



Local Public Health Association  
of Minnesota

## 2016 Legislative Session Update May 13, 2016

The Supplemental Budget Conference Committee met regularly throughout the beginning half of this week to walk through the House and Senate provisions included in the supplemental budget omnibus bill ([HF2749](#)). The omnibus bill includes:

- E-12 Education
- Higher Education
- Health and Human Services
- Equity
- Economic Development, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Energy
- State Government
- Labor & Industry, Broadband, Telecommunications & Worker's Compensation
- Judiciary and Public Safety
- State Government Finance
- Public Safety and Corrections
- Senate Transportation language

Side-by-side comparisons of the House and Senate appropriations and bill language highlight far more differences than similarities; and in the absence of a global target agreement from leadership, the conference committee has been limited in its ability to move forward with discussions to find common middle ground for a supplemental budget. Legislative leadership has said an agreement must be made on transportation before any other budget targets—including bonding and a supplemental budget—can be set.

### Other highlights from this week:

- On Tuesday, the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means committees held a joint meeting to hear a presentation from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) on joint budget targets. The presentation included information on other states' target setting, budget process and conference committee structures.
- The Senate passed its tax bill ([HF3931](#)) on Wednesday by a vote of 37-30. This bill includes Senator Sieben's **paid family leave** proposal, which would create a 12-week paid insurance program for most Minnesota workers. The tax bill, authored by Senator Skoe, will now move to conference committee.
- [SF2555 \(Hoffman\)](#) on **temporary health care dwellings** was heard on the House floor and passed on a 113-17 vote on Wednesday. The bill was presented to the Governor and approved on May 12 ([Chapter 111](#)). [Read more in the Session Daily.](#)
- On Thursday, [HF3142 \(Zerwas\)](#), which proposes a package of policy changes sought by MDH, was successfully amended on the House floor to include **Zika preparedness and response**. The amendment directs the commissioner of health to undertake statewide planning, coordination, preparation and response activities related to Zika, to the extent funds are available. This bill also includes language to clarify regulations regarding the length of operation of **special event food stands** and **posting requirements for food and**

**beverage establishments.** The bill passed 122-0 and now goes to the Senate. [Read more in the Session Daily.](#)

- [SF1425 \(Rosen\)](#), a bill to allow pharmacies to collect and dispose of unused **legend drugs** (also known as the “**takeback bill**”), was heard on the House floor and passed on a 130-0 vote with an amendment from Representative Barrett related to **naloxone access**. The [amended language](#) allows pharmacists to enter into protocols with a medical consultant to dispense naloxone. The bill now goes back to the Senate.

### **Coming up next week:**

With 10 days remaining until the end of the legislative session, lawmakers continue to discuss negotiations for a transportation package, and we await announcement of a global spending target. The Supplemental Budget Conference Committee has announced it will meet Sunday evening to continue its discussions.

[View the schedule of upcoming hearings.](#)

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