



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE | May 9, 2023

Welcome to the latest Child Care Aware Legislative update. This narrative update, along with our Bill Tracker, will be posted each Tuesday (reflecting activity through the previous Friday) on the [Child Care Aware of Minnesota Website](#).

Each week we will provide updates about action at the committee level or on the floor, a brief overview of bills introduced, 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, legislators focused on continued conference committee meetings to complete as much work as possible by the end of this week. Once these omnibus bills are agreed upon, they will be brought to the House and Senate floors for final votes.

The conference committees are listed again below. This week, we have added the omnibus tax bill now that it has received a vote in the Senate and appointed a conference committee.

OMNIBUS BILL STATUS/ACTION

Below is a list of bills, the appointed conferees, and the items under discussion. For more information, [track bill progress and conference committee activity](#). If you want to see comparisons of what is in the House and Senate versions of each bill, you can utilize the [Side by Side Comparisons page](#) on the Minnesota State Legislature website.

Omnibus Health and Human Services Bill (SF 2995)

- **House Conferees:** Liebling; Bierman; Pinto; Keeler; Schomacker
- **Senate Conferees:** Wiklund; Morrison; Boldon; Kupec; Abeler
- **Items included in this bill:** Child care assistance, child care workforce support, child care licensing, child care, and early infrastructure and technology.

Omnibus Education Finance Bill (HF 2497)

- **House Conferees:** Youakim; Hill; Pryor; Clardy; Kresha
- **Senate Conferees:** Kunesh; Cwodzinski; Gustafson; Maye Quade; Duckworth
- **Items included in this bill:** Voluntary Pre-K, “Grow your own” educators.

Omnibus Early Learning Bill (HF 2292)

- **House Conferees:** Pinto; Pérez-Vega; Daniels

- **Senate Conferees:** Kunesch; Wiklund; Duckworth
- **Items included in this bill:** Early Learning Scholarships, Head Start, ECFE, “Grow Your Own” for early educators, school readiness, kindergarten assessment, and home visiting.

Omnibus Jobs, Economic Development, Labor, and Industry Bill

- **House Conferees:** Hassan; Xiong; Nelson, M.; Berg; Olson, L.
- **Senate Conferees:** Champion; McEwen; Mohamed; Hauschild; Gustafson
- **Items included in this bill:** DEED grants to local communities to increase the number of quality child care providers, funding to Minnesota Initiative Foundations focused on increasing child care, and creation of the Office of Child Care within DEED.

Omnibus Higher Education Finance and Policy Bill

- **House Conferees:** Pelowski; Wolgamott; O'Neill
- **Senate Conferees:** Fateh; Oumou Verbeten; Putnam
- **Items included in this bill:** Dual Competency Training grants (including child care), Workforce Development scholarship funding, planning for credit for CDAs, and student parent support.

Omnibus Tax Bill (HF 1938)

- **House Conferees:** Gomez; Lislegard; Lee, K.; Agbaje; Davids
- **Senate Conferees:** Rest; Klein; Dibble; Weber; Hauschild
- **Items included in this bill:** Increases in the child tax credit, changes to the working family tax credit and the child care/dependent care tax credit, and young children tax credit.

BILL INTRODUCTIONS

No new early childhood-related bills were introduced during the week of May 1-5. For more information about bills introduced to date or to see all of the bills introduced, please download our weekly [Bill Tracker](#).

DEADLINES

- **May 22** - Last day of session