

## **Minnesota - 2026 Legislative Priorities**

### **Workforce:**

- Continue critical investments into regional-based workforce solutions that strengthen recruitment, acclimation, development and retention.
- Enhance funding for essential child care programs, grants and initiatives, and incentivize public-private partnerships and investments to increase access to affordable and quality child care.
- Enact pragmatic reforms to child care licensing and regulations to modernize existing laws and reduce regulatory burdens on child care providers while maintaining safe and high-quality care for children.
- Expand incentives, reduce burdensome regulations, and provide communities with zoning flexibility to expand residential development and reduce the cost of market-rate and attainable workforce housing.

### **Education:**

- Allow time-limited fund transfers throughout the K-12 educational system, provided they do not increase state aid obligations or expand district taxing authority.
- Support legislation to address physical school safety and cybersecurity needs by increasing the safe schools levy and expanding LTFMR to include safety and security measures, and expand state resources for school resource officers to ensure districts have adequate funding to support comprehensive school safety.
- Expand statewide investments into career workforce academies and high-quality work-based learning opportunities.
- Support funding for postsecondary institutions to improve campus infrastructure, enhance curriculum, and attract and retain students.
- Support programs and incentives to develop sustainable and positive communities and neighborhoods surrounding our educational assets, schools and universities.

### **Business:**

- Reform the Paid Family and Medical Leave Act, Earned Sick and Safe Time, and other business mandates to best accommodate businesses and address their concerns.
- Reform the state's tax environment to increase Minnesota's global competitiveness and conform to pro-growth tax policies contained in the 2025 federal tax bill.
- Continue pragmatic reforms to the state's regulatory system including streamlining permitting processes, reducing burdensome regulations, and providing economic and regulatory clarity and certainty to support the development of vital economic sectors.
- Enhance programs and funding opportunities to support the Downtown Center redevelopment in Moorhead and the development of a cultural mall.
- Ensure policies, programs, initiatives and incentives are comprehensive and inclusionary of Greater Minnesota and recognize border cities, to keep Minnesota competitive.
- Enact incentives and structure the regulatory framework to support the development of a sustainable aviation fuel project in Moorhead.

### **Community Investments:**

- Secure funding for flood mitigation projects throughout the City of Moorhead, Clay County and the Buffalo Red River Watershed District to complete the FM Diversion project.
- Secure funding for the construction of a nonsecure juvenile facility in Clay County.
- Expand funding for the Heartland Trail project starting in Moorhead and Dilworth.
- Expand statewide authorization for local communities to establish social districts.
- Support the sales tax exemption for the construction of the City of Dilworth's Community Center.
- Support the sales tax exemption for the renovation of the Moorhead City Hall.
- Secure funding for a Wastewater Treatment Facility upgrade project for Moorhead and Dilworth.
- Secure funding for the West Central Regional Water District.