funded environmental manipulation. This bill also addresses protecting the data of individuals who sought mental or behavioral with the Minnesota Farm and Rural Helpline. Despite the privacy provision advancing liberty, this bill violated the Single Issue Clause in the MN Constitution.	Against
ALS Funding Bill SF3372	Both	This is a bill that funds research for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis with \$25,000,000 of the Surplus money. Despite potential good intentions, this bill was an obvious pet project by the Legislature. They had no intention of including this research funding when they passed a two year budget and it shouldn't be passed once our citizens learn that we've been overtaxed.	Against
Minnesota Premium Security Plan SF3472	Both	This bill would be better titled as: "Health Insurance Bailout Bill" because it serves as a government handout for the insurance industry to the tune of \$662,761,000. Granted, this wasn't all Surplus money but a large chunk of it is. When governments provide financial support for healthcare and insurance corporations it prevents competition and free markets to drive down the cost over over-priced healthcare.	Against
Frontline Worker Pay Bill SF2677	Both	This is a bill that spends over \$1 Billion of our Surplus money by picking and choosing certain people to represent frontline workers to recieve payments. The amount of professions they left out was appolling and those included were Democratic special interests like public school employees who have forced our children onto Zoom and forced a mask on their face. Dismissing a large amount of Minnesotans as non-essential is insulting and allows beaurocratic dictates to rule over us. Every taxpayer in Minnesota was affected economically by Covid and deserved to have their share of the Surplus money.	Against
Commerce Supp. Budget, Insurance, and Financial Institutions regulations & money appropriated HF3255	Both	This bill expands the size and scope of the Department of Commerce that spends over \$2,000,000 of Surplus money. Despite the standard practice of business licensing being with the Secretary of State's office, this responsibility is being transferred in part to the Department of Commerce. This allows unelected bearocrats to determine when licenses or permits are granted. This is a very subtle bill because it is mainly worded with transitory language, but it is nonetheless a bad bill. We see this sort of expansion in the federal government like the Dept. of Defense expanding into the Dept. of Homeland Security and the Dept. of Energy expanding into the EPA. The regulatory beauroctatic class prefers unelected cronies in charge so citizens have less options for recourse.	Against
Omnibus Health Bill HF4065	Both	This is a bill that spends \$3,000,000 of surplus money on grants, scholarships, loan forgivements, and expanding the Executive branch. A new department is established under Governor control called the Opiods, Substance Use, and Addiction subcabinet. This bill expands regulations on the dental and healthcare industry. This bill also allows homeless people to live in taxpayer funded housing for 3 years instead of 2 years, allows pharmacists to inject medication and place drug monitering devices, prohibits organ transplant discrimination or race/ethnicity, and limits privacy of individual's mental health so it can be shared with law enforcement. This omnibus bill is 475 pages and is impossible for the average Minnesotan to understand. Some provisions provide language clarifications or other small adjustments but this bill expands the size of government at the expense of taxpayers and provides unneccesary, incompetent, or unsafe provisions that are not good for our state.	Against
Price Gouging Prohibited HF844	Both	This is a bill that prevents businesses from raising their prices to what the bill describes as "unconscionably excessive" on an "essential consumer good or service". Unconscionably excessive means a "gross discrepency" between the buyer and seller and essential consumer goods and services include food, water, fuel, shelter, transportation, shelter, etc. This bill forgets the basics of supply and demand economics. This would be bad for both businesses and consumers because a business will only charge according to their supply and the market's demand of a product. Businesses may raise prices in moments of shortages and if the government forced these businesses to sell products below their market value, the business would not profit as they should and the market would be exasperated and depleted of resources. The consumers would not have the ability to buy the products of neccessity if they are completely sold out. Additionally, this bill threatens businesses who violate their provisions with \$1000 per sale and up to \$10,000 per day. This bill would crush Minnesota's businesses, consumers, and economy.	Against
Omnibus Jobs, Energy, and Commerce policy and supp. appropriations SF4091	Both	This is a bill that adds burdensome regulations onto various industries and fields. This bill additionally spends Surplus money on energy transition grants, Department of Labor and Industry, studies on nuclear energy, demolishing a coal-fired plant, adding a tribal advocacy board on energy, forces schools to go with solar energy, and various businesses and community developments. This is a classic bill that hides their "Green New Deal" intentions of increasing governemnt dependency on energy and natural resources. The transition from coal to other energy forms will not be without initial and continuing faults. Environmental regulations are not done for the sake of the environment, they are done out of destroying energy the Democrats hate and forcing a larger government presence in Minnesota's energy production and supply.	Against

## 2022 VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

Bill Title	Chamber	Description	Our position
Omnibus Public Saftey bill and supp. funding SF2673	Both	This is a bill that increases the pay of government officials by 6% including Supreme Court Justices, Court of Appeals judges, and District Court judges. This bill also spends massive amounts on various grants and funding relating to the criminal justice system, including some of which would likley be useful to law enforcement and the courts (i.e. a publicly searchable database for state and local sentencing practices, gunshot detection system for Ramsey County, and portable recording systems. This bill however spends Surplus money after the government was fully funded for two years. The provisions within this bill should have been debated earlier in the legislative session because the Surplus money belongs to the taxpayers. There are some problems with this bill including divisive language on race, and forces judges to give harsher sentences when three violent felonies have been committed by an individual. The issue with policy gearing towards mandatory minimums is that it only references certain sales and drug possession claims as exemptions, this would allow non-violent offenses to be treated as violent crimes.	Against
Omnibus Envirnoment policy and supplemental appropriations SF4062	Both	This is a bill that spends Surplus money and expands government control over energy and the environment. This bill gives nearly \$4,000,000 to the Pollution Control Agency for grants and regulatory abilities. This bill picks winners and losers for tourism, natural resources, and studies. This bill spends large amounts of our Surplus money on various other projects and pushes regulations onto citizens and businesses. This bill requires new rules on snowmobile registration and ownership as well as more invasive governmental review of metallic mining projects across the state. Overall this bill is bad for Minnesota in spending and actual policy.	Against
Senate GOP Tax Bill SF3692	Senate	This is a bill that would exempt all taxation on Social Security and lower the tax rate for the first-tier (lowest earning) income bracket from 5.35% to 2.8%. Various other provisions exist for the purposes of clarification or language modifications so tax laws can be more effectively utilitized. While this bill does not go far enough in stopping the crushing overtaxation of Minnesotans, it makes a few solid steps in the right direction. This bill was manipulated into a liberal and big government bill once it was sent from the Republican Senate to the Democratic House so the bill could not make it through both chambers. Despite the lack of intensity to cut government, this bill is scored positively for helping our seniors and the lowest income bracket.	For
Stop Vax Mandates Amendment SF2876 A3	House	This amendment was offered on a bill that extended Covid-19 waivers and gave the Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm emergency authority powers. This amendment would have blocked vaccine mandates in Minnesota.	For
Stop Commissioner of Health from Vax Mandates Amendment SF2876 A9	House	This amendment was offered on a bill that extended Covid-19 waivers and gave the Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm emergency authority powers. This amendment would have blocked Jan Malcolm from imposing vaccine mandates.	For
Omnibus Legacy Bill HF3438	Both	This is a bill that spends money on various projects throughout the state for outdoor recreational places/organizations/facilities. This includes grants for parks and trails, grants to be dispersed by the Minnesota Historical Society, and educational resources provided to libraries and students on Minnesota land history. Modifications were made to the Clean Water Council's reporting times and procedure.	Against
Executive Branch Supervisory Law Enforcement Unit added <i>HF</i> 961	Both	This is a bill that gives the Governor a supervisory law enforcement unit to have power over. This is a major expansion of the Executive Branch and provides new powers that are unneccessary. The Governor already is the commander over the Minnesota National Guard and has the resources to deploy aid or police when needed for emergencies. This bill is a potential threat if a Governor abuses law and order with a personal crew. Especially with how lockdowns and mandates have been enforced, the last thing the Executive Branch needs is more power.	Against
Collective Bargaining Bill HF3346	Both	This bill promotes collective bargaining of government employees so taxes have to pay for higher wages and benefits. The vast majority of employees this covers are various government positions or partial government funded employment. Collective bargaining can happen in a free market, as employees can come together for certain issues, but it cannot be forced by government or used for government jobs. In this bill, labor agreements and compensation plans were adjusted to raise the wages of these employees.	Against
Crown Act HF1315	House	This bill bans hair discrimination in the workplace as it relates to race with braids, twists, and locks. It would do so by adding language to the Minnesota Human Rights Act. This is government and identity politics interfering with the workplace. Private businesses have a large regulation burden in Minnesota and this law would clog up the courts with nonsense that is aimed at destroying businesses. Individuals should have the right to hire and fire as they see fit for their business.	Against
Bullion and Bullion Coin Bill HF4030	Both	This is a bill that adds regulations onto any transaction of bullion material and bullion coins between product dealers and buyers.  One provision in this bill expands the regulations onto out of state businesses conducting business with Minnesota residents.  Various provisions are added for language amending purposes.	Against
Annuity Suitability Regulation Modification SF4108	Both	This is a bill that adds regulations and requirements for an already complex system. Annuity suitability is done with insurers, brokers, and other agents to determine if an annuity (series of payments) is needed for your finances. Government barriers on how individuals use and finance their money should not exist and this bill furthers government expansion.	Against
Omnibus Higher Edu. Finance Bill HF3872	Both	This is a bill that furthers the liberal agenda of universities and colleges with massive appropriations for politically selected causes like "under-represented students," "inclusive higher education," and "tribal colleges." Continuing to throw money and woke policies at the propaganda machine has worsened the quality of education in our state. This bill receives a negative rating from us.	Against

#### 2022 MN REPUBLICAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SCORECARD SF2876 A9 District SF4108 HF4030 SF3372 SF2677 SF3472 HF3438 HF961 HF1315 **Party** Representative Score Score **Susan Akland** 19A 53% **Tony Albright** R 55B 53% 57% Α Α **Paul Anderson** R 12B 58% 51% Jeff Backer 63% 61% R 12A Cal Bahr R 31B 89% 88% **Dave Baker** R 17B 61% 46% Α **Peggy Bennett** R 27A 53% 45% **Matt Bliss** R 5A 63% 66% **Greg Boe** R 47B 53% 53% John Burkel R 1A 68% 69% **Brian Daniels** R 52% 24B 58% **Kurt Daudt** R 31A 68% 70% **Greg Davids** 28B 50% R 49% **Lisa Demuth** R 13A 58% 51% **Bob Dettmer** R 47% 39A 53% Steve Drazkowski R 21B 89% 92% **Sondra Erickson** R 15A 63% 56% **Keith Franke** R 54A 37% 26% **Mary Franson** R 8B 63% 63% **Pat Garofalo** 58B 68% 68% R **Steve Green** R 2B 71% 76% Α Α **Matt Grossell** 2A 61% 73% Glenn Gruenhagen R 18B 63% Α 67% **Barb Haley** 21A 58% 51% **Rod Hamilton** R 22B 58% 47% John Heinrich 35A 63% 78% **Iosh Heintzeman** R 10A 63% 66% **Jerry Hertaus** 33A 69% 74% Α Α Α Spencer Igo 5B R 53% 57% **Brian Johnson** R 32A 58% 60% **Tony Jurgens** R 54B 47% 36% **Debra Kiel** R 1B 58% 58% **Ion Koznick** 63% R 58A 53%

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#### 2022 MINNESOTA REPUBLICAN SENATE SCORECARD

Senator	Party	District	2022 Score	Lifetime Score	HF3420	HF3035	HF3217	SF3372	SF3472	SF2677	HF3255	HF4065	HF844	SF4091	SF3692	HF3438	HF961	HF3346	HF4030	SF4108	HF3872
Jim Abeler	R	35	18%	18%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bruce Anderson	R	29	29%	26%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Michelle Benson	R	31	24%	27%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Roger Chamberlain	R	38	18%	20%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Julia Coleman	R	47	18%	13%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gary Dahms	R	16	24%	22%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Gene Dornink	R	27	24%	16%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rich Draheim	R	20	24%	20%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Zach Duckworth	R	58	18%	13%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Justin Eichorn	R	5	35%	29%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Paul Gazelka	R	9	24%	18%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mike Goggin	R	21	29%	24%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Karin Housley	R	39	18%	20%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jeff Howe	R	13	29%	33%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bill Ingebrigtsen	R	8	24%	23%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
John Jasinski	R	24	24%	20%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mark Johnson	R	1	29%	28%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mary Kiffmeyer	R	30	31%	26%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	Α	0	1
Mark Koran	R	32	24%	23%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Andrew Lang	R	17	24%	21%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Warren Limmer	R	34	18%	19%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Andrew Mathews	R	15	29%	27%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Jeremy Miller	R	28	24%	17%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Carla Nelson	R	26	14%	18%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	Α	0	0	Α	0	Α
Scott Newman	R	18	21%	23%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Α	1	1	0	Α	Α	0	0	1
David Osmek	R	33	29%	33%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Eric Pratt	R	55	25%	22%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	Α	0	0	0	0	1
Jason Rarick	R	11	24%	15%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Julie Rosen	R	23	24%	20%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Carrie Ruud	R	10	19%	17%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Α	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
David Senjem	R	25	24%	18%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Paul Utke	R	2	29%	27%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bill Weber	R	22	24%	20%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Torrey Westrom	R	12	24%	21%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Avg. Republican Senator			24%	22%																	