

2024 Legislative Session Update

Week of Feb. 26th

Overview

On Feb. 29th, Minnesota's Management and Budget (MMB) Commissioner Erin Campbell delivered the biannual forecast update. Minnesota's new economic forecast shows the state has a \$3.7 billion surplus. The surplus could lead to state lawmakers receiving an increase in money to spend during the current legislative session.

Even though the state budget remains stable, MMB Commissioner Campbell cautioned lawmakers that spending this legislative session could exceed revenues in the future. She further noted that imbalance is avoidable by limiting additional spending during this year's session. Should this session end with an imbalance, it would need to be addressed in the next biennial budget. When applying inflation, the state will have a deficit of nearly \$1.5 billion in the next biennium that begins on July 1, 2025.

Public Safety Committees

On Thursday, the House Public Safety Committee was joined by the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee. The topic of the joint hearing was gun violence and the impact on children. The first bill heard would clarify safe storage of firearms and criminal penalties established for failing to meet those standards. The second bill heard would require lost and stolen firearms to be reported promptly to law enforcement.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety did not convene this week.

Bills of Interest

Clarity for SROs

[SF3534](#) (Westlin) / [HF3489](#) (Frazier): The House SRO bill passed out of the Ways and Means committee and now is ready for the House floor this coming Monday. The Senate SRO bill sits in Finance Committee and we can prepare for it to be on the Senate floor in early March.

North STAR Act / Sanctuary State

[SF3516](#) (Fateh) / [HF3459](#) (Feist): There continues to be no movement on the Minnesota Sanctuary Status, the "North STAR Act" that was introduced in both bodies and referred to their first committee.

GIS Mapping

[SF 3900](#) (Seeberger) / [HF3805](#) (Norris): There was no movement on either version of the bill this week. This legislation that would allow digital geographic information system mapping data for certain school facilities appropriation. Both are referred to public safety committees and waiting a hearing. The legislation would appropriate \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the fund for 911 emergency telecommunications services for the commissioner of public safety to issue grants to the seven regional emergency communications boards. Grant funds must be used to create digital geographic information system mapping data of school facilities that is compatible with a national standard. Mapping must be completed before July 1, 2026, unless the commissioner of public safety grants an extension. The appropriation is one time.

Brady-Giglio Designation

[SF3463](#) (Hoffman) / [HF3890](#) (Wolgamott): Both versions of the bill have yet to be heard. Brady-Giglio designation provision for peace officers who have had sustained incidents of untruthfulness, criminal convictions, candor issues, or some other type of issue placing their credibility into question.

Disclosure of Personnel Data

[SF4411](#) (Latz) / [HF4424](#) (Frazier): This week the Senate and House introduced legislation that would require the disclosure of personnel data on peace officers, and other potential government witnesses, to a prosecuting authority required to comply with authority's constitutional disclosure obligations. Both versions have been referred to the judiciary committees.

Personnel Data Collection on Stops

[SF4245](#) (Oumou Verbeten) / [HF4156](#) (Feist): This week both chambers introduced a bill that would require law enforcement officers to collect and report certain data. The commissioner of public safety would then be required to publish report and hold meetings on the data collected. Any law enforcement agencies that fail to comply would be prohibited from receiving grants. The Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training would be required to analyze agency reports and develop statewide reports aimed at eliminating racial disparities in stops.

Authorization of Tracking Devices for Fleeing Vehicles

[SF4278](#) (Limmer) / [HF4222](#) (Novotny): This week the Senate and House introduced legislation to expand the use of tracking devices to allow law enforcement to utilize such devices to track fleeing motor vehicles. The Senate version has been referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee and the House version has been referred to the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee.

Brady-Giglio List Exclusion

[HF4306](#) (Novotny): The House introduced legislation that would exclude peace officers from discipline for inclusion on Brady-Giglio lists. It would further establish a task force to examine the lists and provide a report. The bill has been referred to the public safety committee.