

State Government Finance Policy Tracking Summary
 HF 691 Delete-everything amendment (A17-0299)

Topic	Source	Summary	Location in A17-0299
Article 1: State Government Appropriations			
Appropriations and Riders	N/A	<p>Funding amounts for each agency are specified in the fiscal spreadsheet. New riders with policy impact not noted elsewhere:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Coordinating Commission. Boards and commissions staffing requirements (2.17-2.29) • Legislative Auditor. Review of small business investment tax credit (3.13-3.20) • Revisor of Statutes. Termination of Park Street office lease (3.24-3.32) • Governor’s Office. Cap on transfers for office costs (4.12-4.21); Restriction on governor’s office personnel expansion and federal relations activities (5.3-5.10) • MN.IT. Appropriations must prioritize cybersecurity (7.31-8.2) • Administration. Restrictions on continuous improvement initiatives (9.1-9.4); reduction to Office of Equity in Procurement (9.13-9.17) • Minnesota Management and Budget. Restriction on statewide recruiting (12.20-12.23); restriction on certain program evaluation methodologies (13.6-13.10) • Revenue. Preservation of tax compliance activities at FY 2017 levels (13.20-13.24) • Arts Board. Reduced allowance for out-of-state travel from 10% to 5% of total grant (17.5-17.11) • Military Affairs. Enlistment incentives appropriation cancels to general fund if federal funding becomes available (20.29-21.3) • Veterans Affairs. Legislative reporting on reserve account and veterans homes use (23.10-23.22) 	Article 1

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First-time home buyer savings accounts	HF 1234, appropriation only (Davids)	Funds a program at the Department of Revenue to establish first-time home buyer savings accounts, if such a program is enacted by law.	Rider: 14.23-14.30
Preservation of public services	N/A	Requires agencies to prioritize reductions to central administration and operations. Programs and services directly serving the public must not be reduced unless expressly authorized.	Art. 1, § 39
Amateur Sports Commission grants	N/A	Cancels unspent funds allocated for grants issued under sections 240A.085 to 240A.11.	Art. 1, § 40
Base budget report	N/A	Requires a legislative report on base budgets from Minnesota Management and Budget, Department of Revenue, and Veterans Affairs. Due October 15, 2017.	Art 1, § 43
Article 2: State Government Operations			
Redistricting	HF 314, 1 st Eng., with modifications (Anderson, S.)	Establishes statutory principles for use in redistricting. **Removed: Prohibition on delegating redistricting responsibility to a commission **Added: Amendment related to metro-area district numbering	Article 2, § 1
Legislative Budget Office	HF 599 (Vogel)	Establishes a nonpartisan Legislative Budget Office to analyze fiscal impact of legislation, including preparation of fiscal notes.	Art. 2, §§ 2, 5, 9-11 Rider: 3.33-4.2
SER; interim approval of employee contracts	HF 1891 (Howe)	Reverses effect of non-action by the legislative Subcommittee on Employee Relations, related to interim approval of collectively-bargained state employee contracts. Failure to provide interim approval constitutes disapproval of the contract.	Art. 2, § 3
Legislative Commission on Data Practices	HF 1596 (Scott)	Extends the commission on data practices to June 30, 2019.	Art. 2, § 4
Legislative Auditor; transit audits	HF 1160 (Runbeck)	Requires the Legislative Auditor to conduct a review of financial activity for transit systems administered by the Metropolitan Council or under certain joint powers agreements.	Art. 2, § 6-8, 55 Rider: 3.9-3.12

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State Auditor enterprise fund	HF 445, with modification (Anderson)	Eliminates the State Auditor's enterprise fund. Instead, local government billing receipts would be credited to the general fund, and appropriated as directed by law.	Art 2, §§ 12-14, 59 Repealer Art. 2 § 62
State Auditor litigation costs; schedule of charges	HF 295 (Nash)	Requires the State Auditor to pay certain litigation costs from allocations to the auditor's constitutional office. (subd. 1) Rates charged to local governments in calendar year 2017 for the auditor's services are frozen at calendar year 2016 levels. (subd. 2)	Art. 2, § 58
Campaign finance public subsidy repeal	HF 2073 (Drazkowski)	Repeal of campaign public subsidy program. Candidates are permitted to file a voluntary pledge to abide by certain restrictions associated with the public subsidy, including spending limit agreements.	Art. 2, §§ 15-22, 24-25 Repealer Art. 2 § 62 Rider: 6.31-7.2
Campaign finance sale of goods ("donut booth")	HF 2196, with modification (Jessup)	Requires political committees that sell goods and services to report proceeds as contributions and provide disclosures to buyers. Use of proceeds is restricted. **Added: Committee must post its most recent campaign report at the point of sale.	Art. 2. § 23
Appropriation transfers	HF 2488, with modification (Quam)	Quarterly reporting to legislature on interagency agreements and intra-agency transfers. **Modification: Threshold lowered to include transfers that, cumulatively, exceed \$50,000 in a calendar year	Art. 2, § 26
Continuing appropriations ("lights-on")	HF 1010, as amended (Loonan)	Continuing appropriations at 95% of the prior year's base, if a new budget is not enacted before the start of a new biennium. Additional requirements are provided for specialized appropriations, such as forecasted programs, statutory appropriations, and one-time spending.	Art. 2, § 27
Employee gainsharing	HF 691 (Anderson)	Requires monthly legislative reports on the status of the "gainsharing" incentive program for state employees. The program awards employees whose suggestion or idea generates savings to a state agency with a percentage of the savings as bonus compensation, after the savings have been realized.	Art 2 § 28 Rider: 12.26-13.5
Substantial change in construction	N/A	Requires a legislative report whenever there is a substantial change in a capital improvement construction or major remodeling project, including the nature and reason for the change and the anticipated cost.	Art. 2 § 29

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Employee accommodation reimbursement	N/A	Reduces administrative costs allowance within the employee accommodation reimbursement appropriation, from 15% to 5% of the appropriation	Art. 2 § 30
Grant termination for criminal offense	HF 2489 (Fenton)	Provides additional monitoring of grants made by the Department of Commerce, and provides procedures for terminating a state grant if the recipient is convicted of a criminal offense or is under investigation for matters relating to administration of the grant.	Art 2, §§ 31-32
MN.IT Performance Outcomes	HF 2138, as amended (Nash)	Requires MN.IT to provide additional legislative reporting on certain technology projects, and requires the achievement of certain performance outcomes to increase efficiency. Appropriations must be reduced to state agencies to reflect savings.	Art 2, § 33, 57 Art. 1, § 42
FTE Caps/vacant position savings	N/A	Provides a cap on the number of FTEs in executive branch agencies (subd. 1) Restricts an agency's use of savings resulting from vacant positions (subd. 2)	Art 2, § 34
Severance pay	HF 399, 1 st Eng. (Anderson)	Restricts the award of severance pay to certain highly-compensated employees, and prohibits severance payments unless authorized according to the terms of a collectively-bargained compensation plan.	Art. 2, § 35
SEGIP opt-out	HF 1030, 1 st Eng. (Drazkowski)	Permits public employees to opt-out of SEGIP insurance coverage. Appropriations must be reduced to reflect executive agency savings.	Art. 1, § 41 Art. 2, § 36
Long-term equity investment for local government	HF 409, as amended (Albright)	Expands the list of allowable funds that a local government may use to invest, including those of the State Board of Investment in an account managed by PERA.	Art. 2, § 37
Support Our Troops	HF 1527 (Bliss)	Clarifies use of Support Our Troops account funds	Art. 2, § 38
Veteran burial costs	HF 2164 (Howe)	Authorizes use of the Support Our Troops account for reimbursing the Department of Veterans Affairs for uncompensated burial costs for eligible dependents for whom the commissioner waives all or a portion of the state veterans' cemetery burial fee. The commissioner is instructed to develop a policy, eligibility standards, and application forms for requests to waive or reduce eligible dependent burial fees.	Article 2, §§ 39-40

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GI bill expansion	HF 1080 (Nash)	Expands the GI bill program to include apprenticeship and on-the-job training benefits and other professional and educational benefits.	Art. 2, §§ 41-45 Rider: 22.14-22.19
Tax incidence study	HF 2305 (Garofalo)	Expands the current tax incidence study requirements to include federal tax burdens.	Art 2, § 46 Rider: 14.15-14.22
Free income tax filing	HF 2336 (Anderson)	Requires a free income tax filing program administered by Department of Revenue. A pilot program must be available by January 15, 2018.	Art 2, § 47, 54
MERF	N/A	Reduces the state obligation for the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund from \$16 million to \$6 million	Art. 2, §§ 48-49 Rider: 19.24-19.30
School district insurance	HF 1558 (Kresha)	Modifies the process school districts use to receive proposals for group health insurance coverage for their employees and under what circumstances a school district is considered self-insured.	Art. 2, §§ 50-51
Sherburne County Examiner of Titles	HF 2290 (Knoblach)	Modifies the compensation structure of the Sherburne County Examiner of Titles	Art. 2, § 52
Valuation of state-assessed pipelines	N/A	Requires review of administrative rules related to the valuation of state-assessed pipeline companies	Art. 2, § 53
Limit on advertising	HF 2487 (Green)	Restricts executive branch agency spending on advertising and promotions at no more than 90 percent of the amount spent in fiscal year 2016.	Art. 2, § 56
Limit on manager pay	HF 2490 (Pugh)	Restricts pay increases to certain state employees covered by the managerial compensation plan to a rate based on the lesser of the percentage increase in Minnesota's median household income or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index.	Art. 2, § 60
State employee salary	N/A	Limits the amount that may be spent on certain state employee salaries in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.	Art. 2, § 61
LCC Commissions	N/A	Repeals the Legislative Water Commission and the Mississippi River Parkway Commission	Repealer Art. 2, § 62

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Article 3: State Budgeting Technical			
State budgeting terminology	HF 1936 (Vogel)	Miscellaneous technical modifications to state payment and debt collection procedures	Art. 3, all sections
Article 4: Administrative Rulemaking			
Administrative Rulemaking	HF 1433 (Kresha)	Various modifications to administrative rulemaking procedures, including expanded authorization for legislative objection and oversight of rules, and increased opportunities for analysis of the potential impact of rules. Proposed rules with a substantial economic impact may not be adopted until approved by law.	Art. 4, §§ 1, 4-35
Campaign finance rulemaking	HF 2419, with modifications (O'Driscoll)	Restricts the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board's rulemaking authority to only technical and non-substantive rules. **Includes restriction on rulemaking authority only; does not codify existing rules.	Art. 4, §§ 2,3
Article 5: Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority			
MSFA Reform	HF 778, 3 rd Eng., with modifications (Anderson)	Reforms various Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority practices and procedures, including increased legislative oversight of the Authority and restrictions on use of suites and other premium amenities. **Includes modification related to bond payment issues.	Art. 5, all sections