



DELIVERING PROVEN PUBLIC SAFETY SOLUTIONS

**\$100
MILLION**

All Minnesotans deserve to be safe no matter what you look like or where you live. House DFLers are partnering with local mayors, police chiefs, and prosecutors to address a rise in crime. Democrats are putting forth plans that provide the funding, tools, and collaboration needed to keep people safe, while our Republican colleagues have decided to pursue political slogans instead of proven solutions.

House DFLers know that rising crime is on the minds of Minnesotans. That's why our initial public safety proposal of 2022 would dedicate \$100 million in ongoing investments for public safety innovation.

Innovation in Community Safety Grants (\$40 million)

Democrats are proposing significant investments in violence prevention. More funding for community nonprofits that attack the root of the problem will prevent crime from happening in the first place.

Local Community Policing Grants (\$22 million)

We all know crime is less likely to occur in the immediate vicinity of law enforcement. Local Community Policing Grants will enable more police officers to build relationships with neighbors in areas with disproportionately elevated levels of crime. The funding will also support partnerships with community groups for crisis response and expand co-responder teams.

Crime Investigation Grants (\$22 million)

All victims deserve a legal system that delivers justice in an expeditious manner. Funding from Crime Investigation Grants can be used to hire and retain investigatory personnel and train them to analyze violent crime, specifically regarding the use of intelligence information of criminal networks, including gangs and geographic areas. Eligible uses for the grant funding also include the purchase of evidence processing technology and equipment, and resources to victims and their families.

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Opiate Epidemic Response Grants (\$10 million)

During the pandemic, deaths as a result of opioid overdoses have tragically increased. A \$10 million investment to fund prevention and education strategies will help save lives.

Body Camera Grants (\$2.5 million)

Body-worn camera technology can be tremendously helpful in aiding investigations, but too many agencies lack the resources to purchase the recording devices and other required equipment. Matching grant funding will help local law enforcement agencies purchase body cameras and data systems, with guardrails in place to prohibit altering, erasing, or destroying any recording, as well as transparency requirements.

POST Board Investigator Investment (\$450,000)

Rebuilding community trust with law enforcement is a critical part of reducing crime. Minnesotans value and appreciate our law enforcement professionals who respect our constitutional and human rights. When officers commit bad acts, they must be held accountable. This funding would enable the POST Board to hire four investigators to perform compliance reviews and investigate alleged code-of-conduct investigations among peace officers.

POST Board Alternative Licensure (\$50,000)

House DFLers strongly support the highest level of excellence within law enforcement and a complement of officers reflective of the communities they are sworn to serve. A new task force will help develop strategies to increase recruitment of new peace officers, increase the diversity and professional background of licensed peace officers, promote education and training in the community policing model, and maintain high standards of education and training required for licensure.



FIGHTING FOR ECONOMIC SECURITY

Minnesota's economy is recovering, even as our state continues to grapple with the ongoing pandemic. However, we know that this recovery isn't being felt by everyone, especially the working families that are helping our state bounce back.

House DFLers know that an economic recovery that only benefits corporations is no recovery at all, and we'll be introducing legislation this session to ensure all Minnesotans can safely and effectively provide for their families and thrive into the future.

Paid Family & Medical Leave, Earned Sick & Safe Time

Far too many Minnesotans are left without the necessary support to ensure that they're able to care for their loved ones or themselves without risking financial ruin. This was true before the COVID-19 pandemic, and has been compounded since. Whether it's a long-term ailment or a brief sickness, working families deserve the economic security to get healthy without losing a paycheck.



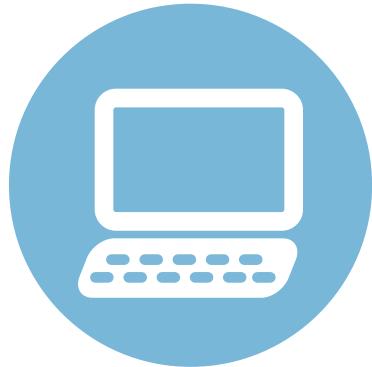
Frontline Worker Bonus Pay

It's long past time the Minnesotans working on the front lines of this pandemic receive the bonus pay they earned. DFLers have listened to the stories of workers and their families, taken a deep dive into state employment data, and we know that a broad collection of workers deserve help. That's what our proposal delivers. No one that serves our state on the front lines of this pandemic should be left behind.

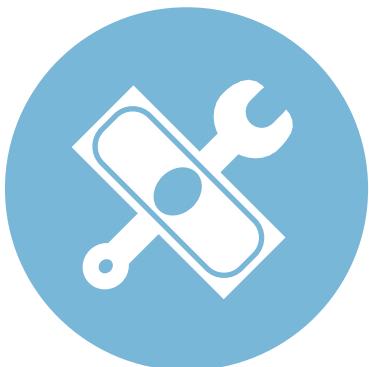
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Broadband

Minnesotans working and learning from home face vastly different experiences depending on where they live when it comes to dependably connecting to the internet. Broadband is not a utility that can only be accessible by a portion of the state. In building upon the federal investment from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the state can and must capitalize on this moment to enact sweeping access to dependable broadband throughout the state.



Unemployment Insurance



There are many local businesses that need a helping hand, but we can't solely focus on them and leave Minnesota's workers behind. The House DFL will continue working with business and labor leaders, in addition to workers, to reach a consensus on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. Providing a big tax benefit for large corporations that don't need it at the expense of those who are actually struggling does nothing to help working Minnesotans.

Housing

We need to listen to Minnesotans and address the core economic stressors in their lives, including most families' number one expense - the cost of their housing. Minnesota faced a housing crisis before the pandemic that has only worsened. We have a golden opportunity this session to invest in solutions that create more housing options, which will in turn create more economic opportunity for families, businesses and our state's future.





MEETING MINNESOTA STUDENTS' & FAMILIES' NEEDS

Minnesotans are facing enormous needs in the areas of early care and learning, K-12, and higher education. House DFLers are committed to exploring bold proposals that close opportunity gaps, lower costs, and improve economic security for Minnesota children, students, and families.

Early Care & Learning

Minnesota's system for child care and early learning was in deep crisis even before the pandemic — unaffordable and inaccessible for families and paying poverty wages for those doing this vital work. Investments in the early years have the biggest payoff for us all. This session, the Early Childhood Committee will advance a series of proposals to help parents to work, employers to expand, and children to thrive with the great start that they deserve.

*It would cost \$1.4 billion annually to provide **high-quality early learning opportunities** for low-income Minnesotans, with livable wages for teachers.*

*It would cost \$900 million annually to **make early care and learning affordable** for middle-income families, with livable wages for teachers.*

*It would cost on average \$870 million annually to stabilize school budgets by **fully funding the special education and English language learner needs** throughout the state.*

*It would cost \$27 million for the biennium to **improve recruitment and retention of teachers of color**.*

K-12 Education

Special education and English language learner funding shortfalls are one of the biggest cost drivers Minnesota school districts face. The K-12 Education Finance Committee will look into ways to close these funding gaps and invest in our students to ensure they have access to these critical services and resources they need to be successful.

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*Provide **Unemployment Insurance** for Hourly School Workers*

Close Special Education and English Language Learner funding shortfalls

Higher Education

For years we have been hearing from Minnesotans that the cost of college is a barrier for far too many of our students and families. With a historic surplus, we have an opportunity to make a long-lasting impact across the state for Minnesota graduates struggling with debt and for prospective Minnesota students who are working toward a new career or training program.

*To meet the University of Minnesota's cost of attendance request, it would cost \$65 million annually and \$55 million to **freeze tuition at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in 2022.***



2022 MINNESOTA CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

As one of the fastest warming states in the country, Minnesota is already facing impacts of climate change. We need to act boldly to prevent irreversible and potentially catastrophic consequences. The 2022 Minnesota Climate Action Plan is a science-based approach to addressing the climate crisis, lowering energy costs, creating jobs and economic opportunity, and making sure our state is a great place to live and work for current and future generations of Minnesotans.

Energy: \$105 Million

- \$25 million to install solar energy systems on universities, wastewater treatment facilities, airports, and other public infrastructure
- \$45 million to fund a Greater Minnesota Renewable Development Account
- \$30 million to establish a Minnesota Innovation Finance Authority to support cutting-edge clean energy initiatives
- \$5 million to support Minnesota communities impacted by the transition to clean energy

Transportation: \$376.5 Million

- \$200 million to build four bus rapid transit (BRT) lines
- \$50 million to improve and expand public transportation in Greater Minnesota
- \$50 million to make walking and biking safer, easier, and more accessible
- \$30 million to build charging infrastructure for electric vehicles across Minnesota
- \$15 million to provide rebates to Minnesotans who choose to buy electric vehicles
- \$20 million to expand Metro Transit's fleet of electric buses
- \$20 million to invest in electric school buses

- \$1 million to conduct passenger rail studies of southern Minnesota and Duluth routes
- \$500,000 to improve safety and protect workers in Minnesota's oil refineries

Built Environment: \$355 Million

Buildings

- \$150 million to strengthen the Pre-Weatherization and Weatherization Assistance Program
- \$100 million to help schools become more energy efficient and update their HVAC systems
- \$25 million to preserve state parks, trails, and recreation areas and make them more efficient
- \$30 million to develop and strengthen Minnesota's weatherization workforce
- \$10 million to provide rebates to Minnesotans who purchase electric appliances

Industrial/Waste

- \$35 million to invest in recycling programs
- \$5 million to create organics composting pilot programs

Lands: \$130 Million

- \$30 million to increase Minnesota's carbon storage by planting five million trees per year
- \$40 million to support the Conservation Reserve Program

(CRP), the Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Lawns to Legumes, and other state programs that conserve native grasses

- \$20 million to develop agricultural products and practices that conserve soil and water while driving economic opportunity
- \$20 million to establish a cost-sharing program that will help maintain and improve soil health
- \$10 million to invest in diverse crops that provide ground cover and economic opportunities throughout the entire year
- \$10 million to support the Methane Reduction Institute at the University of Minnesota

Adaptation & Resilience: \$33.5 million

- \$25 million to create an infrastructure adaptation and resilience fund to help local governments strengthen their communities and prepare for impacts of climate change
- \$5 million to provide grants to help Minnesota cities develop climate action plans
- \$500,000 to help the State of Minnesota develop and implement a climate action plan
- \$2 million to create jobs dedicated to climate adaptation and resilience within state agencies
- \$1 million to support research on climate impacts conducted at the University of Minnesota