

Policy Items:**1. Extend Governor's Peacetime Authority**

Authorize a peacetime declaration of emergency for a public health emergency.

2. School Hourly Worker Pay

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Davnie	Wiger	Kresha	Nelson	Ricker, Aara

Provide school hourly worker pay and include contract workers.

3. Leave Benefit Use and Job Protected Leave

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Sundin	Simonson	Swedzinski	Pratt	Leppink, Jon

An employee may use available personal leave benefits provided by the employer for absences due to the specific reasons related to COVID-19 whether or not the employee's employer allows use of leave for that purpose. An employee is entitled to use unpaid leave of up to 8 weeks for absences due to the specific reasons related to COVID-19 whether or not the employee's employer allows use of unpaid leave for that purpose.

4. Proposed Workers' Compensation Statutory Amendments Related to COVID-19

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Sundin	Champion	Albright	Pratt	Leppink, Jon

An employee employed as a licensed peace officer; firefighter; paramedic; correctional officer or security counselor employed by the state or a political subdivision at a corrections, detention, or secure treatment facility; emergency medical technician; or an employee employed in a health care, long-term care, or home health care setting; who contracts COVID-19 to which the employee was exposed in the course of employment, shall be conclusively presumed to have contracted an occupational disease due to the nature of employment.

5. Commerce Licensing Extension Language

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Halverson	Sparks	O'Driscoll	Dahms	Kelley, Jon

Allow the Department of Commerce to work with regulated entities and individuals to prevent economic harm and includes, but is not limited to, extending registration deadlines, licensing renewal deadlines, unclaimed property claims submission requirements, Petrofund applications, filing deadlines for businesses, etc.

6. **Suspend Work Study Statute**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Bernardy	Clausen	Nornes	Anderson, P	Olson, Aara

Align State and Federal Work Study guidelines. Suspend Work Study Statute and Minnesota Rules, to all allow payments of State Work Study funds to students during declared disasters or a Peacetime Declaration/State of Emergency.

7. **Suspension of SELF Rules**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Bernardy	Clausen	Layman	Anderson, P	Olson, Aara

Temporary suspension of SELF rules to provide flexibility to administer the loan program to meet the needs of students, borrowers and cosigners.

8. **State Grant**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Bernardy	Clausen	Franson	Anderson, P	Olson, Aara

This will cover State Grant, Teacher Candidate Grants, Grants for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Childcare Grants, MN Reconnect, Safety Officers Grant, and Indian Scholarships. Hold students harmless in the case of falling below a certain enrollment level.

9. **Department of Administration Commissioner Authority Regarding Construction**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Nelson	Carlson	Konick	Kiffmeyer	Roberts-Davis, Emmet

The Department of Administration Commissioner may make any purchases necessary for the repair, rehabilitation, and improvement of a state-owned structure or may authorize an agency to do so and may purchase, or may authorize an agency to purchase, goods, services, construction, or utility services directly for immediate use.

10. **Workforce and Equal Pay Certificates**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Nelson	Laine	Haley	Pratt	Roberts-Davis, Emmet

Remove two conditions for procurement related to COVID-19 in a declared emergency: Workforce and Equal Pay Certificates. This temporary provision would be effective only during a peacetime emergency and would only impact procurement decisions made in response to COVID-19.

11. Department of Corrections Fugitive Unit Authority - Pulled

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Mariani	Latz	Johnson, B	Limmer	Schnell, Emily

This change helps clarify that the Fugitive Apprehension Unit, which consists of licensed law enforcement officers, can perform general law enforcement duties when other law enforcement agencies need DOC's support, and when DOC has the resources available to do so; and also investigate crimes that happen inside their facilities.

12. Department of Corrections Medical Director Authority

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Mariani	Latz	O'Niell	Limmer	Schnell, Emily

The Department of Corrections is proposing to amend MS 241.75 which allows the medical director for the Department to make health care decisions for an inmate incarcerated in a state correctional facility who lacks decision making capacity.

13. Eviction and Foreclosure Moratorium – EO issued 3/23

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Hausman, Howard	Dziedzic	Theis	Limmer	Ho, Dominic

No actions related to eviction and foreclosure may be filed for the duration of a public health emergency if the residence is located in the jurisdiction where the public health emergency has been called. The debt owed is not waived, but the renter has 60 days following the end of the emergency to repay the overdue amount.

14. Fingerprints for Criminal History Checks

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Mariani	Latz	Lucero	Limmer	Harrington, Emily

Due to local fingerprint collection vendors shutting down, the change allows exceptions to the requirement in any Minnesota statute for fingerprint based state and federal background checks. This is required in order to allow incoming health care and other workers the ability to have a criminal history check and begin working. Under this change, a fingerprint-based background will be required according to the law once the emergency passes. Under this change, a fingerprint-based background will be required according to the law once the emergency passes.

15. **Drivers Licenses Expiration Forgiveness**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Hornstein	Dibble	Torkelson	Newman	Harrington, Suzanne

Authorize the Commissioner of Public Safety to temporarily alter the timelines outlined in Chapter 171 related to driver services.

16. **Tax Filing Deadline Change**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Marquart	Rest	Dauids	Chamberlin	Bauerly, Emily

17. **SNAP Eligibility** – moved from budget to policy as of March 21

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Liebling	Hayden	Schomacker	Abeler	Harpstead, Emmet

Include diapers and toilet paper as items eligible for purchase under SNAP.

18. **Limited Term Placement**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
	Latz	B. Johnson	Limmer	Schnell, Emily

This proposal is a population management tool for the DOC to allow placement of those who are newly committed to the Commissioner of Corrections but have under 90 days to serve inside the prison, to be placed in local confinement if the DOC has a contract with the county.

This will be helpful during an outbreak in the prisons to prevent the spread to individuals who could be kept in local facilities where no spread is found. There is no public safety impact as it simply gives the Department an option to contract with our local counties if they are willing to place an individual in county jails and detention centers. A county has no obligation to enter into the contract if it does not want to since this is not a mandate but permissive language. This proposal is HF3671.

Budget Items:1. **Commissioner of Human Services Temporary Authority – EO Issued 3/20**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Schultz	Marty	Kiel, Albright, Neu	Abeler	Harpstead/Hali

Long-term care consultation services, options counseling, and reimbursement modifications.

2. **Emergency Fund**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Carlson, L	Cohen	Garafalo	Rosen	Frans, Hue

The COVID-19 Minnesota Fund would be created in the state treasury for expenditures related to the COVID-19 outbreak peacetime emergency as declared by Emergency Executive Order 20-01. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of management and budget and may be disbursed, or transferred to agencies, as necessary to protect Minnesotans from the COVID-19 outbreak, and to maintain the operations of government during the peacetime emergency. For example, the fund could be used to pay for increased healthcare and staffing costs in prison facilities, staffing and overtime in direct care and treatment, resources for potential response activities by the Minnesota National Guard.

3. **Snap Eligibility** – moved to policy, now number 17 under the policy list. After further review by agency and MMB there is no fiscal cost.4. **Real ID**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Hornstein	Dibble	Torkelson	Newman	Harrington, Suzanne

Help streamline REAL ID applications, which will be delayed by COVID

5. **Worker Security Budget Package**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Mahoney, Halverson	Champion	Dauids	Pratt	Grove, Jon

a. **DEED State Loan Guarantee Program (DEED)**

Backing of the State General Fund for any loan losses. This would be another way to help businesses across the state secure private funding (i.e. lines of credit). Would be a backstop for those who don't qualify for Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

b. **DHS Emergency Assistance for Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Families**

Provide a one-time \$500 emergency assistance payment to approximately 27,700 MFIP Families. This would be a way to get cash into the hands of low-income Minnesotans

who don't qualify for Unemployment Insurance benefits. The payment would be delivered by whatever means they currently receive benefits. EBT cards, direct deposit or check.

6. Childcare Budget Package

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Pinto	Franzen	Demuth	Housely	Harpstead, Erin

In anticipation of forgone income and additional operations costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic, award grants to licensed family and center-based child care providers who:

- Have a license in good standing or qualify for emergency child care licenses created by the Department of Human Services
- Agree to care for the children of health care and other emergency workers and:
- Maintain service at their licensed capacity except for any periods of temporary discontinuation of service in response to public health guidance to protect the safety and health of children and providers
- Use health and safety practices that prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus

Propose grants of \$4,500 for providers serving children. Family child care center who are able to serve children for more than 10 hours to accommodate emergency workers could receive an additional \$1,000.

For child care centers who are able to accommodate more than ten children, they are eligible for an additional amount of \$2,500 each for ten more slots of emergency worker children, up to \$15,500. These awards can be made monthly so long as funds are available. Recommendation is three months' worth in first appropriation.

7. Food Security Budget Package

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Moran	Simonson	Baker	Benson	Harpstead, Emmet

The Food Security budget package addresses the need for continued funding for food systems across the state as the COVID-19 situation develops over the coming days and weeks. This proposal provides one-time funding support for the Minnesota Food Shelf Program. This one-time budget request is intended to shore up the emergency food system – food banks, food shelves, and local partners – as it braces for increased need from COVID-19. Food shelves and food banks need immediate assistance with transportation and staffing crunches to remain open. They are also planning for longer term challenges that COVID-19 presents.

8. **Homelessness and Housing Stability Budget Package**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
Liebling, Cantrell	Dzeidzic	Theis	Weber, Westrom, Abeler and Benson	Ho, Dominic

Individuals experiencing homelessness around the State of Minnesota and on Tribal lands are among the most vulnerable to the novel coronavirus, due to age, underlying health conditions, and lack of reliable health care. The 2018 Minnesota Homeless Study found that 48% of homeless adults have a chronic physical health condition. A recent article warns that “people currently homeless across the United States have double vulnerability to the coronavirus” due to the higher likelihood of exposure from close sleeping arrangements in shelters, lack of access to hand washing facilities, and inability to isolate themselves. Key public health guidance to mitigate COVID-19 spread is for people to practice social distancing and to stay home. This guidance is nearly impossible for people who are sleeping outside, staying on public transit, or staying in congregate shelter settings to follow. State funding will be needed to help local governments, tribal governments and nonprofit partners protect people experiencing homelessness from exposure to the coronavirus and to mitigate additional spread of the disease. The funding will be used to improve sanitation, hygiene and staffing in new and existing shelter spaces, provide safe spaces for quarantine and isolation, and to keep those under economic duress from experiencing homelessness during this emergency.

A. Additional Emergency Homeless Shelter (DHS)

Additional resources through the Emergency Services Program (ESP) to protect the potentially medically fragile population from COVID-19.

B. Hygiene/Sanitation Supplies for Homeless Shelters (DHS)

Resources to homeless and drop-in shelter providers for cleaning and sanitation supplies. These resources would be distributed through ESP.

C. Isolation at Motel Based Quarters (DHS)

Purchase of motel rooms to isolate homeless persons exposed to COVID-19 or who are experiencing respiratory illness.

D. Overtime/on-Call Homeless Shelter and Medical Staff (DHS)

Additional resources to homeless shelters to expand staff distributed through ESP to ensure the health and wellness of program recipients.

E. Temporary Increase Housing Support Rates by 15% (DHS)

Increase Housing Support rates by 15% for three months. Housing supports provides assistance to persons over 65 with low-income and individuals under 65 with disabilities.

- F. Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (Mn Housing)**
Provide cash assistance for housing payments, utilities and other housing related expenses for households who are at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.
- G. Special Emergency Grants (Veterans Affairs)**
Direct assistance to veterans and their families.

9. **COVID-19 Tribal Assistance**

House DFL	Senate DFL	House GOP	Senate GOP	Administration
				Bauerly, Emily

The public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are being felt across the nation and concerns are particularly acute for Minnesota's eleven Tribal Nations. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Native communities are disproportionately affected by health conditions specifically identified to increase risk of serious complication from COVID-19. Additionally, Tribal nations have been left out of the public health emergency preparedness (PHEP) program, leaving our sovereign neighbors more ill-prepared for the pandemic which has arrived. Finally, not all our eleven Tribal Nations have a tax base and do not have other revenues to draw on to respond to this crisis.

This recommendation allocates \$11 million. Each Tribal nation can access up to \$1 million for emergency response to mitigate the immediate impacts of COVID-19, activities include but not limited to: FEMA Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act reimbursable activities or securing other basic needs like food or shelter.