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# Joint Legislative Offices and Commissions Directory

## **About this Directory**

The Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) created this directory to illustrate the services provided by the Joint Offices and Commissions of the Minnesota Legislature. The services described in this directory are available to members of both the Minnesota House of Representatives and Minnesota Senate, and state and local agencies in Minnesota, in addition to the general public.

This directory is intended to provide detailed information about the purpose of each office and commission, the main work each does, and how to access those services. Contact information for each office and commission is included.

The legislature has created a number of commissions to focus on specific areas of policy, such as Minnesota's environmental resources, pensions, and review of state programs and functions. These commissions carefully examine issues and recommend changes to existing law governing these areas. They also provide regulatory oversight to a number of state agencies and programs.

The Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) provides support to many of the commissions, as well as the joint offices of the Legislative Reference Library, the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, the Office of the Legislative Auditor, and the Legislative Budget Office. In addition, several offices and task forces benefit from the resources of the LCC.

These offices operate independently, though they work together toward the same goals to provide coordinated services to both houses of the Legislature. The diagram on the following page illustrates generally how the offices relate to one another.

If you have any questions or suggestions about this directory, contact the Legislative Coordinating Commission at 651-296-0099 or [lcc@lcc.mn.gov](mailto:lcc@lcc.mn.gov).

# Joint Legislative Offices & Commissions

The Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) under Minn. Statute 3.303-3.305 is a governing body that provides oversight to the work of the Joint Offices and Commissions. The members of the LCC are:

## **Senate**

President  
Majority Leader  
Minority Leader  
2 members appointed by the Majority Leader  
1 member appointed by the Minority Leader

## **House**

Speaker  
Majority Leader  
Minority Leader  
2 members appointed by the Speaker  
1 member appointed by the Minority Leader

The chair of the LCC alternates between the president of the senate and speaker of the house every two years at the beginning of the regular legislative session.

The offices and commissions outlined below may also have specific oversight bodies that have been created in statute to govern their work.

### Joint Legislative Offices

- Office of the Legislative Auditor
- Legislative Budget Office
- Legislative Reference Library
- Office of Revisor of Statutes
- Legislative Coordinating Commission

### Joint Legislative Commissions

- Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources
- Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement
- Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

# Joint Legislative Offices & Commissions

## Legislative Budget Office

- Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission
- Tax Expenditure Review Commission

## Office of the Legislative Auditor

- Legislative Audit Commission

## Legislative Coordinating Commission

- Compensation Council
- Great Lakes Commission
- Joint House-Senate Subcommittee on Claims
- Legislative Advisory Commission
- Legislative Commission on Cybersecurity
- Legislative Commission on Data Practices
- Legislative Commission on Housing Affordability
- Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government
- Legislative Commission on Minnesota Sports Facilities
- Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy
- Legislative Coordinating Commission
- Legislative Energy Commission
- Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission
- Legislative Salary Council
- Mississippi River Parkway Commission
- MNsure Legislative Oversight Committee
- Regent Candidate Advisory Council
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# Legislative Reference Library & Library Subcommittee

## About the Library

Library staff members handle inquiries in person, by phone, email, or instant messaging. Legislators can contact library staff and receive materials while working from their offices, homes, or from the House or Senate Chamber. All requests are confidential, and all staff is non-partisan.

## Collection Highlights

Highlights of the print and digital collection include:

- The Library's premiere public policy collection of print and digital materials focuses on state-level issues.
- Newspapers-print and electronic. The library purchases access to the full text of many regional newspapers for legislative users, including the *Star Tribune*, *Pioneer Press*, and *Duluth News Tribune*, and many other newspapers.
- Media coverage. News resources on legislators and legislative policy issues include extensive print files from 1970-2009, and an in-house electronic news archive from 2009 - present.
- Mandated reports. Each year the Legislature requires many one-time studies and ongoing reports, both to study issues and provide accountability for state-funded programs. The Library tracks and acquires the reports and ensures availability in electronic format to members and the general public.
- Legislative history materials. The collection, required by the rules of the House and Senate, includes committee minutes and recordings of committee meetings and floor sessions. Staff members are experienced and knowledgeable about the often-complicated process of researching legislative history.
- Historical statistics. Biographical information and details about legislative service for every member since territorial times is found in the *Legislators Past and Present* database. The Library publishes historical lists of legislative and state government information. The Time Capsule database integrates a variety of information by legislative session.

### Office's Statutory Authority

"The library shall collect, index, and make available in suitable form information relative to governmental and legislative subjects which will aid members of the Legislature to perform their duties in an efficient and economical manner."

-Minnesota Statutes 3.302

Established in 1969

## Service Highlights

- Reference librarians. Experienced reference librarians to assist with research.
- Customized alerting services. *Inside Issues* and *Contents Pages*.

## The Library Subcommittee

The Legislative Reference Library is a joint legislative agency under the Legislative Coordinating Commission. Each biennium, a Library Subcommittee made of up four legislators, two from the House and two from the Senate, is appointed.



# Legislative Reference Library & Library Subcommittee

## Contacting Library Staff and Services

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Session hours are extended, as needed

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# Office of the Legislative Auditor & Legislative Audit Commission

## About the Office of the Legislative Auditor

The Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) is a nonpartisan audit and evaluation office within the Legislative Branch of Minnesota state government. OLA performs the same function for the Minnesota Legislature that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) performs for the United States Congress.

The principal goal of OLA is to provide the Legislature, agencies, and the public with audit and evaluation reports that are accurate, objective, timely, and useful. Through its reports, the office seeks to strengthen accountability, legislative oversight, and compliance with state laws. OLA focuses primarily on state agencies and programs but also selectively evaluates programs administered at all levels of government in Minnesota.

## History

The Legislature created the Office of the Legislative Auditor in 1973, following the recommendation of a private-sector study group called the Loan Executive Action Program (LEAP). Prior to OLA, all state agencies and local governments were audited by the Public Examiner, an appointee of the Governor. In the 1973 legislation, the Legislative Auditor was assigned responsibility to audit state governments, and the State Auditor was assigned responsibility to audit local governments.

## Independence

Independence from inappropriate influences is key to the credibility of any audit office. OLA's independence is enhanced by the fact that the Legislative Auditor serves a six-year term. All reports issued by OLA are based solely on the work of its professional, nonpartisan staff. Reports are released publicly without prior review by any legislator, including members of the Legislative Audit Commission.

### The Legislative Audit Commission

The Legislative Audit Commission is a bipartisan commission with six members from the House of Representatives and six members from the Senate, equally divided between the majority and minority parties. Membership is governed by *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 3.97, subd. 2.

The commission appoints the Legislative Auditor and selects topics for the Program Evaluation Division to review. It also periodically holds hearings to review audit and evaluation reports. The commission chair rotates every two years between the House and Senate.

### OLA's Mission

- Strengthen accountability, legislative oversight, and compliance with state laws.
- Support good financial management and enhance program effectiveness.



# Office of the Legislative Auditor & Legislative Audit Commission

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## **Organization**

Judy Randall was appointed Legislative Auditor in November 2021 by the Legislative Audit Commission and is serving her first six-year term. Ms. Randall previously served as Deputy Legislative Auditor for OLA's Program Evaluation Division.

Financial Audit Division. The division annually audits the state's financial statements to determine whether they are presented consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, the division selects several state organizations and programs to audit in depth, with a focus on internal controls and compliance with applicable legal requirements. Many of the division staff are certified public accountants (CPAs), certified fraud examiners (CFEs), or certified information systems auditors (CISAs). Lori Leysen, CPA, is Deputy Legislative Auditor for the Financial Audit Division.

Program Evaluation Division. The division conducts several evaluations each year on topics selected by the Legislative Audit Commission. The commission annually solicits evaluation requests from all legislators and typically receives more than 100 suggestions. The commission selects evaluation topics using several criteria, including the amount of state resources involved, level of state control, timeliness, and potential impact of an evaluation. Teams of two to three evaluators typically work eight to ten months to complete an evaluation report. While evaluation reports contain a substantial amount of background information about topics, their primary focus is on findings and recommendations. The division staff have advanced degrees in fields such as economics, public policy, political science, and sociology. Judy Randall is Deputy Legislative Auditor for the Program Evaluation Division.

Special Reviews. Throughout the year, OLA receives complaints and allegations about programs and organizations within its jurisdiction. They come from legislators, whistleblowers, members of the public, and media reports. OLA assesses each complaint and allegation to determine what action should be taken. In some cases, a response can wait for a future audit or evaluation; sometimes, OLA decides that a more immediate response is needed, and then conducts a "special review." When OLA finds evidence of impropriety by a state employee, OLA is required by law to refer the evidence to the Attorney General and the appropriate county attorney to determine whether criminal and/or civil action should be brought against the individuals involved. Katherine Theisen is the Director of Special Reviews.



# Office of the Legislative Auditor & Legislative Audit Commission

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## **Jurisdiction**

The Office of the Legislative Auditor has broad jurisdiction to conduct its work. Categorized by type of examination or review, the following is an outline of OLA's current jurisdiction:

Financial Audits. OLA's jurisdiction to conduct financial audits is extensive. It includes (1) all agencies, boards, commissions, and other organizations in the Executive Branch; (2) courts and other organizations in the Judicial Branch; (3) Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; (4) University of Minnesota; (5) "semi-state" agencies, such as the Minnesota Historical Society and State Fair; (6) Metropolitan Airports Commission; (7) Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority; and (8) Metropolitan Council. In addition, OLA may audit the use of state money provided under a grant or contract to any organization or individual.

Program Evaluations. OLA's jurisdiction to conduct program evaluations is equally extensive and includes any programs or activities created or funded by state government. OLA's evaluation jurisdiction extends to state-funded programs or activities administered by local governments or private organizations.

Special Reviews. OLA's jurisdiction to conduct special reviews includes the alleged misuse of state money or resources, as well as violations of the state code of conduct for employees in the Executive Branch of state government.

## **Legal Authority**

State law provides OLA with strong legal authority. For example, in addition to auditing and evaluating agencies, OLA has authority to investigate the use of public money by private organizations. State law also gives OLA authority to access all data and documents related to use of public money, even documents classified as "not public," and requires organizations and individuals to cooperate with OLA. If cooperation is not forthcoming, the Legislative Auditor has legal authority to compel cooperation through subpoenas. See *Minnesota Statutes*, 3.978.

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# Office of the Legislative Auditor & Legislative Audit Commission

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# Legislative Budget Office & LBO Oversight Commission

## About the Legislative Budget Office

The Legislative Budget Office (LBO) is a nonpartisan office within the Legislative branch of Minnesota state government. The LBO is responsible for working with state agencies to provide the House and Senate with information on the fiscal impact of proposed legislation. The product of this work is known as a fiscal note. The role of the LBO is like that of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), who performs similar analysis for the United States Congress.

## History

The Legislature created the LBO during the 2017 Legislative Session. Funding for the LBO was first appropriated in fiscal year (FY) 2018. Changes enacted during the 2018 Legislative Session established an effective date for the LBO to assume fiscal note responsibilities on September 1, 2019.

Additionally, in 2021, the Legislature created the Tax Expenditure Review Commission and tasked the LBO with providing professional and technical support to the commission.

## Independence

The LBO is charged with objectively evaluating proposed legislation to assess the potential impact on the state budget. To effectively perform this work, the LBO must not be inappropriately influenced by any individual or group. The LBO's independence is enhanced by having an appointed Director who serves a six-year term. All fiscal notes released by the LBO are based on data provided by state agencies impacted by the proposed legislation. Non-partisan LBO staff provide an independent review and analysis of this information to assess accuracy, reasonableness, and compliance with uniform standards and procedures prior to submission to the legislature.

## The Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission

The Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission (LBO Oversight Commission) is a bipartisan bicameral commission with four members from the House of Representatives and four members from the Senate. The LBO Director serves as the executive secretary of the commission. The chief nonpartisan fiscal analyst of the House of Representatives, the lead nonpartisan fiscal analyst of the Senate, the commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget or a designee, and the legislative auditor are ex-officio, nonvoting members of the commission.

## Membership is governed by Minnesota Statutes 3.8854.

The commission appointed the current Director of the Legislative Budget Office on August 17, 2022 and approved the fiscal note uniform standards and procedures that govern the fiscal note process in August 2019. The commission evaluates the work of the LBO. The commission chair and vice chair are elected by the members of the commission and rotate every two years between the House and Senate.

## LBO's Mission

Providing the Minnesota Legislature timely, impartial research and analysis on tax expenditures and the fiscal impact of legislation.



# Legislative Budget Office & LBO Oversight Commission

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## Organization

Christian Larson serves as the Director of the Legislative Budget Office (LBO). Mr. Larson was appointed on August 17, 2022, by the LBO Oversight Commission to a six-year term. Mr. Larson joined the LBO in 2019 as a Budget Analyst and served as Interim Director from August 2020 to January 2021 and March 2021 to August 2022.

Kristi Schroedl serves as Deputy Director of the LBO. Prior to joining the LBO, Ms. Schroedl held positions for more than 30 years within the Executive Branch, most recently serving as the CFO at the Department of Transportation.

Budget analysts are responsible for the review and analysis of fiscal notes for a major policy area within the state budget and provide professional and technical assistance to the Tax Expenditure Review Commission.

The office has one coordinator who manages all fiscal note requests, oversees the local impact note process, provides training and technical assistance on the Fiscal Note Tracking System users, and provides commission support to the LBO Oversight Commission and Tax Expenditure Review commission.

## Authority

*Minnesota Statutes*, 3.8853 establishes the LBO, governs the appointment and term of a director, specifies the development of uniform standards and procedures for the fiscal note process under *Minnesota Statutes*, 3.98, requires agencies to comply with providing data to the LBO for the purposes of completing fiscal notes, establishes parameters related to the LBO's access and use of not public data and requires fiscal notes to be posted to the LBO's website within 24 hours of completion.

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# Legislative Budget Office & LBO Oversight Commission

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# Legislative Budget Office – Tax Expenditure Review Commission

## About the Tax Expenditure Review Commission

The Tax Expenditure Review Commission was established in 2021 (*Minnesota Statutes*, 3.8855) to review Minnesota’s tax expenditures and evaluate their effectiveness and fiscal impact.

The Legislative Budget Office is charged with providing professional and technical support to the commission. The Research Division of the Minnesota Department of Revenue is required to provide the data necessary for the commission’s work.

The commission consists of two senators appointed by the senate majority leader, two senators appointed by the senate minority leader, two state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, two state representatives appointed by the house minority leader, and the commissioner of revenue or the commissioner’s designee. Additionally, if the chair of the House Ways and Means Committee and chair of the Senate Finance Committee are not appointed as members, they serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the commission. Each appointing authority must make appointments by January 31 of the regular legislative session in the odd-numbered year. The chair and vice-chair must alternate every two years between members of the house of representatives and senate. The chair and vice-chair may not be from the same legislative chamber.

### Commissions’ Statutory Authority

“ The Tax Expenditure Review Commission is created to review Minnesota’s tax expenditures and evaluate their effectiveness and fiscal impact.”

-Minnesota Statutes 3.8855

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# Office of the Revisor of Statutes

## About the Office of the Revisor of Statutes

The Office of the Revisor of Statutes is a legislative office that provides services to members of both houses of the Legislature, all constitutional offices, and all state agencies and departments. The services of the office are nonpartisan and confidential. The office consists of attorneys, editors, computer specialists, and support personnel. Services are provided in the following four areas:

**Legislative:** The office assists members of both the House and Senate and legislative staff at virtually all stages of the legislative process from the preparation of a draft of a bill through to its presentation to the governor. The office drafts bills, amendments, resolutions, and other legislative documents. As required by statute, upon request, the office drafts bills for any member of the

House or the Senate, for the governor and other constitutional officers, and for state agencies. Bill drafting services are nonpartisan and confidential. In addition, the Revisor's Office prepares three types of bills to maintain quality: the "Revisor's bill" to correct technical errors in the statutes, the "correction bill" to correct errors in a given session's bills, and bills to improve the style and form of statutory chapters. The session correction bill is customarily one of the final bills passed during a session. Office staff members

prepare and publish a bill drafting manual containing styles and forms for drafting bills, resolutions, and amendments known as the Minnesota Revisor's Manual with Styles and Forms. The office maintains a bill tracking system for the Legislature, prepares all House committee reports, and prepares conference committee and comparison reports. The Revisor's Office formally engrosses bills – which involves incorporating all changes – and enrolls them – which means they are signed by the proper officers of both houses and formally presented to the governor on behalf of the Legislature.

**Administrative Rules:** The office helps state agencies draft and adopt administrative rules. In addition, staff members are available to answer questions about Minnesota Rules and the rulemaking process for state agencies and can help with a text search of *Minnesota Rules* for specific rule information. Office staff also prepare and publish Minnesota Rules Drafting Manual with Styles and Forms and Rulemaking in Minnesota: A Guide.

**Publications:** The office compiles, edits, and publishes Laws of Minnesota, Minnesota Statutes, and Minnesota Rules. Laws of Minnesota contains the laws and resolutions passed each legislative session. Minnesota Statutes contains the codified general and permanent laws. Minnesota Rules contains the compiled administrative rules adopted by state agencies. A compilation of Minnesota court rules is included as a supplement to Minnesota Statutes. All the publications contain user aids and indexes and are the official text of the law. All publications are also available online. Office staff also writes and publishes the Minnesota Revisor's Manual, a manual of form requirements and drafting advice for use by those who draft bills, resolutions and amendments.

### Office's Statutory Authority

"The Legislative Coordinating Commission shall appoint a qualified person to the position of revisor of statutes. The Revisor shall serve at the pleasure of the commission. The commission shall fix the Revisor's salary. "

- Minnesota Statutes 3C.01



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# Legislative Coordinating Commission

## About the Legislative Coordinating Commission

The House and Senate have created nonpartisan joint legislative offices and commissions under the fiscal and administrative oversight of the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC), a governance body comprised of members of the House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate. The LCC governance body works with the LCC office to review and approve budgets, identify the total staff complement and establish the compensation of the employees of the joint legislative offices and commissions.

The LCC office serves as the umbrella organization for joint legislative offices, commissions, , and other boards. Staff within the LCC office:

- Conduct research and provide administrative services to numerous commissions, councils, working groups, and task forces;
- Provide human resources, fiscal services, and operations support to joint legislative offices and commissions;
- Serve as the repository for statewide boundary information for legislative use, including mapping and data services through the Geographic Information Services Office;
- Maintain historical and related information on the Office of Economic Status of Women; and
- Maintains Minnesota's Legacy website, which displays how funds from the Legacy Amendment and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund are utilized throughout the state.

The LCC is charged with many additional activities that encompass the full legislature such as establishing a benefits plan for members and staff, facilitating arrangements for visiting international and state delegations to the legislature, accessibility accommodations, and serving as a fiscal agent for multiple shared functions of the House and Senate.

### Commission's Statutory Authority

"The Legislative Coordinating Commission is created to coordinate the legislative activities of the Senate and House of Representatives."  
- Minnesota Statutes 3.303

## LCC Members

The LCC membership consists of the majority leader of the Senate, the president of the Senate, two senators appointed by the majority leader, the minority leader of the Senate, and one senator appointed by the minority leader; and the majority leader of the House, the speaker of the House, two representatives appointed by the speaker, the minority leader of the House, and one representative appointed by the minority leader. The president of the Senate and the speaker of the House alternate biennially as chair.



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# Compensation Council

## About the Compensation Council

State law has established a Compensation Council to meet in the odd-numbered years to recommend salaries of judges and constitutional officers, and salary ranges for heads of state agencies. The council must report its recommendations to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate by April 1st.

## Members

Per *Minnesota Statutes* 15A.082, the Compensation Council consists of 16 members: eight non-judges appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court, and one member from each congressional district appointed by the governor.

### Council's Statutory Authority

"A compensation council is created each odd-numbered year to assist the Legislature in establishing the compensation of constitutional officers, justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of appeals and district court, and the heads of state and metropolitan agencies ..."

- Minnesota Statutes 15A.082

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# Legislative Salary Council

## About the Legislative Salary Council

State law has established a Legislative Salary Council to meet in the odd-numbered years to determine the salaries of state legislators. The council must report its determination by March 31st.

## Members

Per *Minnesota Statutes* 15A.0825, the Legislative Salary Council consists of 16 members: a non-judge from each of the congressional districts that is appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court, and one member from each congressional district appointed by the governor.

### Council's Statutory Authority

"By March 31 of each odd-numbered year, the council must prescribe salaries for legislators to take effect July 1 of that year."

- Minnesota Statutes 15A.0825

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## Legislative Coordinating Commission— Joint Subcommittee on Claims

### About the Joint House-Senate Subcommittee on Claims

The Joint House-Senate Subcommittee on Claims was established in 1976 to hear and make recommendations to the Legislature whether to pay claims against the state by various persons who cannot proceed against the state under the State Tort Claims Act (Minn. Stat. 3.732). The joint subcommittee also handles other claims, including exonerated claims, which cannot be litigated.

The subcommittee consists of members from the House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate. The chair rotates between the House and Senate each meeting. The chair from each body is generally responsible to present the bill resulting from the subcommittee deliberations to the appropriate committees in the House and Senate and subsequently to the full House and Senate for final passage.

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# Legislative Coordinating Commission— Regent Candidate Advisory Council

## About the Regent Candidate Advisory Council

The Regent Candidate Advisory Council was established by the Legislature in 1988 to advise the Legislature in the election of regents of the University of Minnesota. Its duties are to develop a description of the duties of regents, outline criteria to be applied in recommending candidates, and recruit, screen and recommend at least two, and not more than four, qualified candidates to the joint legislative committee for each opening on the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

The 12-member Board of Regents is the governing body of the University of Minnesota. The Legislature, elects one regent from each of Minnesota's eight congressional districts and four from the state at-large. One of the four at-large regents must be a university student at the time of election. Regents serve without pay for six-year terms. Terms are staggered, with one-third of the board up for election every two years.

The Regent Candidate Advisory Council is composed of 24 members appointed to six-year, staggered terms. One-half of the members are appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one-half are appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

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### Council's Statutory Authority

"A Regent Candidate Advisory Council is established to assist in determining criteria for, and identifying and recruiting qualified candidates, for membership on the Board of Regents and making recommendations to the joint legislative committee."

-Minnesota Statutes 137.0245



## Legislative Coordinating Commission— Subcommittee on Administrative Rules

### About the Subcommittee on Administrative Rules

The Subcommittee on Administrative Rules Committee is established to assist the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) in its statutory mandate to review administrative rules. According to state law, the LCC shall review state agency rules as defined in section 14.02, subdivision 4, when at least two members of the LCC or at least five members of the Legislature submit a written request to review the rule. The commission may perform this review by holding one or more commission meetings or by deferring this action to the LCC Administrative Rules Subcommittee.

#### Subcommittee's Statutory Authority

Upon written request of two or more of its members or five or more members of the Legislature, the Legislative Coordinating Commission shall review a state agency rule.

-Minnesota Statutes 3.305

The commission also has jurisdiction of rules as described in *Minnesota Statutes* 3.842 and 3.843.

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# Legislative Coordinating Commission— Subcommittee on Employee Relations

## About the Subcommittee on Employee Relations

The Subcommittee on Employee Relations assists the Legislature through its review and recommendations to the Legislature of negotiated agreements, arbitration awards, and compensation plans for employees in the Executive Branch. It also monitors the state civil service system and makes recommendations regarding certain state and local government salaries.

## State Employee Negotiations

The Executive Branch of the state of Minnesota employs approximately 50,000 people. About 90 percent of these employees are placed in one of 17 occupationally based bargaining units, which are represented by one of 11 unions. The unions negotiate collective bargaining agreements that establish the terms and conditions of

employment. Traditionally, these agreements are valid for two years and coincide with the state biennium. Minnesota Management and Budget represents management and negotiates on behalf of the state with the exclusive representatives.

### Subcommittee's Statutory Authority

“The commissioner (of Minnesota Management and Budget) shall submit to the chair of the commission any negotiated collective bargaining agreements, arbitration awards, compensation plans, or salaries for legislative approval or disapproval.”

-Minnesota Statutes 3.855

## Other Salaries

The subcommittee also reviews and approves, rejects, or modifies recommendations for salaries submitted by the governor or other appointing authority under section 43A.18, subdivision 5, covering agency head positions listed in section 15A.0815.

Salaries of individuals employed by political subdivisions (excluding school district employees, medical doctors and doctors of osteopathy) are limited to 110 percent of the salary of the governor. The commissioner of Management and Budget may increase the salary for a position that the commissioner determines requires special expertise. Before granting such a waiver to the salary cap, the commissioner must seek advice from the subcommittee (Minn. Stat. § 43A.17, subd. 9).

## Members

The subcommittee has 10 members: five members of the Senate, appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration, at least two of whom must be a member of the minority; and five members of the House, three appointed by the speaker, and two appointed by the minority leader.



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# Legislative Coordinating Commission— Trustee Candidate Advisory Council

## About the Trustee Candidate Advisory Council

Established by the Legislature, the Trustee Candidate Advisory Council (TCAC) is charged with developing selection criteria and a description of the responsibilities and duties of a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees. The 24-member council must also identify and recruit qualified candidates for the board, and recommend to the governor at least two and not more than four candidates for each open seat on the board. The governor is not bound by these recommendations.

The Board of Trustees consists of 15 members, including three students. The 12 non-student positions have six-year staggered terms. The council recruits candidates for those 12 non-student positions. One-third of those 12 members are up for appointment every two years.

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### Council's Statutory Authority

"A candidate advisory council for the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities shall assist the governor in determining criteria for, and identifying and recruiting qualified candidates for, non-student membership on the board."

-Minnesota Statutes 136F.03



# Legislative Advisory Commission

## About the Legislative Advisory Commission

The commission has authority to review and recommend approval of requests by state departments and state agencies for funding from contingent appropriations or spending of federal funds. The commission has four permanent members: the majority leader of the Senate or a designee; the chair of the Senate Finance Committee; the speaker of the House or a designee; and the chair of the House Ways and Means Committee. Additional members sit on the commission and are determined by the funding requests being considered, i.e., the chair of the House finance committee to which the request pertains, and the respective chair of the Senate budget division.

### Commission's Statutory Authority

"Transfers exceeding \$10,000 may be authorized by the governor but no transfer exceeding \$10,000 may be made until the governor has consulted the Legislative Advisory Commission and it has made its recommendation on the transfer."

-Minnesota Statutes 3.30

The commissioner of management and budget acts as secretary of the commission and keeps a permanent record of its proceedings. The commission meets at the call of the governor or upon the call of the secretary at the request of two or more of its members.

## Contacting the Legislative Advisory Commission

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# Legislative–Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

## About the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) makes funding recommendations to the Minnesota Legislature for special environment and natural resource projects, primarily from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. These recommendations are the product of a competitive, multi-step proposal and selection process open to everyone with innovative ideas for environment and natural resources projects that can provide multiple ecological and other public benefits for Minnesota. The LCCMR also has oversight over all projects funded through its process.

The LCCMR developed from a program initiated in 1963. Since 1963, approximately \$1.0 billion has been appropriated to more than \$2,300 projects recommended by the Commission to protect and enhance Minnesota's environment and natural resources.

Formerly known as the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR), in 2006 the Commission was re-organized into the LCCMR, with members of the public added to its membership, in order to include citizen input more directly in the decision-making process.

## Membership of the Commission

There are 17 members of the commission – five from the Senate, five from the House of Representatives and seven citizen members.

They are appointed as follows:

7 Citizen Members:

- 5 appointed by the governor
- 1 appointed by the Senate
- 1 appointed by the House

5 Senators:

- The chair of the environment finance committee
- 2 from the majority caucus
- 2 from the minority caucus



**Constitutional and Statutory  
Authority for Expenditures**

A permanent Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is established in the state treasury. Loans may be made of up to 5 percent of the principal of the fund for water system improvements as provided by law. The assets of the fund shall be appropriated by law for the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources. The amount appropriated each year of a biennium, commencing on July 1 in each odd-numbered year and ending on and including June 30 in the next odd-numbered year, maybe up to 5½ percent of the market value of the fund on June 30 one year before the start of the biennium. Not less than 40 percent of the net proceeds from any state-operated lottery must be credited to the fund until the year 2025.

-- Minnesota Constitution, Article XI, Section 14  
(Adopted, Nov. 8, 1988; Amended, Nov. 6, 1990  
and Nov. 3, 1998)

Expenditures from the fund also governed by  
Minnesota Statutes 116P



# Legislative–Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

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## 5 Representatives:

- The chair of the environment finance committee
- 2 from the majority caucus
- 2 from the minority caucus

## Funding Sources

At present LCCMR's recommendations to the Minnesota Legislature are for funding from one of three sources:

- The Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund
- Great Lakes Protection Account
- Oil overcharge funds

## General Information about LCCMR Projects

Currently the LCCMR makes funding recommendations on an annual or biennial basis, with recommendations presented to the Minnesota Legislature during the legislative session. The LCCMR process is open to all eligible environment and natural resources projects that protect, conserve, preserve, and enhance Minnesota's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources for the benefit of current citizens and future generations. Past projects have been in the areas of land and habitat protection, parks and trails, environmental education, natural resource information and planning, renewable energy, agriculture and forestry, and water resources. Past recipients include state agencies, private non-profits, academic institutions, local government units, federal government, tribal governments, and private corporations.

Each funding cycle, a Request for Proposal is issued for funding priorities determined by the Commission based on its six-year strategic plan and ongoing information gathering activities, including expert-led issue seminars and visits to natural resource sites around the state.

The LCCMR reviews, evaluates, and ranks all proposals submitted. A selection of the highest ranked proposals is invited to present before the LCCMR. Finally, based on the total dollars available, a subset of those proposals is chosen to be recommended to the Legislature for funding. In addition to review by the Commission, proposals may also be reviewed by peer review committees or technical advisory committees.

The LCCMR's funding recommendations go before the Minnesota House and Senate in the form of a bill, and upon passage the bill goes the Governor to be signed into law. Funding becomes available to projects beginning July 1 of the next fiscal year.

Projects that are approved for funding are overseen by the LCCMR for the duration of their funding period. Projects must submit a work plan to be approved by the Commission, provide ongoing project updates, and deliver a final report upon project completion.



# Legislative–Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

A biennial report with accomplishments of completed projects, recommendations for future funding, and the current strategic plan for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund is submitted to the full legislature on January 15 of the odd-numbered years.

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# Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

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## **About the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council**

The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) was established by the Legislature with the responsibility for providing annual Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriation recommendations to the legislature. The Outdoor Heritage Fund is one of four funds created when the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment was passed by the voters in the 2008 election. The Council recommendations must take into consideration the Minnesota Conservation and Preservation Plan findings directly relating to restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, and that prevent forest fragmentation, encourage forest consolidation, and expand restored native prairie.

Article XI, Section 15 of the Minnesota Constitution creates the Outdoor Heritage Fund. The Council and Outdoor Heritage Fund statutes are found in MS 2010, Chapter 97A.056. The Council operates under the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, MS 2010, Chapter 13D.

## **Membership of the Council**

There are 12 members of the Council appointed as follows:

### **8 Citizen Members**

- 2 appointed by the Senate
- 2 appointed by the House
- 4 appointed by the governor

### **2 Senators**

- 1 from the majority caucus
- 1 from the minority caucus

### **2 Representatives**

- 1 from the majority caucus
- 1 from the minority caucus

## **LSOHC Projects**

The LSOHC publicly solicits for use of the Outdoor Heritage funds annually. Based on this process the Council recommends appropriations to the Legislature, funding programs consistent with Council visions and priorities. The core of the Council recommendations focuses on funding programs, rather than individual projects. In this [cannot figure out why there is a weird line gap here] manner, the Council seeks to have a measurable long-term impact on the environment and wildlife habitat. The types of programs funded to date include land acquisition additions for WMA, AMA, SNA, and state forests; prairie, wetland, trout stream, and forest restorations; and permanent conservation easements. Recipients include state agencies, private non-profits, local government units, and the federal government. In many of the programs multiple government units and non-profits work together for the betterment of the environment and wildlife habitat.



# Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

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Overall an estimated \$100 million will be available annually for appropriation from this fund. Over the course of fiscal years 2010 through 2023 the Council has recommended, and the Legislature has funded, over 480 requests totaling approximately \$1.5 billion.

As directed by statute the Council also annually recommends an appropriation for the Conservation Partners Legacy Program, which is open to all conservation organizations and local government units working in Minnesota. This appropriation is granted out under an open, competitive process operated by the executive branch according to the specifics of appropriation law. Grants from \$5,000 to \$500,000 are awarded to local, regional, state, and national nonprofit organizations and government entities. The grants are for work to enhance, restore, and/or protect Minnesota's forests, wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife. To date, over 930 Conservation Partners Legacy grants have been awarded.

## **Constitutional Amendment**

"Beginning July 1, 2009, until June 30, 2034, the sales and use tax rate increased by three-eighths of one percent on sales and uses taxable under the general state sales and use tax law. Receipts from the increase, plus penalties and interest and reduced by any refunds, are dedicated, for the benefit of Minnesotans, to the following funds: 33 percent of the receipts shall be deposited in the outdoor heritage fund and may be spent only to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife; 33 percent of the receipts shall be deposited in the clean water fund and may be spent only to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater from degradation, and at least five percent of the clean water fund must be spent only to protect drinking water sources; 14.25 percent of the receipts shall be deposited in the parks and trails fund and may be spent only to support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance; and 19.75 percent shall be deposited in the arts and cultural heritage fund and may be spent only for arts, arts education, and arts access and to preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage.

An outdoor heritage fund; a parks and trails fund; a clean water fund and a sustainable drinking water account; and an arts and cultural heritage fund are created in the state treasury. The money dedicated under this section shall be appropriated by law. The dedicated money under this section must supplement traditional sources of funding for these purposes and may not be used as a substitute. Land acquired by fee with money deposited in the outdoor heritage fund under this section must be open to the public taking of fish and game during the open season unless otherwise provided by law. If the base of the sales and use tax is changed, the sales and use tax rate in this section may be proportionally adjusted by law to within one-thousandth of one percent in order to provide as close to the same amount of revenue as practicable for each fund as existed before the change to the sales and use tax."

[Adopted, November 4, 2008]

-- Minnesota Constitution, Article XI, Section 15



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# Legislative Commission on Cybersecurity

## About the Legislative Commission on Cybersecurity

The Legislative Commission on Cybersecurity was established in 2021 to provide oversight of the state's cybersecurity measures. The commission reviews the policies and practices of state agencies with regard to cybersecurity and may recommend changes in policy to adequately protect the state from cybersecurity threats. The commission may also develop recommendations and draft legislation to support and strengthen the state's cybersecurity infrastructure.

## Members

The Commission consists of two senators appointed by the senate majority leader; two senators appointed by the senate minority leader; two state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house; and two state representatives appointed by the house minority leader.

## Commissions' Statutory Authority

"The commission shall provide oversight of the state's cybersecurity measures."

- Minnesota Statutes 3.888

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# Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

## Joint Legislative Services Directory

### About the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

The Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement (LCPR) is a commission of fourteen legislators from the House and Senate who meet during and after the legislative sessions to consider pension and retirement topics and proposed legislation that impacts the retirement of public employees in the State of Minnesota. The LCPR's primary focus is on the state's public defined benefit and defined contribution plans, including volunteer firefighter relief association plans. The LCPR also studies retirement trends, and current events, and alternatives for providing retirement benefits.

#### Commission's Statutory Authority

"The Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement is created to study and investigate public retirement systems."

-Minnesota Statutes, Section 3.85

Generally, the standing state government committees in the House and Senate do not deal with retirement-related topics until after they have been considered by the LCPR. After introduction, bills referred to these committees are sent to the LCPR for consideration. If the chair of the LCPR decides to consider a bill, it will take testimony and return the bill to the committees with a recommendation, typically as part of a larger pension bill.

The LCPR, which was established as a permanent commission in 1967, consists of seven members of the Senate and seven members of the House, with representation from both parties. Members are appointed at the commencement of each biennium. The chair, who is elected by LCPR members, alternates each biennium between the House and Senate. The chair sets the meeting schedule and agendas. The LCPR typically meets weekly during the legislative session and may meet during the interim between sessions, as needed.

### The Work of the Commission

The LCPR's responsibilities include the following:

- Consider and make recommendations on proposed legislation;
- Study and take testimony on proposed benefit changes and other topics, current events, and changes in federal law related to pensions and retirement;
- Exercise oversight of the state's public defined benefit and defined contribution plans, including the approximately 550 firefighter relief association plans;
- Review the annual actuarial valuations and periodic experience studies of the statewide and major local public pension plans; and
- Assess the sufficiency of current public pension plan funding and recommend appropriate adjustments to contributions, funding, or benefits.



# Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

## Commission Staff

The LCPR's three-person staff assists the chair with meeting agendas and materials, performs research and legal and policy analysis on pension and retirement issues, and drafts bills for legislators. The LCPR's website ([lcpr.mn.gov](http://lcpr.mn.gov)) and its office in the State Office Building are repositories of information and documents related to public pension plans and select retirement topics.

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# Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy

## About the Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy

The commission was created to provide the Legislature with in-depth analysis of projected state revenues, expenditures, and tax expenditures. In considering these matters, the commission must gauge the Legislature's role in state expenditures and consider the long-term needs of the state, while not duplicating work done by standing committees of the House and the Senate.

The commission consists of nine members of the senate appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration and nine members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. The chair alternates between a member of the Senate and a member of the House

### Commission's Statutory Authority

"The commission shall provide the Legislature with research and analysis of current and projected state revenue, state expenditures, and state tax expenditures. ..."

Minnesota Statutes 3.885

## Contacting the Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy

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# Great Lakes Commission

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## About the Great Lakes Commission

The commission promotes development of the Great Lakes basin, plans water resource development, makes maximum possible use of navigational aids and other public works, and secures balanced use of the basin. The compact governing the commission was signed by Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Ontario.

Minnesota is represented on this Commission by four legislators, two from the Senate and two from the House of Representatives.

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# Legislative Energy Commission

## About the Legislative Energy Commission

The Legislative Energy Commission was created by the Minnesota Legislature in 2008, which was formerly constituted as the Electric Energy Task Force. The commission evaluates the energy policies of the state, assessing the impact on the future of the environment and the economy. The commission also monitors the state's progress in achieving goals to develop renewable sources of electric energy; evaluates progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions; reviews and recommends proposed energy legislation and takes public testimony on energy issues.

### Commission's Statutory Authority

"The commission shall continuously evaluate the energy policies of this state and the degree to which they promote an environmentally and economically sustainable energy future."

- Minnesota Statutes 3.8851

The membership of the commission consists of nine members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House and nine members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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# Mississippi River Parkway Commission

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## About the Mississippi River Parkway Commission

The Mississippi River Parkway Commission (MRPC) aids in the development of a scenic parkway and highway along the Mississippi River in Minnesota, and in the promotion of economic development opportunities along the Great River Road. It works with the state and local agencies of the National Mississippi River Parkway Commission in the promotion of tourism and the enhancement of economic development in the Mississippi River Valley.

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# Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission

## About the Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission

The Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission was established to advise the Department of Natural Resources and the school trust lands director on the management of permanent school fund land, which is held in trust for the school districts of the state and to review legislation affecting permanent school fund land.

The commission consists of three senators appointed by the senate majority leader, three senators appointed by the senate minority leader, three state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, and three state representatives appointed by the house minority leader. Additionally, a Director is appointed to oversee and coordinate activities of the Permanent School Fund within the DNR. The current director is Aaron Vande Linde at [aaron.vande-linde@state.mn.us](mailto:aaron.vande-linde@state.mn.us).

### Commission's Statutory Authority

"The commission shall review current statutes on management of school trust fund lands at least annually and shall recommend necessary changes in statutes, policy, and implementation in order to ensure provident utilization of the permanent school fund lands."

- Minnesota Statutes 127A.30

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# Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

## About the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

The Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy (SMWP) was originally established in 2014 as the Legislative Water Commission (LWC). However, in 2019 Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy (SMWP) was created and continues to review water policy and recommendations, assess data and make recommendations to assist the legislature in formulating recommendations and legislation.

Additionally, the SMWP shares information with the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), other pertinent legislative committees, and shares information and coordinates with the Clean Water Council.

The SMWP consists of six members of the Senate, including three majority party members appointed by the majority leader and three minority party members appointed by the minority leader; and six members of the House of Representatives, including three majority party members appointed by the speaker of the house and three minority party members appointed by the minority leader.

### Subcommittee's Statutory Authority

"The subcommittee shall review water policy reports and recommendations of the Environment Quality Board, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, the Pollution Control Agency, the Department of Natural Resources, the Metropolitan Council, and other water-related reports as may be required by law or the legislature."

Minnesota Statutes 3.886

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# Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government

## About the Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government

The Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government was established to oversee the Metropolitan Council's operating and capital budgets, work program, and capital improvement program.

The membership consists of four senators appointed by the senate majority leader, three senators appointed by the senate minority leader, four representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, and three representatives appointed by the house minority leader. All members must reside in or represent a portion of the seven-county metropolitan area. The appointing authorities must ensure balanced geographic representation. Each appointing authority must make appointments as soon as possible after the opening of the next regular session of the Legislature in each odd-numbered year.

### Commission's Statutory Authority

"The Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government is established to oversee the Metropolitan Council's operating and capital budgets, work program, and capital improvement program."

-Minnesota Statutes 3.8841

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# Legislative Commission on Data Practices

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## About the Legislative Commission on Data Practices

The Legislative Commission on Data Practices and Personal Data Privacy was created to study issues relating to government data practices and individuals' personal data privacy rights and to review legislation impacting data practices, data security, and personal data privacy. The commission is charged with the following:

- review and provide the legislature with research and analysis of emerging issues relating to government data practices and security and privacy of personal data;
- review and make recommendations on legislative proposals relating to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act; and
- review and make recommendations on legislative proposals impacting personal data privacy rights, data security, and other related issues.

The commission consists of four members from the House of Representative and four members from the Senate. The commission may also elect up to four former legislators who have demonstrated an interest in, or have a history of working in, the areas of government data practices and personal data privacy to serve as nonvoting members of the commission.

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# Legislative Commission on Minnesota Sports Facilities

## About the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Sports Facilities

The Legislative Commission on Minnesota Sports Facilities was created to oversee the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority's operating and capital budgets. The commission is charged with: providing financial oversight of the authority; adoption of a statewide authority structure for the operation and management of sports facilities and entertainment venues under the jurisdiction of the authority; and creating a comprehensive management plan that alleviates booking and scheduling concerns regarding the sports facilities and entertainment venues under the jurisdiction of the authority.

### Commission's Statutory Authority

"The legislature finds that continuous legislative review of the financial management of the authority is necessary to promote fiscal responsibility and good management, and strengthen the accountability of the authority."

- Minnesota Statutes 3.8842

The Commission consists of three senators appointed by the senate majority leader, three senators appointed by the senate minority leader, three state representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, and three state representatives appointed by the house minority leader.

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# MNsure Legislative Oversight Commission

## About the MNsure Legislative Oversight Committee

The MNsure Legislative Oversight Committee was established in 2013 to oversee the operations of MNsure and to recommend necessary changes in policy, implementation, and statutes to the MNsure board of directors and to the legislature.

The membership of the committee consists of five members of the senate, three members appointed by the majority leader of the senate, and two members appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and five members of the house of representatives, three members appointed by the speaker of the house, and two members appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

### Commission's Statutory Authority

The MNsure Legislative Oversight Committee was established in 2013 to oversee the implementation of Chapter 62V of Minnesota Statutes and the operation of MNsure.

- Minnesota Statutes, 62V.11

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# Legislative Commission on Housing Affordability

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## About the Legislative Commission on Housing Affordability

The Legislative Commission was established in 2019 to:

1. define housing affordability and study issues relating to housing affordability and the construction, preservation, and rehabilitation of owner-occupied and rental housing, including subsidized housing, existing and future government regulations impacting housing affordability, market forces impacting housing affordability, and access to homeownership;
2. review and provide the legislature with research and analysis of emerging issues affecting housing affordability and homeownership access, including but not limited to construction work force, innovation, building practices, and building material costs;
3. review and provide the legislature with research and analysis of policies to reduce the homeownership equity gap; and
4. review and make recommendations on legislative and rulemaking proposals positively impacting personal housing affordability, access to homeownership, and other related barriers to homeownership, especially with regard to first-time homebuyers and economically disadvantaged buyers and renters.

The Commission is made up of two senators appointed by the senate majority leader; two senators appointed by the senate minority leader; two representatives appointed by the speaker of the house; and two representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

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