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**Important Dates:**

- Monday, March 31, 2025: Legislative break for Eid
- April 4, 2025 at 5:00 PM: first and second legislative deadlines: committees must act favorably on bills in the house of origin and act favorably on bills, or companions of bills, that met the first deadline in the other house
- April 11, 2025 at 12:00 PM: third legislative deadline: committees must act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills
- April 11, 2025 at 12:00 PM - April 21, 2025 at 12:00 PM: Legislative break for Easter and Passover
- May 9-10: 77th Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener in Crosslake
- May 19: Constitutional deadline for adjournment for the 2025 Legislative Session

**Minnesota House starts second half of session in a tie:** The Minnesota House returned Monday to its full complement — and a tie — with a [newly elected DFL member](#) getting sworn in to fill a seat that's been vacant since the legislative session began in January. Rep.-elect David Gottfried won a seat in District 40B covering parts of Shoreview and Roseville last week. He took his seat Monday, giving the DFL 67 seats to match the 67 held by Republicans and triggering a power-sharing agreement. At the session's midpoint, another holdover from a bumpy start also got resolved: a set of recall petitions against 29 DFL legislators were dismissed. Republicans filed the petitions against Democrats who boycotted weeks of the legislative session while the GOP held a one-vote edge . . . Legislative leaders earlier this year struck a power-sharing deal in the event the special election left the House in a tie. Demuth keeps the speakership under the agreement, which puts her in a position to rule on disputes over motions or amendments. Overruling her would take 68 votes, so it gives the GOP a slight tactical edge. Republicans also retain the chair and majority on a newly formed fraud prevention committee. All other committees move to shared control. DFL leaders, along with their Republican counterparts, will trade off their chair duties day-to-day. Democrats were expected to have their first shot and leading committees Tuesday, after Gottfried's swearing in. The committees will also have even representation of Democrats and Republicans. [Read more.](#)

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**GOP state Sen. Justin Eichorn resigns, makes first court appearance on underage prostitution charge:**

Eichorn submitted his letter of resignation less than an hour before the Minnesota Senate was set to take an unprecedented vote to expel him from the chamber. Minnesota Senate Secretary Tom Bottern read Eichorn's resignation letter on the Senate floor. "I must focus on personal matters at this time," Eichorn's message said. The 40-year-old husband and father of four from Grand Rapids [was charged Wednesday](#) in U.S. District Court with attempted coercion and enticement of a minor. Eichorn is accused of soliciting prostitution from a Bloomington police detective posing as a 17-year-old girl . . . His next preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 26. Eichorn would face a minimum 10-year sentence if he's convicted of attempted coercion and enticement of a minor. Upon his resignation from the Senate, Eichorn was also [removed from his role](#) as chairman of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board. [Read more](#). The resignation triggers a special election to fill his northern Minnesota seat. Republicans would be favored, but an election wouldn't come until late in the session at the earliest. Democrats have a temporary 34-32 edge. [Read more](#).

**Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz proposes additional spending cuts in revised budget plan:** The \$250 million in new cuts, proposed for the 2028-2029 budget, come through the reduction or elimination of dozens of grants across state government. That includes facilities maintenance funding for charter schools, reducing some aid for transit in greater Minnesota and the elimination of a state tax rebate program for political contributions. Walz's updated proposal would cut \$162 million in the 2026-2027 budget he and lawmakers must craft this year. In early March, state budget officials said Minnesota's projected surplus for the next two years [had shrunk to \\$456 million](#), while the anticipated deficit in the 2028-2029 biennium increased from \$5.1 billion to \$6 billion . . . His budget also boosts one-time spending to respond to the Avian influenza [and includes a reduction in payment in lieu of taxes] . . . Walz's roughly \$66 billion budget proposal leaves \$2 billion on the bottom line in the current two-year budget, according to a release from his office. [Read more](#). See the revised budget recommendations [here](#).

**State facing uncertainty with federal infrastructure funding:** The status of federal infrastructure funding was the focus of a Tuesday House Capital Investment committee hearing. Infrastructure projects are often funded by federal, state and local money. During the Biden administration, Congress passed two bills — the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act — which together authorized nearly \$2 trillion in spending, largely on infrastructure and clean energy projects . . . which authorized around \$280 billion in incentives for semiconductor manufacturers, account for around \$12.3 billion in funding for Minnesota projects, according to Minnesota Management and Budget. State officials are still waiting for information from the White House on whether federal agencies will fulfill their promises to fund a number of Minnesota projects, but they didn't outline exactly how much money is still outstanding. The State Competitiveness Fund was established in 2023 to help Minnesota-based projects secure funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act. The state has set aside money for a number of projects through the fund, but is still awaiting decisions from the federal government before moving the projects forward. [Read more](#).

**Changes to off-highway vehicle trail development, management may be down the road:** [Rep. Kristi Pursell](#) (DFL-Northfield) sponsors [HF1012](#), which would make several changes to laws regulating off-road vehicles such as ATVs and dirt bikes . . . The bill has no bipartisan support now, he said, and needs a lot of work to even give it a chance of surviving the committee . . . The proposed wide-ranging changes to the state's off-highway vehicle laws include:

- placing restrictions on where future OHV trails may be located;
- establishing OHV trail planning requirements;
- requiring an environmental assessment worksheet for OHV trails; and
- limiting the use of OHVs on state lands administered by the DNR to only roads and trails designated and posted for their use by the department.

Several opponents from northern areas of the state said ATV trails are an extremely popular activity that draws a large number of visitors — and their dollars — to their communities . . . Supporters of the bill say that while off-roading activities may bring needed economic boosts to many areas, the high popularity of the activity is also causing significant environmental degradation, requiring more regulation and more thoughtful development and management. [Read more](#).

**Decontaminating nitrate-polluted private wells in southeast Minnesota is bill's aim:** What do the distinctive Dolomites in northeastern Italy have in common with the landscape in southeastern Minnesota? They are both karst regions, formed by the dissolution of porous, soluble rocks such as limestone and dolomite. Minnesota does not have the dramatic above-ground karst features like the Italian mountains, but it does have the undesirable underground features such as drainage systems with sinkholes and caves. And that means nitrate-based farm fertilizer runoff reaches the groundwater aquifer quickly, bypassing the contaminant filtration that more typical, less porous soils provide. As a result, eight southeast Minnesota counties — Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona — have unsafe levels of nitrate in the groundwater, putting residents with groundwater wells at risk of serious health problems. [Rep. Steven Jacob](#) (R-Altura), who lives in Winona County, sponsors [HF821](#) that would provide \$7.7 million in the 2026-27 biennium for nitrate private well mitigation (including reverse osmosis), and private drinking water well repair and reconstruction in the affected counties. [Read more](#).

Minnesota farmers could see a clean water tax break: Sponsored by [Rep. Steven Jacob](#) (R-Altura), [HF363](#) would create a new agricultural water quality property tax credit of \$5 per acre of qualifying land. To be eligible, property must be classified as 2a agricultural or 2b rural vacant, be certified as enrolled in the [\[Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification\]](#) program, and be in one of eight counties in Southeastern Minnesota: Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Wabasha or Winona . . . [A]ppropriations for the credit would come from the [Clean Water Fund](#). . . [Rep. Aisha Gomez](#) (DFL-Mpls) called it “unorthodox and unprecedented” to have a property tax refund funded by the Clean Water Fund . . . The [Revenue Department estimates](#) that approximately 221,000 certified acres and 280 producers enrolled in the program are located in counties that would be eligible for the proposed water quality property tax credit. It also estimates the change would reduce the Clean Water Fund by \$1.1 million in fiscal year 2027 and around \$1.2 million in each year of the ensuing biennium. [Read more](#).

**Popular Olmsted Co. farm program could reduce water pollution, if officials can agree how to pay for it:**

Take \$5 million in federal money, add incentives for farmers to plant crops to soak up nitrates and you've got a program so popular it's getting bipartisan support across the state. But who's going to pay to expand it? That's the question Olmsted County is trying to answer as officials look to spread their soil health program across southeast Minnesota to address ongoing nitrate pollution. The county hopes to be included in the Minnesota Legislature's budget plans this session, but it's also applied for \$9 million in environmental grant funding in case lawmakers don't factor the program into their plans . . . Some environmentalists say Olmsted County's work is important, but they don't think using money from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is appropriate given other needs around the region and state . . . The initiative pays farmers to plant cover crops or small grains or share costs for haying and grazing in three separate programs . . .

[Minnesota promised](#) the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in December 2023 that it would act quickly to help residents in southeast Minnesota with dangerous levels of nitrates in their wells after the EPA urged the state to take action to protect people with polluted water. [Read more](#).

**National Loon Center in Crosslake receives \$1M donation:** With a commitment to research, education and conservation dedicated to the common loon, The Ricketts Conservation Foundation announced a donation of \$1 million to the National Loon Center in Crosslake on Friday, March 14. This capital gift is coupled with an additional commitment of \$100,000 annually over the next five years — totaling \$500,000 — to support internationally significant loon research and conservation efforts . . . The RCF supports wildlife and habitat conservation throughout the Yellowstone Ecosystem and beyond. This latest donation highlights its commitment to addressing habitat-related challenges affecting all loons and will catalyze innovative research and community outreach at the National Loon Center. [Read more](#).

**Select DNR News releases**

- [Red Flag Warning issued for extreme fire risk](#): The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for several counties in parts of northwest, west central, and southwestern Minnesota due to extreme fire risk conditions on Monday, March 10.
- [With ice conditions changing rapidly, Minnesota DNR urges extreme caution](#): Ice conditions across the state are changing rapidly following rain, warm weather, and wind, and anyone who plans to head out must prioritize their safety, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
- [DNR invites public input on draft Roseau River WMA master plan](#): The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources invites people interested in the Roseau River Wildlife Management Area to share their thoughts on a draft update of the WMA's master plan, which will guide management of the popular hunting and wildlife-watching destination in northwestern Minnesota.
- [Landowner enrollment begins for Walk-In Access program](#): Enrollment is open for Minnesota's 2025 Walk-In Access program, which pays landowners to allow public access on private lands.

### Last Week at the Legislature:

On Monday at 11:00 AM, House [Ways and Means](#) discussed, among other bills, [HF1704](#) (Anderson, P.H.) Board of Animal Health funding provided, [the omnibus agricultural finance bill](#). See also: [Bill Summary](#), [Fiscal Tracking Sheet](#), and [Testimony](#).)

At 1:00 PM, House [Agriculture Finance and Policy](#) heard a number of bills, including: [HF1524](#) (Harder): Agriculture grant program established to promote certain nutrient management practices, and money appropriated ([Bill Summary](#)); [HF821](#) (Jacob): Nitrate private well mitigation funding provided, and money appropriated ([Bill Summary](#), [MCEA Handout](#), and letter of support from [Freshwater](#)); [HF363](#) (Jacob): Property tax credit established for certain acres certified under the Minnesota agricultural water quality certification program, and money appropriated ([Bill Summary](#)); [HF1677](#) (Nelson): Funding provided for the developing markets for continuous-living cover crops program, reports required, and money appropriated ([Bill Summary](#), [Coalition Letter of Support](#), and [MDA Developing Markets for CLC Crops Grant Program](#): Highlights from grantees and the importance of renewal; [HF1292](#) (Huot): Beginning farmer tax credits eligibility expanded ([Bill Summary](#)); and [HF2155](#) (Anderson): Animals; rabies and livestock sale provisions repealed ([Bill Summary](#)).

At 1:00 PM, House [Transportation Finance and Policy](#) discussed, among other bills: [HF566](#) (Skraba) Provisions for operating all-terrain vehicles on public roads modified. See: [House Research Summary](#).

On Tuesday at 8:30 AM, Senate [Taxes](#) heard a number of bills including: [S.F. 0960](#) ([Putnam](#)): Agricultural riparian buffer property tax exemption establishment, taxing jurisdictions reimbursement requirement, and appropriation ([Bill Summary](#), [Fiscal Note](#), Ag Coalition letter of [support](#), and [Estimated Riparian Protection Aid under SF 960](#)); and [S.F. 2199](#) ([Dibble](#)): Valuation reductions permission on certain property with conservation restriction or easements ([Bill Summary](#) and [Fiscal Note](#)).

At 1:00 PM, House [Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy](#) heard the following bills: [HF1355](#) (Baker) - Holders of permits to harvest or destroy aquatic plants required to safely use scuba diving equipment, and commercial diving operations requirements established ([House Research Summary](#), [Fiscal Note](#), [Anderson/Aune](#), and letter of support from [Waterfront Restoration](#)); [HF78](#) (Davis) - Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Citizens Advisory Council membership modified ([House Research Summary](#)); [HF1846](#) (Burkel) - Feedlots; county feedlot program funding provided, and money appropriated ([House Research Summary](#) and [County Feedlot Program Handout](#)); and [HF1225](#) (Skraba) - All-terrain vehicle registration fee eliminated for veterans with a total service-connected disability ([Fiscal Note](#) and [House Research Summary](#)).

At 3:00 PM, Senate [Environment, Climate, and Legacy](#) met to hear a number of arts and cultural heritage fund appropriation bills, including, [SF1708](#) (Howe): City of Little Falls Minnesota Fishing Museum and Hall of Fame appropriation. See: [Minnesota State Fishing Museum and Hall of Fame Booklet](#).

On Wednesday at 8:30 AM, Senate [Taxes](#) heard discussion on [S.F. 2374](#) ([Rest](#)) Tax provisions modifications, [Governors Tax Bill](#). See [Bill Summary](#) and [2025 Governor's Tax Budget Recommendations](#). This bill contains a

decrease in funding for county AIS prevention and a decrease in Sustainable Forest Incentive Act Payments. See: Cass County [Aquatic Invasive Species Aid Factsheet](#) and Minnesota Lakes and Rivers [AIS Prevention Aid Factsheet](#). See also testimony to the committee from: [Wildlife Forever](#), [Sustainable Forest Incentive Act Coalition](#), [Minnesota Forest Industries](#), [Minnesota Forestry Association](#) and individuals [David Buxengard](#), [John Saxhaug](#), and [Mark Herwig](#) opposing the reduction in payments to the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act payments.

At 1:00 PM, House [Agriculture Finance and Policy](#) heard a number of bills, including: [HF2280](#) (Hansen) Beginning farmer program provisions modified, grain buyer provisions modified, commissioner of agriculture permissions granted to protect public health against fertilizer and fertilizer by-products, and biodiesel fuel mandate reporting provision repealed ([House Research Summary](#) and [Handout-MDA](#)); [HF2281](#) (Hansen) Livestock market agency and dealer licensing provisions modified, farmers' market or community event food sampling and demonstration provisions modified, food certificate payment provisions modified ([House Research Summary](#)); and [HF2279](#) (Vang): Office of Broadband Development renamed to Office of Broadband Development and Digital Equity, duties and reporting requirements modified, state's broadband goals expanded, multifamily dwelling grant program established, and definitions amended ([House Research Summary](#) and [Written Testimony](#)).

At 10:15 AM, House [Capital Investment](#) heard a number of bills related to water quality. The committee also heard presentations on [Red River Basin Flood Hazard Mitigation](#) and Minnesota River Basin Flood Hazard Mitigation, and discuss: [HF692](#) (Burkel) Red River Basin flood hazard mitigation projects funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated; and [HF1455](#) (Torkelson) Minnesota River Basin Area II flood hazard mitigation funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated. See: [Factsheet](#): Multipurpose Water Storage Projects in the Red River Basin of Minnesota: Outcomes of 48 Years of Project Implementation and [Factsheet](#): Redpath Impoundment & Mustinka River Rehabilitation Project.

At 1:00 PM, House [Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy](#) discussed a number of bills; [HF2034](#) (Bierman) Minnesota Zoological Garden funding provided, and money appropriated ([Presentation](#), [Handout](#), and [Written Testimony](#)); [HF1843](#) (Rehm) Lawns to legumes program funding provided, and money appropriated (see [Written Testimony](#) to the committee from: Northern Holler LLC, University of Minnesota Bee Lab, Rise and Repair Alliance, Blue Thumb coalition, Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, American Bird Conservancy, Audubon Upper Mississippi River, Minnesota Environmental Partnership, Metro Cities, [DFL Environmental Caucus](#), and various grant recipients); [HF1611](#) (Hansen) Lawns to lunch pilot program funding provided, and money appropriated ([House Research Summary](#) and [Written Testimony](#) from: Sierra Club and Pollinator Friendly Alliance); [HF1012](#) (Pursell) Commissioner of natural resources required to consider decommissioning a road or trail designated for off-highway vehicle use; land, water quality, aquatic life, and wildlife protected from effects of using motorized recreational trails; environmental assessment worksheet required to construct or expand off-highway vehicle trails; rulemaking required; and money appropriated ([House Research Summary](#), [Handout](#), and [Written Testimony](#) in support from MN Public Lands Coalition, CURE, The Izaak Walton League, Minnesota Indian Affairs Council, Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Sierra Club North Star Chapter, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers Minnesota, DFL



Environmental Caucus, Minnesota Association of Townships, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, MCEA, and others, and in opposition to the bill from: Saint Louis County, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA), Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association, Roseau County Board of Commissioners, Itasca County, ATV Minnesota, Voyageur County ATV, and others.

At 3:00 PM, Senate [Environment, Climate, and Legacy](#) convened to hear several bills, including: [S.F. 2530 \(Hauschild\)](#): Orderly and environmentally responsible development of the states gas resources facilitation provision and appropriation (see testimony in support from: [Iron Range Exploration \(IRE\)](#), [Iron Range Exploration \(IRE\) Factsheet](#), [MN Chamber of Commerce](#), [Pulsar Helium](#), and concerns from: [Conservation Coalition Letter](#), [WaterLegacy](#), [CURE](#), and [Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness](#)); [S.F. 2442 \(Weber\)](#): Outdoor use of rainwater and stormwater provision ([Freshwater](#) factsheet); [S.F. 1535 \(Hawj\)](#): Local road wetland replacement program bond issuance and appropriation (BWSR [Factsheet](#)); [S.F. 0956 \(Green\)](#): Searches and seizures without a warrant or court order by conservation officers prohibition and requiring receipts to be provided for persons from whom property is seized ([Bill Summary](#) and letters in opposition from: [Minnesota Conservation Officers Association](#) and [Minnesota Sheriffs' Association](#)).

On Friday, at 10:30 AM, Senate [Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development](#) discussed a number of bills, including: [S.F. 1172 \(Kupec\)](#): Agricultural growth, research, and innovation program account creation in the agricultural fund authorization; appropriating money ([Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association](#) letter of support); [S.F. 1183 \(Gustafson\)](#): Nitrate private well mitigation appropriation (see: testimony in support of the bill from: [Minnesota Well Owners Organization](#), [Freshwater](#), and Environmental Coalition [Factsheet](#): private well mitigation); [S.F. 1540 \(Putnam\)](#): Board of Animal Health appropriation; and [S.F. 2788 \(Dahms\)](#): Restricted pesticide handler definition addition provision and restricted pesticide license requirements for handlers modifications.

#### **Next Week at the Legislature:**

On Monday at 10:15 AM, House [Ways and Means](#) will meet to hear a presentation from Minnesota Management and Budget on Federal Interactions with State Budget and a presentation from NCSL on Federal Interactions with State Budget.

At 12:30 PM, Senate [Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate](#) will discuss a number of bills, including: [S.F. 2456 \(Pratt\)](#): Emerald ash borer-infested trees disposal appropriation.

Also at 12:30 PM, Senate [Judiciary and Public Safety](#) will hear, among other bills: [S.F. 1575 \(Kupec\)](#): Biofertilizer water preservation program establishment and appropriation; [S.F. 1840 \(Kupec\)](#): Grant program appropriation to promote certain nutrient management practices; and [S.F. 2530 \(Hauschild\)](#): Orderly and environmentally responsible development of the states gas resources facilitation provision and appropriation.

At 1:00 PM, House [Agriculture Finance and Policy](#) will discuss a number of bills, including: [HF1701 \(Nelson\)](#): Minnesota-made fertilizer grant program established, and money appropriated; [HF1676 \(Burkel\)](#): Farmed

Cervidae provisions modified; [HF40](#) (Burkel): Requirement that fencing prevent physical contact between farmed Cervidae and free-roaming Cervidae removed, and authority to revoke registrations under certain conditions removed; and [HF1428](#) (Harder): Excess money in the grain indemnity account required to be transferred to the agricultural emergency account.

At 3:00 PM, Senate [Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development](#) will hear the following relevant proposed bills: [S.F. 2458](#) (Putnam): Department of Agriculture, the Board of Animal Health, and the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute budget establishment; and [S.F. 0739](#) (Westrom): Importation of live Cervidae permission to certain accredited facilities.

On Tuesday at 8:30 AM, Senate [Taxes](#) will convene for discussion on [S.F. 2374](#) (Rest): Tax provisions modifications, the [2025 Governor's Tax Bill](#).

At 10:15 AM, House [Taxes](#) will discuss, among other bills: [HF1698](#) (Anderson, P.H.) - Property tax exemption allowed for certain leased land, and [HF632](#) (Nadeau) - Property with conservation restrictions or easements allowed valuation reductions, and technical corrections made.

At 1:00 PM, House [Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy](#) will meet for a DNR Budget Overview and to hear: [HF2447](#) (Skraba) Orderly and environmentally responsible development of the state's gas resources facilitated, rulemaking required, and money appropriated; and [HF737](#) (Olson) Lead and cadmium in consumer products prohibitions modified.

Also at 3:00 PM, Senate [Environment, Climate, and Legacy](#) will convene to discuss Legacy appropriation bills.

On Wednesday at 9:00 AM, Senate [Taxes](#) will hear a number of bills, including: [S.F. 1969](#) (Hauschild): Exemption expansion for purchases by nonprofit snowmobile clubs.

At 1:00 PM, House [Agriculture Finance and Policy](#) will discuss: [HF2579](#) (Hansen) AGRI works and AGRI support grant programs funding provided, and money appropriated; [HF2576](#) (Hansen) Burning of pesticide containers prohibited; [HF2280](#) (Hansen) Beginning farmer program provisions modified, grain buyer provisions modified, commissioner of agriculture permissions granted to protect public health against fertilizer and fertilizer by-products, and biodiesel fuel mandate reporting provision repealed; and [HF2281](#) (Hansen) Livestock market agency and dealer licensing provisions modified, farmers' market or community event food sampling and demonstration provisions modified, food certificate payment provisions modified, and obsolete provisions repealed.

On Thursday at 1:00 PM, House [Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy](#) will meet to discuss: [HF1587](#) (Stephenson) Cass County; funding provided to condemn certain land, land transfer for no consideration authorized, and money appropriated; [HF2293](#) (Hollins) Commissioner of natural resources funding provided for grants under the environment and natural resources trust fund community grant program, and money appropriated; [HF2218](#) (Falconer) Metropolitan Council funding provided for grants to



implementing agencies to manage aquatic invasive species, and money appropriated; [HF1208](#) (Fischer) Permitting efficiency provisions modified; and [HF1482](#) (Hansen) Money appropriated from the environment and natural resources trust fund, and prior appropriations modified.

At 3:00 PM, Senate [Environment, Climate, and Legacy](#) will convene to discuss the Legacy omnibus bill.

### **Bills Introductions of Interest:**

#### **Environment and Natural Resources:**

##### **Bipartisan Legislation:**

**Skraba, Feist, Schomacker, Nelson, Smith, Burkel, Warwas and Hicks introduced:** [H. F. 2384](#), A bill for an act relating to environment; appropriating money for grants to counties to address blight conditions and remediate environmental contamination on properties that have come under county ownership or are being held in trust by the state; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115B. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Tabke, Heintzeman, Hollins and Warwas introduced:** [H. F. 2423](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for the disposal of emerald ash borer-infested trees. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Heintzeman and Fischer introduced:** [H. F. 2439](#), A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for environment and natural resources; modifying fees and surcharges; modifying disposition of certain funds; modifying permitting efficiency provisions; establishing stewardship program for circuit boards, batteries, and electrical products; prohibiting mercury in batteries; modifying funding considerations for water infrastructure; providing for recovery of expenses of responding to pollutant release; modifying reimbursable costs under Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Act; providing for loans for regional parks and trails projects; modifying grant programs; modifying prior appropriations; providing civil penalties; authorizing rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 85.055, subdivision 1; 86B.415, subdivision 7; 103G.271, subdivision 6; 103G.301, subdivision 2; 115.01, by adding subdivisions; 115.071, subdivision 1; 115.072; 115A.121; 115A.554; 115B.421; 115C.02, subdivision 14, by adding a subdivision; 115C.09, subdivision 1; 116.03, subdivision 2b; 116.073, subdivisions 1, 2; 116.182, subdivision 5; 116.92, subdivision 6, by adding a subdivision; 168.1295, subdivision 1; 446A.07, subdivision 8; 473.167; 473.355, subdivision 2; 473.5491, subdivision 1; Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 2, subdivisions 2, 7; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 115A.1310, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20; 115A.1312; 115A.1314; 115A.1316; 115A.1318; 115A.1320; 115A.1322; 115A.1323; 115A.1324; 115A.1326; 115A.1328; 115A.1330; 115A.9155; 115A.9157, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; 115A.961, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 325E.125; 325E.1251.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Anderson, P. H. and Hansen, R. introduced:** [H. F. 2446](#). A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing a budget for the Department of Agriculture, the Board of Animal Health, and the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute; making policy and technical changes to agriculture provisions; modifying and establishing fees; requiring reports; providing civil penalties; transferring money; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 17.1017; 17.1018; 17.117, subdivisions 1, 3; 17.118, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 17.133, subdivision 1; 18B.26, subdivision 8; 18J.01; 18J.02; 18J.03; 18J.04, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 18J.05, subdivisions 1, 2, 6; 18J.06; 18J.07, subdivisions 3, 4, 5; 18J.09; 21.111; 21.112, by adding a subdivision; 21.113; 21.115; 21.117; 21.119; 21.1195; 21.1196, subdivision 2; 21.891, subdivision 2; 28A.03, subdivision 7, by adding subdivisions; 28A.04; 28A.05; 28A.06; 28A.07; 28A.0753, subdivision 3; 28A.08; 28A.085, subdivision 1; 28A.14; 28A.17; 32D.01, by adding a subdivision; 41B.039, subdivision 2; 41B.04, subdivision 8; 41B.042, subdivision 4; 41B.043, subdivision 1b; 41B.045, subdivision 2; 41B.047, subdivision 3; 41B.056, subdivision 1; 41B.057, subdivisions 1, 3; 223.17, subdivision 3; 232.22, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 21; 28A; 32D; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 21.116; 21.118; 21.1196, subdivision 3; 21.121; 21.122; Minnesota Rules, parts 1510.2300; 1510.2305; 1510.2310; 1510.2315; 1510.2320; 1510.2325; 1510.2330; 1510.2335; 1510.2340; 1510.2345; 1510.2350; 1510.2355, subparts 1, 2, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy.

**Heintzeman and Fischer introduced:** [H. F. 2453](#). A bill for an act relating to environment; providing for outdoor use of rainwater and stormwater; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Senators Hauschild, Weber, Westlin, and Eichorn introduced--**[S.F. No. 2618](#): A bill for an act relating to environment; appropriating money for grants to counties to address blight conditions and remediate environmental contamination on properties that have come under county ownership or are being held in trust by the state; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115B. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

**Senators Hoffman, Johnson, and Lang introduced--**[S.F. No. 2619](#): A bill for an act relating to solid waste; exempting paper products from the extended producer responsibility program managing solid waste; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 115A.1441, subdivisions 10, 16, 26; 115A.1442; 115A.1450, subdivision 4; 115A.1451, subdivision 7; 115A.1454, subdivision 1. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

**Senators Farnsworth, Hauschild, Eichorn, Mathews, and Pappas introduced--**[S.F. No. 2710](#): A bill for an act relating to energy; amending the definition of "carbon-free"; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 216B.1691, subdivision 1. Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

**Senators Dahms and Putnam introduced--[S.F. No. 2788](#):** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; adding definition for restricted pesticide handler; modifying restricted pesticide license requirements for handlers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 18B.01, subdivision 1d, by adding a subdivision; 18B.30. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

**Senators Wesenberg and Kupec introduced--[S.F. No. 2789](#):** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; adding definition for restricted pesticide handler; modifying restricted pesticide license requirements for handlers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 18B.01, subdivision 1d, by adding a subdivision; 18B.30. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

**Senators Frentz, Xiong, Weber, and Hoffman introduced--[S.F. No. 2855](#):** A bill for an act relating to energy; sunsetting the community solar garden program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 216B.1641, by adding a subdivision. Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

**Vang and McDonald introduced: [H. F. 2562](#),** A bill for an act relating to clean water fund; requiring Clean Water Council's clean water fund recommendations to be broken out by fiscal year; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 114D.30, subdivision 7. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Finance.

#### **DFL Legislation:**

**Hansen, R. and Lee, F. introduced: [H. F. 2481](#),** A bill for an act relating to environment; modifying the membership and structure of the Clean Water Council; modifying duties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 114D.20, subdivision 5; 114D.30, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 6, 7; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 114D.30, subdivision 5; 114D.35, subdivision 3. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Lee, F. introduced: [H. F. 2485](#),** A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and for other improvements of a capital nature with certain conditions; establishing new programs and modifying existing programs; modifying prior appropriations; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 142A.46, subdivision 1; 473.5491, subdivisions 1, 2, 4; Laws 2023, chapter 71, article 1, section 14, subdivision 21; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 16B; 115B; 446A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 16A.662; 116J.417, subdivision 9. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

**Falconer, Jordan, Pursell and Kraft introduced: [H. F. 2501](#),** A bill for an act relating to environment; prohibiting the use of lead ammunition when hunting; prohibiting the sale, manufacture, and use of lead tackle; establishing a nontoxic ammunition performance standard for shooting sports facilities; requiring nontoxic ammunition in school shooting sports; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota

Statutes 2024, sections 38.33; 38.331, subdivision 1; 87A.02, subdivision 2; 87A.10; 97A.045, by adding a subdivision; 128C.02, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 38; 97B; 97C; 325E. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Senator Hauschild introduced--[S.F. No. 2584](#):** A bill for an act relating to state lands; appropriating money to condemn certain land in Cass County and authorizing its transfer for no consideration. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

**Senator Putnam introduced--[S.F. No. 2610](#):** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying beginning farmer program provisions; modifying grain buyer provisions; allowing the commissioner of agriculture to coordinate with other state agencies and local governments to protect public health against fertilizers and fertilizer by-products; repealing a provision requiring the commissioner of agriculture to report on implementing the biodiesel fuel mandate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 18C.111, by adding a subdivision; 41B.0391, subdivisions 1, 4; 223.17, subdivision 6; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 239.77, subdivision 5. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

**Senators Kupec and Putnam introduced--[S.F. No. 2653](#):** A bill for an act relating to utilities; establishing a special license plate for solar pollinator programs; providing agrivoltaic solar sites may be eligible for solar site management practices; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 216B.1642, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168. Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

**Senator Johnson Stewart introduced--[S.F. No. 2686](#):** A bill for an act relating to transportation; environment; requiring the commissioners of transportation and the Pollution Control Agency to be licensed professional engineers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116.03, subdivision 1; 174.02, subdivision 1. Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senator Seeberger introduced--[S.F. No. 2735](#):** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring removal and disposal of abandoned boats; providing criminal and civil penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 97A.223, subdivision 1; 97A.421, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 86B. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

**Senator Hawj introduced--[S.F. No. 2781](#):** A bill for an act relating to environment; modifying reporting requirements for certain environmental review; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116D.04, subdivision 5b. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

**Senator Hawj introduced--[S.F. No. 2782](#):** A bill for an act relating to environment; removing obsolete provisions related to Environmental Quality Board; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116C.04, subdivision 11; 116C.991. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

**Senator Kupec introduced--[S.F. No. 2786](#):** A bill for an act relating to biofuels; establishing a biofuels education and promotion program to promote biofuels and sustainable aviation fuel; establishing an advisory council on biofuels education and promotion; requiring compliance with certain compatibility standards for underground gasoline storage tanks; requiring reports; appropriating money for the biofuels education and promotion program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 41A.15, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 116.49, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41A. Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

**Senator Seeberger introduced--[S.F. No. 2793](#):** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; allowing transfer of unused water-use permit gallons; allowing irrigators to use excess water in drought conditions; allowing additional water use for cover crops; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.271, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

**Senators Johnson Stewart and Hauschild introduced--[S.F. No. 2833](#):** A bill for an act relating to environment; modifying provisions for permitting efficiency; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 115.542; 116.03, subdivision 2b; 116.07, subdivision 4a. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

**Senators McEwen and Hauschild introduced--[S.F. No. 2841](#):** A bill for an act relating to environment; appropriating money to stabilize shoreline in St. Louis County. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

**Senator Boldon introduced--[S.F. No. 2845](#):** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for a southeast regional groundwater protection and soil health initiative. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

**Senator Hawj introduced--[S.F. No. 2866](#):** A bill for an act relating to clean water fund; requiring Clean Water Council's clean water fund recommendations to be broken out by fiscal year; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 114D.30, subdivision 7. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

**Hansen, R.; Falconer; Fischer and Lee, F. introduced: [H. F. 2576](#).** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; prohibiting the burning of pesticide containers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 18B.07, subdivision 8. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy.

**Hansen, R.; Jordan and Lee, F. introduced: [H. F. 2577](#).** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying agricultural waste handling regulations; requiring record retention of sewage sludge transfers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 18C.111, subdivisions 2, 4, 5; 18C.135, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 18C.201, subdivisions 1, 5; 18C.61. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy.

**Hansen, R.; Jordan and Lee, F. introduced:** [H. F. 2580](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring removal and disposal of abandoned boats; providing criminal and civil penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 97A.223, subdivision 1; 97A.421, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 86B. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Lee, F. introduced:** [H. F. 2584](#), A bill for an act relating to local government aid; establishing aid to local governments for emerald ash borer financial assistance; appropriating money. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Vang; Hansen, R., and Jordan introduced:** [H. F. 2602](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying and extending an appropriation for replacement seedlings; amending Laws 2022, chapter 95, article 3, section 6. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Finke, Fischer and Jordan introduced:** [H. F. 2620](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for emerald ash borer response and community tree-planting grants. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Finke, Pursell, Jordan, Gottfried and Hansen, R. introduced:** [H. F. 2621](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for community tree-planting grants. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

#### **Republican Legislation:**

**Skraba, Schultz, Igo, Warwas, Heintzeman, Norris, Dotseth, Zeleznikar, Davis, Burkel, Joy, Baker, Nelson and Gillman introduced:** [H. F. 2447](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; facilitating the orderly and environmentally responsible development of the state's gas resources; requiring rulemaking; appropriating money; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 11A.236; 86A.05, subdivision 6; 93.513, subdivision 1; 93.514; 93.516, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 93.55, subdivision 1a; 103I.001; 103I.005, subdivisions 9, 21, by adding subdivisions; 103I.601, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 272.02, subdivision 97; 272.03, subdivision 1; 273.12; 289A.02, subdivision 6; 289A.12, by adding a subdivision; 289A.19, subdivision 2; 290.0134, subdivision 9; 290.0135; 290.05, subdivision 1; 290.923, subdivision 1; 297A.68, subdivision 5; 297A.71, subdivision 14; 298.001, subdivision 3a, by adding subdivisions; 298.01, subdivisions 3, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5, 6; 298.015, subdivision 1; 298.016, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, by adding a subdivision; 298.018, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, by adding a subdivision; 298.17; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 93; 103I; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 93.513, subdivision 2. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Senators Mathews, Rarick, Gruenhagen, and Weber introduced--[S.F. No. 2664](#):** A bill for an act relating to energy; requiring local government and Tribal approval for all solar projects; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 216I.05, subdivision 5; 216I.10, subdivision 1. Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

**Senator Gruenhagen introduced--[S.F. No. 2704](#):** A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing private sale of certain tax-forfeited land that borders public water. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

**Senator Lang introduced--[S.F. No. 2823](#):** A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for capital improvements to improve water quality in the Middle Fork Crow River Watershed; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds. Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

**Harder introduced: [H. F. 2524](#).** A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing private sale of certain tax-forfeited land that borders public water. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Anderson, P. H.; Harder; Burkel and Davids introduced: [H. F. 2613](#).** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; allowing transfer of unused water-use permit gallons; allowing irrigators to use excess water in drought conditions; allowing additional water use for cover crops; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.271, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

#### **Game and Fish:**

##### **Bipartisan Legislation:**

**Senators Drazkowski, Seeberger, Wesenberg, and Eichorn introduced--[S.F. No. 2624](#):** A bill for an act relating to game and fish; allowing three-line fishing in Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97C.315, subdivision 1. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

##### **DFL Legislation:**

**Senator Hauschild introduced--[S.F. No. 2762](#):** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; allowing veterans with 100 percent service-connected disability to obtain a license for a fish house, dark house, or shelter without paying a fee; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.441, subdivision 5. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.



**Senator Putnam introduced--[S.F. No. 2859](#):** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; establishing Keep it Clean program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97C. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

**Hansen, R. introduced: [H. F. 2541](#),** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; abolishing the Board of Animal Health and transferring its duties to the Department of Agriculture; establishing the Animal Health Advisory Council; requiring a report; authorizing rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 35.01, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 35; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 35.01, subdivision 2; 35.02; 35.03.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy.

#### **Republican Legislation:**

**Burkel, Heintzeman, Schultz, Nelson, Skraba, Davis and Wiener introduced: [H. F. 2391](#),** A bill for an act relating to game and fish; requiring annual open season for wolves; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.645, subdivision 9. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Senator Howe introduced--[S.F. No. 2714](#):** A bill for an act relating to game and fish; providing for free angling, deer, and small game licenses to residents age 70 or over; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.441, by adding a subdivision. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

**Senator Wesenberg introduced--[S.F. No. 2720](#):** A bill for an act relating to game and fish; requiring an open season for wolves; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 97A.451, subdivision 3; 97B.645, subdivision 9; 97B.646; 97B.647, subdivision 2. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

### **Outdoor Recreation**

#### **Bipartisan Legislation:**

**Skraba; Pursell; Heintzeman; Fischer; Lee, K.; Burkel; Nelson; Gillman; Schultz; Zeleznikar; Jordan; Hussein; Falconer; Jacob and Clardy introduced: [H. F. 2548](#),** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; creating Outdoor School for All grant program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

#### **DFL Legislation:**

**Lillie introduced: [H. F. 2374](#),** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring revocation or cancellation of a person's privileges for off-road recreational vehicles and motorboats for certain motor vehicle violations;

amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.188. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Tabke, Stephenson and Fischer introduced:** [H. F. 2419](#). A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring life jackets for children aboard watercraft to have reflective material; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.501, subdivision 3. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

**Senator Hauschild introduced--**[S.F. No. 2767](#): A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring life jackets for children aboard watercraft to have reflective material; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 86B.501, subdivision 3. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

#### **Firearms:**

##### **Republican Legislation:**

**Roach introduced:** [H. F. 2413](#). A bill for an act relating to public safety; recognizing the Constitutional right to carry a firearm; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.714, subdivisions 2, 3, 7, 15, 20, 23, by adding subdivisions; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 624.714, subdivisions 1a, 1b, 16; 624.7181. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

##### **DFL Legislation:**

**Finke; Hollins; Lee, K.; Sencer-Mura; Freiberg; Xiong; Greene; Fischer; Kozlowski; Lee, F.; Mahamoud; Perez-Vega; Hussein; Greenman and Jones introduced:** [H. F. 2449](#). A bill for an act relating to public safety; prohibiting the sale or transfer of a semiautomatic military-style assault weapon; authorizing a buyback program for semiautomatic military-style assault weapons; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.712, subdivision 7; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 624. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.