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The Minnesota House of Representatives does not define the jurisdictions of most of its committees.

House Capital Investment Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"The Committee on Capital Investment has jurisdiction over legislation affecting debt obligations issued by the state and capital projects of the state, including the planning, acquiring and bettering of public lands and buildings and other state projects of a capital nature". Except as provided in Rule 1.15, a House or Senate bill that directly and specifically affects debt obligations or capital projects of the state must be referred to the Committee on Capital Investment before the bill receives its second reading" (House Rule 4.12).

House Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House Education Finance Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House Energy Finance and Policy Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House Health Finance and Policy Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House Housing Finance and Policy Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House Human Services Finance and Policy Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"The Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law has jurisdiction over a House or Senate bill that substantially affects either Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13, or other government data practices statutes" (House Rule 4.16).

House Legacy Finance Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House State Government Finance and Policy Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

Veterans and Military Affairs Division

House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, and more available on website.

House Ways and Means Committee

Website

Membership; legislation; and meeting schedules, minutes, and audio/video available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"(a) The Committee on Ways and Means must hold hearings as necessary to determine state expenditures and revenues for the fiscal biennium.

"(b) Within 25 days after the last state general fund revenue and expenditure forecast for the next fiscal biennium becomes available during the regular session in the odd-numbered year, the Committee on Ways and Means must adopt a budget resolution. The budget resolution: (1) must set the maximum limit on net expenditures for the next fiscal biennium for the general fund, (2) must set an amount or amounts to be set aside as a budget reserve and a cash flow account, (3) must set net spending limits for each budget category represented by the major finance and revenue bills identified in paragraph (e), and (4) may set limits for expenditures from funds other than the general fund. The budget resolution must not specify, limit, or prescribe revenues or expenditures by any category other than those specified in clauses (1), (2), (3), and (4). After the Committee adopts the budget resolution, the limits in the resolution are effective during the regular session in the year in which the resolution is adopted, unless a different or amended resolution is adopted.

"(c) During the regular session in the even-numbered year, before the Committee on Ways and Means reports a bill containing net increases or decreases in expenditures as compared to general fund expenditures in the current fiscal biennium estimated by the most recent state budget forecast, the Committee may adopt a budget resolution. If adopted, the resolution must account for the net changes in expenditures. The resolution may also (1) set limits for changes in net expenditures for each budget category represented by the major finance and revenue bills identified in paragraph (e), and (2) set limits for expenditures from funds other than the general fund" (House of Representatives Rules).

Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission

Website

Membership and meeting information available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"The Legislative Budget Office Oversight Commission was established in 2018 (Minnesota Statutes 3.8854) to review the work of the Legislative Budget Office (LBO) and make recommendations regarding the office's ability to fulfill its duties. The Oversight Commission is charged with appointing the LBO director and is also responsible for establishing the director's duties. The director of the LBO serves as the executive secretary of the Commission. The chair and vice-chair alternate biennially between the senate and the house of representatives" (commission website).

Senate Capital Investment Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, budget tracking spreadsheets, and more available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"The Committee on Capital Investment has jurisdiction over all bills appropriating money for the acquisition and betterment of public lands and buildings, and other public improvements of a capital nature, whether from the proceeds of the state general obligation bonds, the general fund, or any other operating fund" (Senate Committee Jurisdiction - 2025, p. 5).

Budget Jurisdiction

- General Obligation Bonding
- Capital Projects
- Debt Service (Senate Committee Jurisdiction - 2025, p. 5).

Senate Education Finance Committee

Website

Membership, schedule, legislation, audio/video, budget tracking spreadsheets, and more available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"The Committee on Education Finance has jurisdiction over all bills appropriating money, obligating the state to expend money, or establishing a policy requiring the expenditure of money for education, children, and libraries, except bills relating to higher education or childcare" (Senate Committee Jurisdiction - 2025, p. 7).

Budget Jurisdiction

- Department of Children, Youth, and Families
  - Early Childhood and Family Education
  - School Readiness
  - Developmental Screen Aid
  - Home Visiting Aid
- Department of Education
  - Board of School Administrators
- Education Finance
  - General Education Revenue
  - Special Education Revenue
  - School Nutrition
  - Early Education
    - Kindergarten Entrance Assessment
    - Early Childhood/Tribal Schools

    - Community Education and Lifelong Learning
    - Other Categorical Grants, Aids, and Levies

- Minnesota Children’s Museum
- Minnesota State Academies
- Permanent School Fund
- Perpich Center for Art Education
- Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (Senate Committee Jurisdiction - 2025, p. 7).

Senate Finance Committee

Website

Membership; legislation; and meeting schedules, minutes, and audio/video available on website.

Purpose/Jurisdiction

"The Committee on Finance has jurisdiction over all bills appropriating money, obligating the state to expend money, or establishing a policy requiring the expenditure of money" (Senate Committee Jurisdiction - 2025, p. 13).

Confirmations

- Commissioner of Management and Budget

Budget Jurisdiction

- Budget Reserve
- Case Flow Account
- Stadium Reserve (Senate Committee Jurisdiction - 2025, p. 13).