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2. Government Health Program: Appropriates federal funding to carry out the state's Rural Health Transformation Program. ✗

Estimated Cost per household: **-\$1,100.00/year.**

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **Yes** · HB1044 · Passed 32–2 · 01/28/2026

3. Parental Rights: Would have codified certain parental rights in state law, including the right of parents to direct the upbringing, education, and healthcare of their minor children. ✓

Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · SB190 · Passed 19–15 · 02/17/2026

4. Government Loans: Authorizes loans from the South Dakota Housing Infrastructure Fund for airport infrastructure projects. ✓

Estimated Cost per household: **-\$547.00/year.**

Constitutional: **No** · Cast: **No** · SB76 · Passed 22–11 · 02/23/2026

5. Abortion-drug Ban: Prohibits the dispensing, distribution, sale, or advertisement of drugs, substances, or other items intended to cause an unlawful abortion. ✓

Constitutional: **Yes** · Cast: **Yes** · HB1274 · Passed 31–2 · 03/09/2026

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