



Legislative Session Preview

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2025 Legislative Session Big Picture

- **Budget Year** – funding government for the next two fiscal years.
- **Bonding Bill** – could possibly see a capital investment bill (this usually happens during the second year of the biennium).
- **Budget Outlook** – the November forecast shows a \$616 million surplus.
- **Federal Policy Impact** - Ongoing discussion about how a new federal administration impacts priorities.
- **Legislative Control** - Return to divided government.

Legislative Makeup

- Senate is tied with 33 DFL members and 33 R members.
- House is tied?

Here's what we knew

- House committees would each be co-chaired by one member from each party.
- House Agriculture Finance & Policy Committee would be chaired by Rep. Paul Anderson (R – Starbuck) and Rep. Rick Hansen (D – South St. Paul).
- Each party would have equal representation on each House committee.

Here's what we know

- The Senate will have a temporary power sharing arrangement while tied.

Here's what we don't know

- Basically everything.

What does it all mean?

- House committee co-chairs will have to work very well together.
- Perhaps fewer bills that require multiple committee stops.
- Bills that reach the House floor will be heavily negotiated beforehand.



What next?

- DEED has submitted budget and policy recommendations to the Governor's Office. These are all pending approval. They're also all secret for now – sorry.
- The Governor will release budget recommendations by January 28, 2025.