

## 2023-2024 Minnesota Legislature Summary

This midterm, Minnesota DFL won a “trifecta” and will control the House (70-64), Senate (34-33) and Governor’s Office for the first time since 2013-14. Overall, there are 68 new legislators to the 201-person legislature, which will make nearly one-third of the incoming legislature new.

The Legislature reconvenes on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Projected Budget Surplus

Projected general fund surplus of \$9.253 billion for FY 2022-23.

### DFL Top Agenda Items for 2023

- Fully fund education
- Legalize marijuana
- Paid family leave and Medical leave
- Criminal Justice reform
- Reproductive rights legislation
- Exempting Social Security from state taxation

### Minnesota Senate

#### Structure

- 34 DFL, 33 GOP
- 25 New Senate Members
  - 14 New DFL, 9 New GOP

#### Leadership

- DFL
  - President of the Senate: Sen. Bobby Joe Champion
  - Majority Leader: Sen. Kari Dziedzic
- GOP
  - Minority Leader: Sen. Mark Johnson
  - Leadership Team: Senators Julia Coleman, Justin Eichorn, Karin Housley, and Bill Weber

Committees\* – The Senate DFL will need new chairs\*\* for the following committees:

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| • Agriculture and Rural Development: <b>Sen. Aric Putnam</b>         | • Jobs and Economic Development: <b>Sen. Bobby Joe Champion</b>    |
| • Capital Investment: <b>Sen. Sandy Pappas</b>                       | • Judiciary and Public Safety: <b>Sen. Ron Latz</b>                |
| • Commerce and Consumer Protection: <b>Sen. Matt Klein</b>           | • Labor: <b>Sen. Jennifer McEwen</b>                               |
| • Education Finance: <b>Sen. Mary Kunesh</b>                         | • Legacy and Natural Resources: <b>Sen. Fuong Hawj</b>             |
| • Education Policy: <b>Sen. Steve Cwodzinski</b>                     | • Rules and Administration: <b>Sen Kari Dziedzic</b>               |
| • Elections: <b>Sen. Jim Carlson</b>                                 | • State and Local Government and Veterans: <b>Sen. Erin Murphy</b> |
| • Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate: <b>Sen. Nick Frenz</b> | • Taxes: <b>Sen. Ann Rest</b>                                      |
| • Finance: <b>Sen. John Marty</b>                                    | • Transportation: <b>Sen. Scott Dibble</b>                         |
| • Health and Human Services: <b>Sen. Melissa Wiklund</b>             |  |
| • Higher Education: <b>Sen. Omar Fateh</b>                           |  |
| • Housing: <b>Sen. Lindsey Port</b>                                  |  |
| • Human Services: <b>Sen. John Hoffman</b>                           |  |

#### Sources:

1. <https://mn.gov/mmb/forecast/forecast/>
2. [Election Directory](#)

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\*\*Bolded names are Chairs named as of November 23, 2022

## Minnesota House of Representatives

### Structure

- 70 DFL, 64 GOP
- 43 New House Members
  - 19 New DFL, 24 New GOP

### Leadership

- DFL
  - Speaker of the House: Rep. Melissa Hortman
  - Majority Leader: Rep. Jamie Long
  - Majority Whip: Rep. Athena Hollins
- GOP
  - Minority Leader: Rep. Lisa Demuth
  - Deputy Minority Leader: Rep. Paul Torkelson
  - Minority Whip: Rep. Jim Nash
  - Assistant Leaders: Representatives Dave Baker, Elliott Engen, Spencer Igo, Bjorn Olson, Kristin Robbins, Isaac Schultz, Peggy Scott, Nolan West

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture: <b>Rep. Vang</b></li> <li>• Capital Investment: <b>Rep. Fue Lee</b></li> <li>• Climate and Energy: <b>Rep. Acomb</b></li> <li>• Commerce: <b>Rep. Stephenson</b></li> <li>• Children and Families: <b>Rep. Pinto</b></li> <li>• Economic Development: <b>Rep. Hassan</b></li> <li>• Education Finance: <b>Rep. Youakim</b></li> <li>• Education Policy: <b>Rep. Pryor</b></li> <li>• Elections: <b>Rep. Freiburg</b></li> <li>• Environment and Natural Resources: <b>Rep. Hansen</b></li> <li>• Ethics: <b>Rep. Moller</b></li> <li>• Health: <b>Rep. Liebling</b></li> <li>• Higher Education: <b>Rep. Pelowski</b></li> <li>• Housing: <b>Rep. Howard</b></li> <li>• Human Services Finance: <b>Rep. Noor</b></li> <li>• Human Services Policy: <b>Rep. Fischer</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judiciary Finance and Civil Law: <b>Rep. Becker-Finn</b></li> <li>• Labor and Industry: <b>Rep. Nelson</b></li> <li>• Legacy: <b>Rep. Lillie</b></li> <li>• Property Tax Division: <b>Rep. Lislegard</b></li> <li>• Public Safety: <b>Rep. Moller</b></li> <li>• State and Local Government: <b>Rep. Klevorn</b></li> <li>• Sustainable Infrastructure: <b>Rep. Koegel</b></li> <li>• Taxes: <b>Rep. Gomez</b></li> <li>• Transportation: <b>Rep. Hornstein</b></li> <li>• Veterans and Military Affairs: <b>Rep. Newton</b></li> <li>• Ways and Means: <b>Rep. Olson</b></li> <li>• Workforce Development: <b>Rep. Xiong</b></li> </ul> |
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