



2016 POPULAR OR INTERESTING BILLS

Please note: This list is essentially produced for internal use within the Senate Information Office as a way of quickly finding “popular” bills. Senate files prior to SF 2227 were introduced in 2015 and are not included in this list. Also, listing of duplicate bills does not necessarily include every duplicate bill.

Abortion	Employment	Labor
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Education	Iron Range Resources	

Subject	File Number	Author	Brief Summary
Abortion	SF 3487	Ruud	Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act.
Agriculture	SF 2958	Sparks	Establishing a good food access program to provide financial and technical assistance to increase access to affordable foods. (Ch. 189, Art. 2)
Agriculture	SF 3018	Sparks	Department of Agriculture policy and technical bill. (Ch. 184)
Agriculture	SF 3075	Eken	Funding the industrial hemp pilot program. (Ch. 189, Art. 2)
Agriculture	SF 3174	Dahle	Establishing the Minnesota ash borer suppression program.
Agriculture	SF 3374	Koenen	Creating an organic farm loan guarantee program.
Agriculture	SF 3570	Dziedzic	Requiring landscaping practices that protect pollinators in state-funded capital projects.
Boating	SF 2678	Franzen	Sophie’s law, requiring marine-grade carbon monoxide detection devices on certain motorboats. (Ch. 189, Art. 3)

Bonding	SF 3415	Stumpf	Governor's omnibus bonding bill.
Bonding	HF 622	Stumpf	Omnibus bonding bill
Broadband	SF 2447	Schmit	Border-to-Border Broadband. (See also SF 3429)
Commerce	SF 3007	Pappas	Authorizing fantasy sports games and exempting them from taxation. (See also SF 2294, SF 2448 and SF 3369)
Commerce	SF 3175	Tomassoni	Regulating bullion product dealers. (Ch. 134)
Commerce	SF 3233	Tomassoni	Resolution urging Congress to take action to halt the illegal dumping of steel into the U.S. market
Constitutional Amendment	SF 2500	Pederson	Amending the Minnesota Constitution to dedicate motor vehicle repair and maintenance taxes exclusively to fund roads.
Constitutional Amendment	SF 2519	Eken	Amending the Minnesota Constitution to dedicate funding for long-term care services.
Constitutional Amendment	SF 2653	Dahle	Adding a section to the Minnesota Constitution that provides that access to health care is a fundamental right.
Constitutional Amendment	SF 3117	Carlson	Amending the Minnesota Constitution to add requirements for campaign contribution and expenditure disclosure.
Corrections	SF 2768	Latz	Prohibiting the state and counties from using private prisons to house inmates.
Corrections	SF 3209	Sheran	Creating a process for releasing inmates who are deemed to no longer pose a threat to the public.
Criminal Justice	SF 3481	Latz	Reforming criminal drug sentencing laws. (Ch. 160)
Data Practices	SF 3134	Champion	Restricting certain peace officers from accessing video evidence of incidents in which an officer's firearm was discharged.
Data Practices	SF 3291	Latz	Regulating the use of body cameras worn by police officers. (See also HF 498, Ch. 171)
Death penalty	SF 2297	Brown	Authorizing the death penalty for the murder of a peace officer.
Drones	SF 2507	Schmit	Prohibiting the use of drones to take, harm or harass wild animals.
Drones	SF 2630	Abeler	Prohibiting drones from flying near public safety helicopters.
Drones	SF 3312	Rest	Regulating the operation of drones.
Education	SF 2323	Brown	Requiring expulsion for students that assault a teacher.
Education	SF 2411	Franzen	Eliminating the cap on and increasing the funding for early learning scholarships.
Education	SF 2513	Dahle	Addressing teacher shortages in the state. (See also SF 2433, SF 2908)

Education	SF 2486	Hoffman	Requiring schools to honor students' Do Not Resuscitate, Do Not Intubate, Allow Natural Death orders.
Education	SF 2510	Kent	Clarifying free speech rights for K-12 school publications.
Education	SF 2600	Rosen	Allowing health and safety revenue to be used for capital projects that strengthen the physical safety of students and staff.
Education	SF 2604	Kent	Student online data privacy protections. (See also SF 2705, SF 2844, SF 2845, SF 2846, SF 2994 and SF 3065)
Education	SF 2610	Torres Ray	Providing all students with access to effective and more diverse teachers.
Education	SF 2744	Wiger	Omnibus E-12 education bill.
Education	SF 2814	Clausen	Creating a working group that will make recommendations to the Legislature about state policy regarding dismissal of students.
Education	SF 2898	Pappas	The Student Inclusion and Engagement Act, providing disciplinary practices that are alternatives to expulsion.
Education	SF 2974	Hall	Requiring that students correctly answer 80 of 100 questions on a civics test in order to receive a high-school diploma. (Ch. 189, Art. 25)
Education	SF 2975	Hall	The Student Religious Liberties Act, prohibiting public school districts from discriminating on the basis of a student's religious viewpoint or expression.
Education	SF 3095	Sieben	Authorizing pre-kindergarten for four-year-olds.
Education	SF 3125	Pappas	Providing a grant to help low-performing and chronically absent students with a focus on low-income students and students of color.
Education	SF 3445	Sieben	Creating the MinneK program for half-day prekindergarten.
Elections	SF 2381	Sieben	Omnibus elections bill. (Ch. 161)
Elections	SF 2941	Bonoff	Changing the primary from August to June.
Elections	SF 2985	Rest	Establishing a presidential primary in Minnesota. (See also SF 3383) (Ch. 162)
Elections	SF 3145	Dibble	Enacting an agreement among states for national popular vote.
Employment	SF 2558	Sieben	Creating a paid family and medical leave program. (See also SF 3137 and SF 3258)
Employment	SF 3054	Eken	Requiring employers to provide up to 40 hours in any 12-month period for prenatal care.
Employment	SF 3612	Marty	Increasing the minimum wage to \$15 a hour.
Energy	SF 2989	Marty	Department of Commerce energy policy bill.

Environment	SF 2384	Cohen	Reinstating the MPCA Citizens' Board (See also SF 2230 and SF 2265)
Environment	SF 2527	Saxhaug	Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriations. (Ch. 172)
Environment	SF 2503	Skoe	Making changes to the 2015 buffer strips law. (Ch. 85)
Environment	SF 2793	Marty	Department of Natural Resources policy and technical bill.
Environment	SF 3191	Benson	Requiring legislative approval for any state plans to comply with the federal Clean Power Plan for Existing Power Plants.
Family Law	SF 3531	Pappas	Establishing the Surrogacy Task Force to study legal issues of gestational and traditional surrogacy.
Firearms	SF 2228	Cohen	Making changes to the eligibility to carry a handgun in public and other provisions.
Firearms	SF 2269	Cohen	Extending the waiting period to receive a permit to purchase a firearm and other provisions.
Firearms	SF 2416	Latz	Prohibiting cellphone cases resembling a firearm.
Firearms	SF 2493	Latz	Requiring criminal background checks for firearms transfers.
Game and Fish	SF 2758	Schmit	Omnibus game and fish bill.
Game and Fish	SF 2969	Eaton	Prohibiting the open season for taking wolves.
Game and Fish	SF 3059	Ingebrigtsen	Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from expanding muskie waters.
Game and Fish	SF 3225	Brown	Setting walleye fishing limits on Mille Lacs Lake for 2016.
Game and Fish	SF 3302	Ingebrigtsen	Modifying hunting regulations to allow blaze pink clothing.
Game and Fish	SF 3387	Ingebrigtsen	Prohibiting the adoption of rules limiting the use of lead shot.
Game and Fish	SF 3434	Ingebrigtsen	Allowing hunters with disabilities to hunt with laser sights.
Government Operations	SF 2429	Kiffmeyer	Exempting the state and its political subdivisions from daylight saving time.
Government Operations	SF 2816	Hayden	Providing for analyses of how proposed legislation would significantly increase or decrease disparities.
Government Operations	SF 3404	Torres Ray	Requiring joint House-Senate budget targets, prohibiting former legislators and other former public officials for lobbying for one year after their service, and other provisions.
Government Operations	SF 3595	Housley	Designating purple as the official state color.
Health	SF 2330	Marty	Increasing the number of flame-retardant chemicals that are prohibited in Minnesota.
Health	SF 3465	Lourey	Creating a grant program for screening and treatment of maternal depression.

Health Care	SF 2943	Franzen	Requiring a study of disparities faced by women of color, American Indian women and low-income women in accessing prenatal care.
Higher Education	SF 3028	Bonoff	Omnibus higher education bill.
Higher Education	SF 3088	Dziedzic	Requiring post-secondary institutions adopt affirmative consent standards in their sexual assault policies.
Higher Education	SF 3092	Clausen	Allowing an income tax credit for student loan payments up to \$5,000.
Human Services	SF 2422	Hayden	Creating a health care program for low-income uninsured adults and children who are ineligible for Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare.
Human Services	SF 2676	Abeler	Restructuring the Minnesota Department of Human Services.
Ignition Interlock	SF 2997	Senjem	Excluding certain DWI offenders from the ignition interlock program while permitting them to receive limited drivers licenses.
Ignition Interlock	SF 3327	Dibble	Requiring an ignition interlock in order for repeat impaired driving offenders to have their drivers licenses reinstated.
Iron Range Resources	SF 3852	Bakk	Transferring approval authority from the IRRRB to the commissioner.
Labor	SF 2832	Benson	Requiring all negotiations between a public employer and a labor union to be open to the public.
Medical Cannabis	SF 2767	Dibble	Modifying the medical conditions that qualify for the medical cannabis registry program, and other provisions. (Ch. 179, Secs. 27, 30, 31)
Public Safety	SF 2713	Goodwin	Making it a crime to intentionally disseminate sexual images of a person without their consent. (Ch. 126)
Public Safety	SF 2729	Latz	Enhancing the penalty for a crime motivated by bias.
Public Safety	SF 3133	Champion	Providing grants to train peace officers in Minneapolis and St. Paul in de-escalation techniques and the use of nonlethal force.
Public Safety	SF 3213	Ingebrigtsen	Laura's Law, making it a felony to interfere with a body or scene of death. (HF 3469, Ch. 175)
Public Safety	SF 3518	Dibble	Requiring that a state special prosecutor handle all incidents in which a peace officer uses deadly force.
Public Safety	SF 3579	Dibble	Requiring local units of government to establish law enforcement oversight councils.
Rail Road Safety	SF 3352	Jensen	Addressing emergency preparedness and response related to transportation by rail carriers of hazardous materials.

Real ID	SF 1646	Dibble	Planning for eventual implementation of Real ID. (Ch. 83)
Real ID	SF 2435	Dibble	Providing for Minnesota to comply with the federal REAL ID Act.
Refugees	SF 2843	Anderson	Directing the Legislative Auditor to audit spending related to refugee resettlement costs.
Stadiums (MLS Soccer)	SF 2960	Pappas	Major League Soccer stadium in St. Paul. (See also SF 3241)
Stadiums (MLS Soccer)	SF 3063	Pappas	Allowing the city of St. Paul to issue an on-sale liquor license for the Major League Soccer stadium.
Taxes	SF 2891	Koenen	Reducing the unemployment insurance tax paid by employers. (Ch. 81)
Taxes	SF 3441	Thompson	Eliminating income and business taxes; Replacing the sales tax with a fair tax.
Taxes	SF 3567	Eken	Subtracting Social Security income from taxation, changing tax policy for investment income.
Transportation	SF 3014	Stumpf	Regulating autocycles
Unemployment insurance	SF 2275	Tomassoni	Extending unemployment benefits to laid-off iron ore mine workers. See SF 1006 (Ch. 82).

Governor's supplemental budget proposals

SF 3482	Wiger	Education
SF 3332	Lourey	Health and Human Services
SF 3485	Tomassoni	Jobs and Economic Development
SF 3490	Tomassoni	Natural Resources
SF 3448	Saxhaug	State Departments and Veterans
SF 3255	Skoe	Taxes
SF 3524	Dibble	Transportation

Senate supplemental budget bill

HF 2749	Cohen
Article 1 – Higher Education	
Article 2 – Agriculture	
Article 3 – Environment and Natural Resources	
Article 4 – Public Safety and Corrections	
Article 5 – Broadband Development	
Article 6 – Energy	
Article 7 – Economic Development	
Article 8 – Labor and Industry Housekeeping	
Article 9 – Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council Housekeeping	
Article 10 – Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council Technical	
Article 11 – Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council Policy	

Article 12 – Equity
Article 13 – State Departments and Veterans
Article 14 – Miscellaneous
Article 15 – Children and Families
Article 16 – Chemical and Mental Health
Article 17 – Direct Care and Treatment
Article 18 – Continuing Care
Article 19 – Health Care
Article 20 – Health Department
Article 21 – Health-related licensing
Article 22 – Human Services Forecast Adjustments
Article 23 – Health Appropriations
Article 24 – Teachers
Article 25 – Education Excellence
Article 26 – Charter School Recodification
Article 27 – General Education
Article 28 – Charter Schools
Article 29 – Special Education
Article 30 – Facilities and Technology
Article 31 – Early Childhood Education
Article 32 – Self-Sufficiency and Lifelong Learning
Article 33 – State Agencies
Article 34 – Forecast Adjustments