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MN Legislative Scorecard 2024

✓ Pro-Freedom ✗ Anti-Freedom – Did not Vote **Vote**

1. Appropriates approximately \$783 million for "jobs and economic development," including grants to "LGBTQ+-owned small businesses," "African Immigrants Community Services," and the "Black Women's Wealth Alliance."



Estimated cost per household: **-\$343.00/year.**

Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · SF5289 · 05/18/2024

2. Mandates that all health plans provide coverage for "gender-affirming care," with certain exceptions.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · SF4097 · 05/15/2024

3. Extends "four-day school week" approvals; implements "language access plans" for non-English-speaking students; and specifies criteria for the "federal child and adult care food program and federal summer food service program."



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · SF3567 · 05/13/2024

4. Requires small and large businesses to pay their employees the same minimum wage and stipulates an annual increase by the lesser of 5 percent or the inflation-rate percentage.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · SF3852 · 05/13/2024

5. Clarifies that the "trigger activator" ban covers semiautomatic firearms with a "binary firing system" and expands the crime of a "straw purchase" to involve the transfer of "all firearms" to an "ineligible person."



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · HF2609 · 05/09/2024

6. Would propose an "equal rights" amendment to the Minnesota Constitution.



Pro-Freedom: **No** · Cast: **No** · SF37 · 05/17/2023

Scorecard Votes: 100%

Why do these votes matter?

1. "Jobs and Economic Development" Omnibus

SF5289 appropriates approximately \$783 million for "jobs and economic development."

Providing "jobs and economic development" is not the legitimate object of government. This phrase is simply a cliché used to coerce taxpayers into subsidizing various types of crony, corporate-sponsored projects. Likewise, Minnesota has no business granting public funds in support of the LGBTQ+ movement, mass migration, or race-based groups. The Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment were intended to promote the "general Welfare" of all Americans.

2. "Gender-Affirming" Health Plan Mandate

SF4097 mandates that all health plans provide coverage for "gender-affirming care," with certain exceptions.

No person has the right to receive or perform "gender-affirming" sex mutilation, let alone force someone else to pay for it. This grotesque practice not only violates the "unalienable" right to life and limb, but absurdly attempts to erase biological sex with fictional "gender identity" constructs. According to the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment, every State has a duty to defend the basic humanity of its citizens, each of whom is born distinctly male or female, and, as the Declaration of Independence affirms, created equally in the image of God.

3. Government-Run Education

SF3567 extends "four-day school week" approvals; implements "language access plans" for non-English-speaking students; and clarifies criteria for the "federal child and adult care food program and federal summer food service program."

Education is not the role of government—it is the responsibility of a child's parents or family. This bill only enlarges the government's monopoly over K-12 education, which seeks to end traditional private schools and homeschooling in favor of universal state-sponsored schooling, effectively turning every student into a government-school student. The best "school choice," by far, is for parents to choose not to place their child's education in the hands of the state. Educational and economic freedom cannot be achieved by forcing other citizens to furnish their hard-earned tax dollars to fund all that now entails a compulsory, failing, and government-run K-12 school system.

4. State Minimum Wage

SF3852 requires small and large businesses to pay their employees the same minimum wage and stipulates an annual increase by the lesser of 5 percent or the inflation-rate percentage.

Minimum-wage laws are anti-constitutional, discriminatory acts of government theft. They forcibly deny the property rights of both employers and employees by violating their freedom of association, preventing individuals from entering into contracts voluntarily according to their own terms. As dishonest and manipulative tactics to control labor in the economy, minimum-wage laws create an unequal balance of wealth confiscation and redistribution, hindering the best workers from getting the best jobs at the best prices.

5. Expanding Restrictions on Firearms

HF2609 clarifies that the "trigger activator" ban covers semiautomatic firearms with a "binary firing system" and expands the crime of a "straw purchase" to involve the transfer of "all firearms" to an "ineligible person."

The Second Amendment-protected rights of law-abiding citizens are not subject to a government-approved list of what firearms a person may own or who may own them. This bill restricts the right to "keep and bear Arms" to exclude certain types of firearms (e.g., automatic firearms) while effectively forcing universal background checks for all firearms purchases or transfers. Moreover, persons convicted of less serious, non-capital crimes, who have made just restitution for their past wrongs, ought to have their constitutionally protected rights restored. The Second Amendment expressly declares that the right "to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed," whereas the Fifth and the 14th Amendments prevent "any State" from depriving or denying "any person" of their "liberty, or property, without due process of law."

6. Minnesota Equal Rights Amendment

SF37 would propose an "equal rights" amendment to the Minnesota Constitution.

This amendment would empower state lawmakers to enforce radical feminist, LGBTQ+, and other DEI-inspired legislation on a potentially unlimited number of issues involving "discrimination," ranging anywhere from "matter's relating to one's own pregnancy" (i.e., abortion) to "gender identity" (i.e., sexual immorality). It amounts to an all-out declaration of war against traditional manhood and womanhood, which aims to destroy individual self-government and the family—the very foundations of a free society. "Gender equality" is based on the false premise of egalitarianism. The U.S. Constitution already guarantees "equal protection" for every person, consistent with the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God," and there is no need to alter the Minnesota Constitution in a vain effort to impose "equal outcomes."