

2023 MACPZA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

June 2, 2023



MACPZA 2023 Legislative Session Overview



- Legislature **adjourns early** for the first time since 2013.
- Single party control ushers in a rapid and robust amount of new policy initiatives with **largest state government budget** (\$72 billion) **in history**.
- Paid Family Medical Leave, Sick and Safe Time, 100% Carbon-Free Energy, Cannabis Legalization, Nursing Home Funding, School Lunches, Free College, Elections Laws, Reproductive Rights, Background Checks and Red Flag Laws, Gender provisions. . .





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General County Highlights

COUNTY PROGRAM AID

\$80 million/year increase.

- Local Housing and Public Safety aid.

PILT

Over \$20 million biennial increase.

TRANSPORTATION

Gas tax indexing, tab fees, MVST, delivery fee, auto parts sales tax dedication.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

\$2.6 billion (\$1 billion in cash left on the table).

- Solid Waste, Roads and Bridges, Wetland replacement.

HOUSING

\$1 billion affordable and workforce housing rental assistance, and shelter capital.

CORRECTIONS

\$43 million in new funding.

BROADBAND

\$100 million (\$40 million for low population density program).

PUBLIC HEALTH

\$9.844 million system funding, \$8.4 million emergency response and preparation.



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Environment & Energy Omnibus Bill

COUNTY FEEDLOT PROGRAM

Increase (\$1 million/year in 24-25)

NATURAL RESOURCES BLOCK GRANT

Increase (\$1.25 million/year in 24-25)

COUNTY SSTS BASE FUNDING

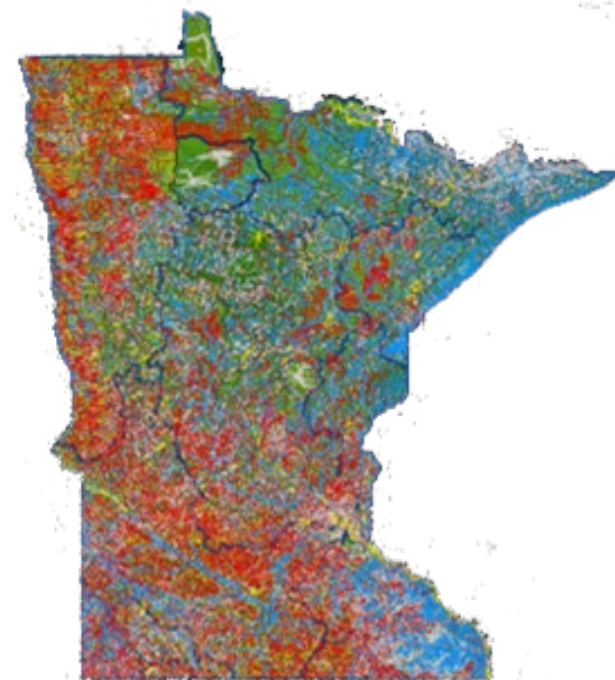
Increase (\$221,000/year ongoing)

PFAS REDUCTION GRANTS

\$4.42 million

WASTE PREVENTION & REDUCTION GRANTS AND LOANS:

\$25.88 million



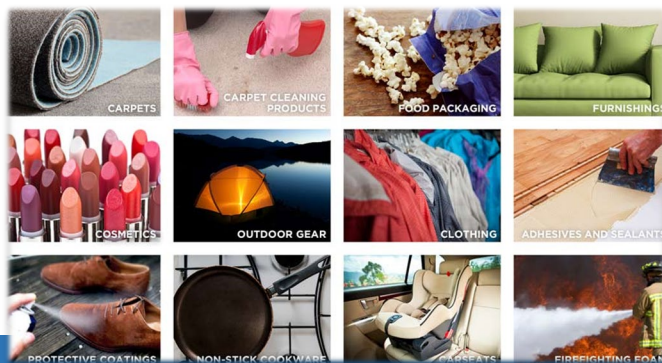


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PFAS

- Product prohibitions (2025), use reporting (2026), full ban by 2032.
- Water standards and Health Risk Limits.



CERVIDAE FARMS

- Prohibition on new white tail farms.
- Oversight to DNR.
- Live animal testing, fencing, escaped animal, importation, and liability.



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- Cumulative air pollution impacts.
- Air permit hearings.
- Air emissions toxins reporting.





Environment & Energy Omnibus Bill

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STUDY

Feasibility and costs to achieve 90% reduction of disposal by 2045.

STATE LANDS '22

St. Louis, Freeborn Beltrami, Cass, Crow Wing, Fillmore, Goodhue, Hennepin, Itasca, Pine, and Sherburne Counties.

- TFL leases may be up to 25 years in length, increases public sale threshold to \$50,000 per year.
- Allows for conservation easements on county TFL.

STATE LANDS '23

St. Louis, Itasca, Beltrami, Goodhue, Aitkin, Crow Wing, Becker, Kandiyohi, Koochiching, and Sherburne Counties.





Environment & Energy Omnibus Bill

SOLAR END-OF-LIFE STUDY

SOLAR ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS

\$5 million

CLIMATE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS

\$5 million

COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDENS

New program remains at 5MW, capacity capped annually.

HOA SOLAR RESTRICTIONS

Prevents HOA's from restricting solar installations, but local ordinances still apply.





Environment & Energy Omnibus Bill

NOT Adopted:

DRAINAGE INFORMATION REGISTRY PORTAL

- DWG recommendations (Adequate Outlet)

REMOVING COUNTY APPROVAL OF STATE LAND ACQUISITIONS

LOWLAND CONIFER RESERVES

- U of M study

ABANDONED MANURE STORAGE INVENTORY



Cannabis Legalization

LEGAL POSSESSION AND HOME GROWING

Begins August 1, 2023

RETAIL SALES

Likely to begin 1st quarter 2025

OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT (OCM)

- Rulemaking to set water, energy, solid waste and odor standards.
- 15 different licenses, must verify local compliance before issuing.
- Model ordinances, forms and procedures, and compliance checks.

LOCAL CONTROLS

May not prohibit, but may adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of the operation of a cannabis business.

LIMITING RETAILERS

One for every 12,500 residents, 1000 ft from schools, 500ft from daycares, residential treatment facility, or an attraction within a public park that is regularly used by minors, including a playground or athletic field.

TAXES

10% tax,
20% for local governments,
50% counties -
20 even/80 based on licenses.





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TAXES

SCORE 3% transfer SWMT:

- \$6.9 million ('24-'25)
- \$7.3 million ('26-'27)

AGRICULTURE

Noxious Weeds Grants:

Increase \$300,000 (24-25)

Broadband: \$100 million

- \$40 million for low density program (75% of project)

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

\$2.6 billion, \$1.5 billion bonds, \$1.1 billion cash

- LRWRP: \$12 million,
- Five Solid Waste Projects: \$53.728 million

LEGACY

- Comprehensive Watershed Plans: \$79 million
- SSTS Inspections and Low-income Grants: \$7.1 million
- Culvert Replacement: \$2 million
- Ag BMP Loan Program: \$9.598 million

COMMERCE

- Digital Fair Repair



Court Decisions

Moratzka V. Itasca

MARKETABLE TITLE ACT

- Legislation to exempt state agencies.



Tyler V. Hennepin

TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTY APPORTIONMENT

- Legislation to eliminate apportionment.



Questions? Comments?

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