



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE May 17, 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

Last week was devoted to conference committee activity for “walk-throughs” of the House and Senate policy language and budget appropriations to familiarize committee members with each other’s bills. The initial goal of the conference committee process is to identify language that is the same or similar to find common ground.

Because the amount of funding each body was given for their bills differs widely, committees must wait for new joint “targets” from leadership to decide on an amount they can spend, which will drive negotiations on final budget agreements. Hopefully, these targets will be shared this week, and committees can work to complete their negotiations.

### HOUSE AND SENATE FLOOR ACTIVITY

On May 11, The Senate passed their Omnibus Tax bill (HF 3669-Nelson) on a vote of 42-22. The bill now moves to a conference committee with the House to work out a final bill for approval by both bodies. The bill includes credit for parental leave expenses, enhancements to child and dependent care credits, and K-12 credits and subtractions.

### BILL INTRODUCTIONS

This list includes topics, numbers, authors, and general committee referrals for bills filed during the week of May 9-13. 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