



## Legislative Update: May 10, 2016 (Activity through Friday, May 6)

This update, along with the Bill Tracker, will be posted each **Tuesday** (reflecting activity through the previous Friday) on the [Child Care Aware of Minnesota website](#).

The main news from the past week was the appointment of a **conference committee** to tackle the task of creating an agreement around the supplemental spending bills. Instead of breaking this work down into budget areas, the committee will be tasked with agreeing to an overall spending bill (which will include both E-12 and Health and Human Services components around early care and education).

This committee will begin its work on **Monday, May 9**. Next week's update will include a side-by-side comparison of the overall House and Senate bills and any action taken through May 13.

House Conference Committee Members	Senate Conference Committee Members
Representative Matt Dean	Senator Dick Cohen
Representative Pat Garafalo	Senator Michelle Fischbach
Representative Jim Knobloch	Senator Tony Lourey
Representative Jennifer Loon	Senator Tom Saxhaug
Representative Denny McNamara	Senator Chuck Wiger

### **BONDING BILLS**

- The **Senate** heard its \$1.5 billion bonding bill on Thursday, May 5. The bill included **\$5 million for Early Learning Facilities**, and a handful of library and community program requests that included early childhood as part of the focus. However, passage of the bill fell short by one vote (bonding bills require a 3/5 "supermajority" vote threshold).
- The **House** has not yet released its bonding bill, but reports are that it may come in **higher** than the originally projected **\$600 million** target.
- The **Governor** has called for a total of **\$20 million** in Early Childhood Facility funding (\$15 million from bonding; \$5 million from general operating/cash).

### **OTHER BILLS**

**The following bills have had a second reading and continue to await floor action:**

- Human services data provisions modifications (**SF 1434**).
- Maternal depression screening and treatment grant program established, and pilot projects to provide treatment for pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorders established (**SF 3419**): *Also included in the House Omnibus HHS bill.*
- Child care legislative task force created, and report to the governor required (**SF 3208**): *The House companion to this bill was included in the House Omnibus HHS bill.*