

2024 Legislative Session Update

Week of March 18th

Overview

This week marked the last chance for policy legislation to work its way through committees of jurisdiction with the first and second deadlines of the 2024 Legislative Session being on Friday. The next deadline is April 19th for finance-specific legislation, same as the policy legislation process, bills with a financial component will need to make it through committees of jurisdiction in order to continue on in the legislative process after this date. However, both sets of deadlines do not apply for the capital investment, taxes, Senate finance, and House ways and means committees.

The legislature's Easter-Passover break will be from next Wednesday to the following Wednesday. During the break, as of now, there are no hearings scheduled. There isn't a consistent precedent with legislators utilizing the break to catch up on hearings and hold a meetings, or taking time off to rest before finishing out the latter half of this year's session.

Public Safety Committees

Both chamber's public safety and judiciary committees went into overdrive and met twice a day to get through their agenda items with long and in-depth discussions. The Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee started the week with an agenda focused on landlord - tenant legislation and ended the week with an agenda ranging from labor and employment legislation to data sharing with prosecutor modification for petition to sentence adjustment and the Minnesota Consumer Data Privacy Act.

The House Public Safety Committee started the week with a standard hearing for an agenda of legislation within their jurisdiction and ended the week with a lengthy evening hearing where they worked through an agenda with criminal defense proceeding changes, ignition interlock modifications, and funding for public safety telecommunicator training.

At this point in a legislative session is when omnibus bills become identified and begin to move through the committee process. The House Public Safety Committee heard its policy omnibus bill [HF 3614](#) (Moller) on March 22nd and Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee heard its policy omnibus bill [SF 4959](#) (Latz) also on March 22nd . Both have been laid on the table for continued committee work in coming weeks.

Bills of Interest

Prohibiting Admission

[SF 2495](#) (Oumou Verbeten) / [HF2319](#) (Hollins): This legislation would prohibit admission in judicial proceeding of certain custodial statements. The Senate bill was amended and passed out of committee and the next stop being the Senate floor. The House version was heard on March 20th and placed on the general register to be heard on the House floor.

Personnel Data Collection on Stops

[SF4245](#) (Oumou Verbeten) / [HF4156](#) (Feist): The bills 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.

The house has yet to hear Rep Feist's version of the bill. However, the Senate Judiciary Committee took up SF 4245 on March 22nd where an author's amendment was adopted and the Committee heard testimony in support of the bill from Center for Policing Equity and Policing Project. The bill is waiting on a fiscal note from staff and the bill is laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

House Public Safety Policy Omnibus

[SF 4959](#) (Latz) / [HF 3614](#) (Moller): Policy omnibus bills for each committee. The House Public Safety Committee heard its policy omnibus bill on March 22nd and Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee heard its policy omnibus bill also on March 22nd and has it laid on the table for continued work.

Modification to Stop Drivers for Vehicle Equipment Violations

[SF 2232](#) (Mohamed) / [HF1832](#) (Frazier): This legislation would make an officer's authority limited for to stop or detain drivers for motor vehicle equipment violations. Was heard in House Public Safety on March 20th. The bill received an amendment to clarify some provisions and received testimony from organizations in support for this legislation's initiatives. The bill was laid over as amended.