



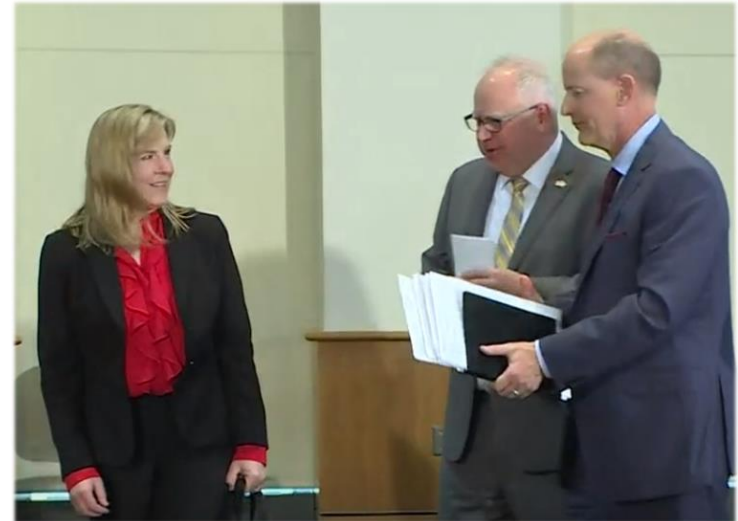
**MACPZA SPRING  
CONFERENCE**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

**June 3, 2021**

# Session Dynamics

- **Split Legislature**
- **Virtual logistics**
- **Roller coaster budget forecasts**
- **American Rescue Plan**
- **Governor's Emergency Powers**



# Current Status



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- 31 bills passed, 31 signed
- Budget “agreement”
- Major policy still
- Working groups
- Private negotiations
- Special Session by June 14

\$ in millions	House/Senate/Gov Agreement		
	21-23	24-25	ARPA SFRF FY 21-23
<b>February Forecast Balance*</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>2,833</b>
<b>Net Targets</b>			
E-12 Education	525	675	
Higher Education	100	100	0
HHS	100	100	0
Environment	30	10	
Ag/Broadband	10	10	0
Housing	10	12	0
Transportation	200	15	0
Public Safety	105	110	0
Labor/Workforce**	125	17	0
Energy/Commerce	16	8	0
State Gov	67	63	
Capital	TBD	TBD	0
COVID Flexible Fund	0	0	500
Other Bills	9.6	6.9	
<b>Net Spending in Targets</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>SFRF Revenue Replacement</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>1,100</b>
<b>Net Tax Bill Target</b>	<b>(754)</b>	<b>(180)</b>	
<b>Balance in each Biennium</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>(50)</b>	
<b>Budgetary Balance</b>		<b>112</b>	
<b>Total ARPA SFRF Spend</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>550</b>	
<b>Total ARPA SFRF Spend FY 21-25</b>		<b>1,600</b>	
<b>ARPA SFRF Remaining</b>		<b>1,233</b>	



## **Remote Open Meetings Until July**

- Allows members of local governments to attend open meetings remotely until July.
  - What does return to return to normal mean for remote meetings?

## **Modernizing OML Terminology around Remote Meetings**

- Modernizes language around remote meeting technology
- Clarifies that local governments should, to the extent practicable, apply their public comment policies for in-person open meetings to remote meetings.
- Allows meeting minutes to be used in place of a “journal of votes,” to bring statute in line with current practice.



## Support

- **Tax-Forfeited Property**: Authorization to spend net proceeds from tax-forfeited land on clean-up efforts
- **Public Waters Inventory**: Extends notice to local government and opportunity to object to PWI revisions
- **Ordinary High-Water**: Provides for a notice to local governments and opportunities for review and appeal
- **Prohibition on Bulk Transfer of Water**: Strengthens statutes against exports of Minnesota water resources

## Oppose

- **Landfill Responsibility Act**: 3% tax on landfill annual revenue; additional assessment for five MPCA staff; landfills would fund reuse and repair programs; only programs approved by the state; 40 percent in EJ areas; new plan and report requirements
- **DEED and Mortgage Fee for SWCD's**: Imposes a \$25 fee on every transaction to be deposited in an account and paid to the county SWCD (or for conservation responsibilities)



- **Natural Resources Block Grant:** \$3.423million/yr; Senate only: \$1million one time for low-income grants for septic systems
- **SSTS:** \$952,000/yr SSTS program administration and technical assistance and education, including grants and assistance for water-quality. Of this amount, \$129,000 each year is for assistance to counties through grants for SSTS program administration
- **404 Assumption:** Extension of reporting period to prepare a plan for assumption of 404 permitting
- **State Lands provisions ('20 and '21):**
  - changes to state parks and recreation areas in Dakota, St. Louis, Blue Earth, and Washington;
  - private sales of surplus land in Cass, Lake of the Woods, St. Louis, Wadena, Roseau and Sherburne
  - private sale of tax forfeited land in Aitkin, Itasca, St. Louis, and Beltrami;
  - land transfer in Goodhue County; and
  - land lease in St. Louis County.
- **Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, LCCMR ('20 and '21):** water projects, research, county groundwater and geologic atlases, PFAS, parks and trails

# Other Omnibus Bills



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## Climate and Energy

- Allows the use of the petro fund to remove underground storage tanks on tax forfeited-property
- Electric Vehicle charging stations providing for installations at County Government Centers
- Solar on Prime Farmland
- Solar site and gen-tie line permits

## Agriculture

- \$1million/year to AgBMP Loan Program
- \$225,000/year for the noxious weed program
- prohibition permit requirements restricting manure applications

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## Legacy

- 1W1P implementation grants - Senate \$46.986 million, House \$43.564 million
- Critical Shoreland protection easements \$2.468 million
- SWCD Capacity Senate \$24 million, House \$12 million
- SSTS \$5.824 million

## Broadband Funding

- \$70 million for the state Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program
- Source still unknown – state or federal funding

## Bonding Bill

- House \$1 billion proposal
- Senate technical corrections



# Other P&Z legislation



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Did not pass

- Rural event centers building and fire code requirements
- Sacred settlements micro unit dwellings authorization and requirements
- Local government municipal planning and zoning controls limit - deletes Granny Pod opt out

# Questions or Comments

2022 Session, January 31

Thank you for attending