



The House and Senate returned for the 8<sup>th</sup> week of session following their Spring Break for various religious holidays. This week both chambers held committee hearings on various supplemental budget bills being recommended by the Governor. It will be up to each committee to determine which parts, if any, of these recommendations will make it into the final possible spending bill this session. Both parties in each chamber have laid out more priorities for the final weeks of session including regulating prediction markets, tax relief, and tackling fraud in the state.

## **Floor Proceedings**

The House and Senate met on Tuesday and Thursday this week. On Tuesday the House did not have any bills on the calendar but three bills were debated – one via suspension of the House rules and two to be taken from the table. The first bill, requested via suspension of the House rules, would require athletic team designations based on biological sex at birth. The motion failed on a party line vote. The second bill, requested to be taken from the table, restricts female sports team participation to the female sex. The motion failed on a party line vote. The third bill, also requested to be taken from the table, would create an exemption for women’s athletics in the Human Rights Act. The motion failed on a party line vote. Due to the lengthy debate on these bills, two House committees scheduled for that afternoon were cancelled.

On Thursday, the House had five bills on the Calendar for the Day. The first bill, enacting the Uniform Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act, passed unanimously. The second bill, modifying dentistry profession licensure, also passed unanimously. The third bill, modifying provisions relating to the Board of Barber Examiners, passed unanimously. The fourth bill, modifying provisions relating to the practice of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology, passed unanimously. The final bill on the calendar, modifying the professions that may serve as a medical consultant for a community health board, also passed unanimously. Following the scheduled bills, a request was made for the House rules to be suspended so two bills could be taken up for final passage. The first bill,

appropriating money for a onetime property tax refund or credit, failed on a party line vote. The second bill, modifying the motor vehicle registration tax, also failed on a party line vote.

On Tuesday the Senate took up one bill, prohibiting delivery restrictions on 340B prescription drugs. The bill passed 42-24. On Thursday the Senate took up three bills on the floor. The first, renaming the community solar garden program for Melissa Hortman passed 59-7. The second bill, removing the expiration of crossbow hunting and fishing allowance passed unanimously. The final bill, prohibiting virtual currency kiosks, passed 57-10.

The Legislature has used 55 of their 120 allotted legislative days. As a reminder, the legislative day count only goes up when one of the two bodies gives any bill a third reading, adopts a rule of procedure or organization, elects a university regent, confirms a gubernatorial appointment, or votes to override a gubernatorial veto.

Legislators have introduced 4933 House Files and 5076 Senate Files.

## Hearing Updates

House Proceedings:

This week the House Children and Families committee met on Wednesday. The committee held a presentation on the Governor's proposed supplemental budget recommendations, with most of the conversation focusing on fraud, ongoing pressures on county IT systems, and modernization of those system's processes and programs. The committee also heard the DHS Office of Inspector General's policy bill. The bill was heard on an informational basis only. The bill proposes two changes to the background studies requirements in DCYF. The first migrates background studies to a newer processing system, this doesn't require new or duplicate background studies, but migrates legacy studies to the new system the state uses. The second portion of the bill updates current state law to conform with federal law in child foster care background studies. This portion of the bill also clarifies part of the 2025 law to align with federal requirements that certain childcare background study subjects cannot work under supervision while their background study is being conducted.

Senate Proceedings:

On Thursday, the Health and Human Services committee heard the same presentation on the Governor's supplemental budget recommendations on an informational basis only.

## Next Week (As officially scheduled by 12:00 PM on 4/10/26)

- Tuesday 4/14
  - House – [Children and Families Finance and Policy](#)

## General Interest

You can view the Governor's supplemental budget recommendations [here](#).

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