

Legislative Update for the Week of April 20, 2026 (Week 10)

“What would Tom Lehman do?”

Quote(s) the Week: “Oh! Senator Wiklund, you’re on the committee, I apologize.”

“I will also mention for members of the committee there are donuts here today because it’s been a long week.”

Bill of the Week [SF 5192](#): permitting townships to regulate lawful gambling.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, April 28 at 7pm: Gov. Walz will give his final state of the state address before a joint convening of the legislature. You will be able to watch the [state of the state here](#).
- The Legislature must adjourn by May 18.

Legislative Overview:

Three weeks until adjournment sine die.

As bills pass the House and Senate (in identical form!) and are sent to the Governor for his signature, you can find the bills that have been [signed into law by Gov. Walz](#) here.

Note: he has three calendar days (excluding Sundays) to sign or veto a bill until the last three days of session and then he has 14 days to sign or veto).

In different remarks to the press this past week, Governor Walz said that he expects joint budget targets to be released by the fishing opener (May 9). Joint budget targets are spending agreements between the House and the Senate that conference committees must keep spending to in final conference committee reports. In other words, this is what each budget area will have to spend in the final supplemental budget. Typically, each body has set budget targets before setting joint budget targets and each body has passed their own omnibus budget or supplemental budget.

Side note House Budget Resolution: Although on Sunday, this author was surprised to see the House Ways & Means Committee posted a budget resolution with a spreadsheet that looked an awful lot like budget targets; however, there is no additional spending for the health or human services budget areas and it is unclear where this resolution is coming from. Here is the [Spreadsheet](#) and [Resolution](#).

Senate Majority Leader Erin Murphy announced the intent of the Senate to finish the bulk of the senate’s work by this Friday, May 1. To me, this means they are planning to pass most of the

remaining omnibus bills off the senate floor this week. She was also asked how the House and Senate plan to reconcile the differences in processes the bodies have been taking relative to where the house has no companion bill to senate omnibus bills. This is important because typically, a conference committee is formed because companion bills are difference. As a reminder, the Senate has been building omnibus bills, and the House has been passing individual bills but also has a few smaller mini-omnibus bills.

Leader Murphy did say that she and the other caucus leaders (Speaker Demuth, DFL Leader Stephenson, and Senate Republican Leader Johnson) are meeting to discuss a bonding bill. Having all four caucus leaders together in this discussion is a good thing, especially on bonding as it requires a higher threshold to pass.

Senate Confirmations Returned: On Wednesday, Senate Committee Chairs moved to have confirmations of senate-confirmable board members and agency commissioners returned to committees where no action will be taken (Leader Johnson in his floor statement said it was something like 60 to 80). Specific to Senate Health and Human Services, Chair Wiklund said her motion was about the confirmations of: the commissioners of the Departments of Children, Youth, and Families and Health; the MNsure Board; and, the director of the office of emergency services. Chair Wiklund said there was a hearing on the Commissioner of Health in her committee and the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services is scheduled for a hearing on Tuesday, May 5.

What to Expect: We will see longer floor sessions with more bills and fewer committees meeting. The committees that we will see meet include Taxes and Capital Investment/Bonding, which are coincidentally usually the last two bills to pass. Taxes and bonding have to start the process in the House (in the state constitution!). So, if the House doesn't pass a tax bill or a bonding bill, the senate won't get the chance to vote on it.

There are also far fewer bill introductions. Bills may still be introduced until the last day of session but it is unlikely they will get a hearing.

HHS-related Highlights:

Monday

- The House and Senate met in Session.
 - The Senate passed the following bills:
 - SF 4561 (Putnam) Omnibus Agriculture policy bill. Passed 67-0.
 - SF 4555 (Xiong) Omnibus State and Local Government policy bill. Passed 35-32.
 - SF 4171 (Port) Vacating tenants submetered utility service final billing provision and payment of rent by tenants provisions modifications. Passed 67-0.

SF 1943 (Dibble) Pet shops prohibition from selling cats and dogs. Passed 41-26.

HF 3437 (Duckworth) Investment loans exception provision; Debt service coverage ratio loan definition. Passed 67-0.

HF 4241 (Johnson Stewart) Procedure to select the Hennepin County medical examiner modification. Passed 41-26.

- The House passed the following bills: (Note: HF 4466, the House Health Supplemental Finance Bill, was also scheduled for a hearing at this time, but it was taken off the calendar.
 - HF 3782 (Moller) requiring disclosure of chemical irritants used in certain buildings. Passed 129-5.
 - HF 4133 (Moller) prohibiting certain exclusions in homeowner's insurance policies when damage is done by a peace officer. Passed 131-3.
 - HF 3593 (Jacob) designating a portion of marked Trunk Highway 58 in Zumbrota as "Officer / Firefighter Gary L. Schroeder, Jr. Memorial Highway". Passed 134-0.
 - HF 3676 (Nash) providing protections, remedies, and modifying various provisions of the Safe at Home program. Passed 134-0.
 - SF 3832 (Nelson) modifying eligibility for the Dairy Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative. Passed 129-4.
 - HF 2358 (Van Binsbergen) providing enhanced criminal penalty for certain violations of coercion crime. Passed 134-0.
 - HF 3827 (Duran) clarifying certain grants from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to local law enforcement as reimbursements. Passed 131-1.
 - HF 3453 (Hanson, J.) Establishing the legal age to possess kratom as 21 years of age or older. Passed 127-5.
 - HF 3694 (Harder) modifying the supervision abatement status policy. Passed 134-0.
 - HF 3762 (Witte) authorizing chiefs of police and sheriffs to open certain expunged records to determine eligibility to purchase, receive, or carry a firearm. Passed 128-3.
 - HF 3826 (Witte) modifying and adding definitions for purposes of identity theft crime; providing the attorney general and county attorneys with additional subpoena authority; altering statutes of limitation for certain fraud-related offenses. Passed 134-0.
 - HF 3768 (Curran) clarifying responsibilities of Department of Corrections licensed juvenile and adult community-based residential correctional facilities. Passed 126-6.
 - HF 3769 (Curran) clarifying in law the multiple levels of substance abuse care provided by the commissioner of corrections; expanding access to

mental health unit beds for incarcerated persons; clarifying mandatory tuberculosis screening in correctional facilities. Passed 129-5.

- HF 3825 (Repinski) requiring judge to inquire whether victim has been notified of plea and sentencing hearings. Passed 134-0.
 - HF 4425 (Myers) increasing the statute of limitations for crimes involving medical assistance fraud or other theft of money belonging to the government. Passed 133-0.
 - HF 3621 (Klevorn) withholding payments to program participants under certain circumstances. Passed 134-0.
 - HF 3629 (Bahner) changing provisions for grants management. Passed 133-0
- The Senate Rules Committee met to process late bills (to move them to the appropriate committee). This included the following bills:
 - SF 1962 (Maye Quade) Infertility treatment and standard fertility preservation services coverage by health plans requirement, MinnesotaCare and medical assistance coverage of infertility treatment and standard fertility preservation services requirement, and appropriation
 - SF 3210 (Maye Quade) Discrimination based on disability status prohibition
 - The House Ways and Means Committee heard SF856 (Norris) establishing the Office of the Inspector General.

Tuesday

- The Senate met in Session.
 - SF 4282 (Kunesh) PreK-12 education programs forecast adjustments. Passed 34-32.
 - SF 4760 (Latz) Omnibus Public Safety bill. Passed 52-13
 - HF 4118 (Frentz) Credit unions authorization to obtain insurance from a credit union share insurance provider. Passed 52-15
 - SF 2691 (Boldon) Standards for rent and utility payments, fees, and charges provision in manufactured home parks. Passed 35-31
 - HF 3699 (Hauschild) Establishes agate license plates. Passed 48-18
 - SF 3888 (Jasinski) Tow trucks permission to use variable message signs. Passed 66-0.

Wednesday

- The Senate and House met in session.
 - The Senate heard and passed:
 - SF 3295 (Wiklund) Omnibus Health and Human Services policy bill. Passed 36-11.

- SF 4807 (Putnam) Omnibus Veterans policy and supplemental appropriations. Passed 58-8.
 - SF 2971 (Dibble) Kayla's HOPE Act establishment. Passed 63-4.
 - SF 4244 (Limmer) Miscellaneous technical corrections to laws and statutes. Passed 63-4.
 - The Senate Committee Chairs, including Chair Wiklund, moved that confirmations placed on the confirmation calendar by the health and human services committee be returned to the committee. The motion passed 34-33.
 - The House did not take up any bills.
- The Senate Human Services Committee heard SF 2689 (Johnson Stewart) Medicaid fraud provisions modification; attorney general certain subpoena and enforcement.

Thursday

- The House and Senate met in Session.
 - The Senate heard and passed:
 - HF 3593 (Drazkowski) Zumbrota; portion of marked Trunk Highway 58 designated as "Officer/Firefighter Gary L. Schroeder, Jr. Memorial Highway. Passed 66-0.
 - HF 3453 (Mann) Kratom; legal age to possess kratom established as 21 years of age or older. Passed 56-10.
 - SF 4223 (Westlin) Omnibus Elections policy bill. Passed 34-33.
 - SF 476 (Hoffman) Omnibus Human Services policy bill. 39-28
 - The House heard and passed:
 - HE 3404 (Klevorn) increasing criminal penalty for impersonating a police officer. Passed 134-0.
 - HF 3155 (Tabke) including gift card fraud in organized retail theft. Passed 134-0.
 - SF 3985 (Johnson, P) changing the reporting date on the disaster assistance contingency account. Passed 134-0.
 - HF 3875 (Liebling) Judiciary Policy Bill. Passed 133-0.
 - SF 3622 (Feist) making clarifying, technical, and conforming changes to the Minnesota Common Interest Ownership Act. Passed 134-0.
 - HF 1606 (Hanson, J.) prohibiting access to nudification technology. Passed 132-1.
 - HF 3766 (Perryman) providing for the licensing and registration of limited lines travel insurance producers and travel retailers; providing for the sale and regulation of travel insurance. Passed 134-0.
 - HF 4502 (Perryman) establishing a trusted contact program to mitigate financial exploitation and fraud. Passed 134-0.
 - HF 4188 (Koegel) Omnibus Commerce Policy bill. Passed 122-12.

- HF 4052 (Kresha) modifying and clarifying various provisions governing telephone company regulation, facilities and property, pricing plans, service classification, and reporting requirements. Passed 134-0.
- HF 3908 (Kraft) modifying ignition interlock program license revocation requirements; classifying driver's license indicators as private data. Passed 132-1.
- HF 4075 (Scott) establishing a uniform procedure for imposition, implementation, and oversight of firearm restrictions resulting from certain criminal convictions and judicial orders. Passed 111-21.
- HF 3970 (Moller) establishing a remedy to extinguish a joint interest in a contract for deed of a perpetrator of domestic abuse or sexual assault. Passed 120-13.
- The Senate Finance Committee heard and passed the Senate HHS Omnibus Supplemental Budget bill, SF 4612 (Wiklund).

Friday

- The Senate Finance Committee heard SF 4365 (Klein) the Omnibus Commerce Finance and Policy Bill.
- The Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee heard SF 2689 (Johnson Stewart) Medicaid fraud provisions modification; attorney general certain subpoena and enforcement authority.
- The House did not have any hearings on Friday.

Schedule for the Week of April 27 (as of 4/26/26):

Note: hearings can be watched virtually. Visit [MNHouseInfo](#) for House Hearings and [MNSenateMedia](#) for Senate Hearings.

Monday

10:15am House Ways & Means (Capitol 120)

- Adoption of House Budget Resolution. [Spreadsheet](#). [Resolution](#).

11:00am Senate Floor Session

- [SF 3432](#)--Latz: Safety and security measures appropriation
- [SF 3987](#)--Johnson Stewart: Vehicle title transfers deadline to file modification to 20 days, rental motor vehicle license plates eligibility requirements modifications, and technical corrections
- [SF 3210](#)--Maye Quade: Disability accommodations as protection inclusion from discrimination

- [SF 1714](#)--Johnson Stewart: Public contracts payment transparency requirement provision

1:00pm House Floor Session – there are 16 bills on the calendar, including:

- HF 1794 (Virnig) removing advanced practice registered nurse postgraduate collaborative practice requirements.
- HF 3295 (Gordon) an act relating to Open Meeting Law; authorizing meeting broadcasting through social media.
- HF 3832 (Zelevnikar) amending the definition of compounding of a drug to exempt the use of a flavoring agent.
- HF 3917 (Mahamoud) modifying medication repository program procedures.
- HF 4493 (Baker) authorizing pharmacists to initiate, prescribe, administer, and dispense certain drugs for the treatment of opioid use disorder; modifying grounds for disciplinary action for pharmacists and pharmacist interns.
- HF 4595 (Schomacker) modifying requirements for licensure by reciprocity for marriage and family therapists.
- [See the full calendar here.](#)

Tuesday

10:00am House Rules Committee (G3 Capitol)

- The Committee will meet to set the Calendar for the Day for Thursday, April 23r

11:00am Senate Floor Session

- [SF 4365](#)--Klein: Omnibus Commerce policy
- [SF 2814](#)--Weber: Disciplinary sanction matrix establishment
- [SF 2868](#)--Clark: Remove drug testing requirements for persons receiving certain public assistance benefits
- [HF 3762](#)--Seeberger: Chiefs of police and sheriffs authorization to open certain expunged records to determine eligibility to purchase, receive, or carry a firearm
- [HF 4133](#)--Westlin: Certain exclusions in homeowner's insurance policies prohibited when damage is done by a peace officer
- [HF 3676](#)--Clark: Safe at Home program protections, remedies, and provisions modification
- [HF 3782](#)--Westlin: Certain buildings usage of chemical irritants disclosure requirement
- [HF 3827](#)--Clark: Certain Bureau of Criminal Apprehension grants to local law enforcement as reimbursements clarification provision, recording of crimes law modifications, determination of how certain criminal records are ineligible for sealing process establishment, and orders of protection for access by law enforcement provided by the court requirement provision.

1:00pm House Health Committee (120 Capitol)

- Informational Hearing on the Status of Hennepin County Medical Center
 - Presentation on HCMC Finances
 - Presentation on the shutdown of UCare and outstanding debts
 - Discussion of Legislative Solutions
 - (No presentations are available)

Wednesday

11:00am Senate Floor Session

- [SF 4612](#)--Wiklund: Omnibus Health and Human Services supplemental appropriations
- [HF 3875](#)--Westlin: Minnesota Judicial Branch policy provisions
- [HF 4502](#)--Duckworth: Trusted contact program established to mitigate financial exploitation and fraud
- [HF 1606](#)--Maye Quade: Access prohibition to nudification technology
- [HF 4052](#)--Rasmusson: Telephone company regulation provisions modification
- [HF 3155](#)--Duckworth: Gift card fraud inclusion in organized retail theft
- [HF 4075](#)--Westlin: Uniform procedure establishment for imposition, implementation, and oversight of firearms restrictions resulting from certain criminal convictions and judicial orders
- [SF 2971](#)--Dibble: Kayla's HOPE Act establishment

1:00pm House Ways & Means (Capitol 120)

- HF4338 (Schomacker) Human Services Supplemental Finance Bill
- HF729 (Noor) Human Services Policy Bill
- HF 4466 (Bierman) Health Supplemental Finance Bill
- SF856 (Norris) Establishing the Office of the Inspector General
- HF2354 (Norris) Medical assistance fraud governing provisions added and modified

Thursday

8:30am Senate Finance Committee (1200 MSB)

- SF 4612 (Wiklund) Certain reporting requirement elimination (Health and Human Services Omnibus)

11:00am Senate Floor Session

- [HF 3489](#)--Maye Quade: Licensing boards reporting requirement provision and grooming criminal offense establishment (*pending House passage*)

- [HF 4224](#)--Kunesh: Water discharges notice requirements modifications (*pending House passage*)
- Bills may be added

Time TBA House Floor Session

- Calendar for the Day TBA

Friday

No Hearings Scheduled in the Senate or House

Bill Introductions



HOUSE

Gillman; Perryman; Schwartz; Bennett; Scott; Torkelson; Altendorf; Warwas; Jacob; Harder; Burkel; Mekeland; Anderson, P. H.; Davids and McDonald introduced:

[H. F. 5064](#), A bill for an act relating to health; prohibiting coercing a pregnant minor female into seeking or obtaining an abortion; screening and reporting suspected cases of human trafficking of minors; requiring certain information to be displayed; adding action for wrongful death resulting from abortion; requiring rulemaking; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy.

SENATE

Senators Nelson, Housley, Duckworth, Abeler, and Heintzeman introduced--

[S.F. No. 5179](#): A bill for an act relating to health; prohibiting coercing a pregnant minor female into seeking or obtaining an abortion; screening and reporting suspected cases of human trafficking of minors; requiring certain information to be displayed; adding action for wrongful death resulting from abortion; requiring rulemaking; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Mann introduced--

[S.F. No. 5187](#): A bill for an act relating to health insurance; prohibiting the use of step therapy protocols for the treatment of neurological conditions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Dibble, Rest, Wiklund, and Murphy introduced--

[S.F. No. 5199](#): A bill for an act relating to health; establishing the Hennepin Healthcare System Future Structure and Governance Advisory Task Force; establishing advisory task force duties; requiring a report; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Fun Fact: Minnesota's Constitution

In 1857, political discourse was very, well, heated. So much so that Minnesota Republicans and Democrats refused to meet together to draft a constitution; neither wanted their signature associated with the other. This resulted in two separate conventions that drafted two different, handwritten constitutions. The Republicans wrote theirs on white paper and the Democrats wrote theirs on blue-tinted paper.

Eventually, because the conventions wouldn't engage, a conference committee of 5 Democrats and Republicanss was appointed and had to merge the two different constitutions (without any changes from either convention) to form the final governing document that built the foundation of our state nearly 170 years ago.

