LEGISLATIVE UPDATE May 10, 2022

Welcome to the Child Care Aware Legislative update. The updates from the full session, along with our Bill Trackers, can be found on the Child Care Aware of Minnesota Website.

Each week we will provide a brief overview of bills that have been introduced, action that has been taken at the committee level or on the floor, and any other pertinent news related to early care and education and school-age care issues. If you have additions to recommend to the bill tracker, please contact Ann McCully.

OVERVIEW

Most omnibus bills have now cleared the House and Senate Floors. In addition to the health and human services and tax bills, the House also passed a combination workforce, business development, climate, and energy omnibus bill. The Senate passed the omnibus E-12 Education and Higher Education bills.

These bills now move to conference committees made up of five Representatives and five Senators to sort through differences and agree on final versions of each bill. This work must be completed in time for final votes on the House and Senate floors prior to the May 23 constitutional deadline for adjournment.

HOUSE AND SENATE FLOOR ACTIVITY

- The House Omnibus Health and Human Services Bill (HF 4706-Liebling/SF 4410-Abeler) was heard on the floor on May 3. The bill passed on a vote of 69-64.

- The House Omnibus Climate, Jobs, Economic Bill (HF 4355-Noor/SF 4091-Pratt) was heard on the floor on May 4. The bill passed on a vote of 69-62.

- The House Omnibus Tax Bill (HF 3669-Marquart/SF 3692-Nelson) was heard on the floor on May 4. The bill passed on a vote of 69-62.

- The Senate Omnibus Higher Education Bill (HF 3872-Bernardy/SF 3510-Tomassoni) was heard on the floor on May 3. The bill passed on a vote of 39-28.

- Senate Omnibus Education Bill (HF 4300-Davnie/SF 4113-Chamberlain) was heard on the floor on May 3. The bill passed on a vote of 37-29.
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following members will be serving on the conference committees for each of the Omnibus Bills that contain early education/school-age care provisions:

- Omnibus E-12 Education Bill (HF 4300)
  - House conferees: Representatives Davnie, Sandstede, Richardson, Hassan, Erickson
  - Senate conferees: Senators Chamberlain, Coleman, Duckworth, Eichorn, and Wiger

- Omnibus Health and Human Services Bill (SF 4410)
  - House conferees: Representatives Liebling, Schultz, Gomez, Pinto, Albright
  - Senate conferees: Senators Abeler, Utke, Koran, Benson, Hoffman

- Omnibus Jobs/Workforce Development Bill (HF 4355)
  - House conferees: Representatives Noor, Ecklund, Long, Stephenson, Swedzinski
  - Senate conferees: Senators Pratt, Rarick, Dahms, Senjem, Frentz

- Omnibus Higher Education Bill (HF 3872)
  - House conferees: Representatives Bernardy, Christensen, Klevorn, Keeler, O'Neill
  - Senate conferees: Yet to be named

- Omnibus Agriculture Bill (HF 4366)
  - House conferees: Representatives Sundin, Hausman, Howard, Vang, Theis
  - Senate conferees: Senators Westrom, Draheim, Dornink, Pratt, Dziedzic

- Omnibus Tax Bill (HF 3669)
  - Conferees yet to be named

BILL INTRODUCTIONS

This list includes topics, numbers, authors, and general committee referrals for bills filed during the week of May 2-6. For more information about each bill, or to see all of the bills introduced, please download our weekly Bill Tracker.

- No new bills related to early care and education or school-age care were introduced this week.

TIMELINES

- Monday, May 23 - Last day of session