



## Senior Advocate FYI

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It has been a busy session so far for our elected officials. Since starting in early January approximately 2500 bills have been introduced and passed to their respective first committees.

The Legislature has set an aggressive timeline for session with the release of [committee dates](#). These are the important dates for proposed legislation to make it through the legislative process and possibly become a new law. The first deadline on March 10th is the date by which a bill must be acted upon by policy committees in either the House or Senate. Bills that have not received any hearings by that date can be considered “dead.” Bills that make the first committee deadline must then be heard in the other body by the second committee deadline, which is Friday, March 17th. The final deadline of March 31st is the deadline for all appropriation or finance bills to have been passed out of their finance committees.

One important bill to pay attention to this session is the Elderly Waiver Reform bill, [House File 823](#) and its companion bill in the Senate, [Senate File 668](#). Both bills were introduced last week. The House version made its first committee stop this past week and the Senate version is expected to make its first committee stop next week. [Senator Housley](#) and [Representative Schomacker](#) are the chief authors on the bills. For a detailed summary of the House version’s proposed changes, read this House Research [bill summary](#).

One yet-to-be-released piece of information important for committees that deal with spending money is their “target.” Legislative leadership determines and informs committees of their target which is the total amount of funding the committee may spend or must find a way to save and make available to other committees. The House and Senate have not yet released their targets yet for Health and Human Service finance committees. Usually, final targets are determined after the February forecast. Speaking of the February 2017 Economic Forecast, Minnesota Management and Budget will likely release it at the end of February or during the first part of March. The Governor will use the forecast information to make adjustments to his proposed budget recommendations. The Legislature will use the information to create final committee targets and financial spending packages.

The following pages list bills introduced so far this session that impact older adults. MBA staff seek to identify bills of interest to older adults and aging advocates beyond those in the health and human services arena (i.e. transportation, consumer and vulnerable adult protections). You, as subscribers to SA-FYI, can help by calling our attention to bills you are following that you don’t see showing up on this tracker. Send information to Mark Schulz at [mark.schulz@state.mn.us](mailto:mark.schulz@state.mn.us).

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Senate File (Author)	House File (Author)	Description	Status
None	<a href="#">HF239</a> (Thissen)	Working Parents Act established along with Paid Family Leave and Caregiver Insurance in addition to Earned Sick and Safe Time statutes.	1/12/2017 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Job Growth & Energy Affordability Policy
None	<a href="#">HF422</a> (Schultz)	Department of Health required to create, staff, and produce a comprehensive health care work force planning council.	1/23/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform
None	<a href="#">HF644</a> (Liebling)	DHS required to create health care delivery system for managed care and ends MCO contracts beyond 2018.	1/30/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform
None	<a href="#">HF656</a> (Lucero)	Health insurance premium subtraction allowed for state income tax purposes.	1/30/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/7/17 – Heard in HSE HHS Reform, adopted and referred to HSE Taxes
None	<a href="#">HF736</a> (Peterson)	Family and medical leave savings accounts created and tax subtraction allowed.	2/1/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Job Growth & Energy Policy
None	<a href="#">HF869</a> (Metsa)	Social Security Income “provisional income” subtraction. Provides a 50% per year subtraction of SSI benefits.	2/6/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes
None	<a href="#">HF1068</a> (Bernardy)	Dependent care credit modified.	2/13/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes
None	<a href="#">HF1105</a> (Howe)	Open meeting law modified.	2/13/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Government Operations and Election Policy
None	<a href="#">HF1128</a> (Gruenhagen)	Health insurance reform bill that includes prohibition against insurance denying a policy for preexisting conditions.	2/13/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Commerce and Regulatory Reform
None	<a href="#">HF1158</a> (Bernardy)	Medicare Part B premium subtraction allowed.	2/13/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes
None	<a href="#">HF1245</a> (Schomacker)	Health and Human Services policy bill.	2/15/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform
None	<a href="#">HF1341</a> (Knoblach)	Nursing facility rate adjustments consolidated to coincide with payment rates.	2/16/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform
None	<a href="#">HF1350</a> (Franson)	Medical Assistance spenddown procedures modified.	2/16/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform
None	<a href="#">HF1353</a> (Schomacker)	Nursing facility technical corrections for cross-references.	2/16/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform
None	<a href="#">HF1420</a> (Loon)	Modification to the dependent care credit, allows credit for persons with income greater than \$70,000.	2/20/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes

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None	<a href="#">HF1551</a> (Green)	Property value increase prohibition for homesteads owned by persons aged 65 or older	2/22/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes
<a href="#">SF19</a> (Ruud)	<a href="#">HF9</a> (Lueeck)	Social Security Income phased-in subtraction. Provides a 20% per year subtraction of SSI benefits until SSI subtraction is 100%.	1/5/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes 1/5/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes
<a href="#">SF65</a> (Fischbach)	<a href="#">HF136</a> (Howe)	Zero-based budgeting required for all state budgets.	1/11/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Government Operations & Election Policy 1/11/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN State Government Finance, Policy & Election 2/16/17 – Heard in SEN State Government, amended and referred to SEN Finance
<a href="#">SF69</a> (Miller)	<a href="#">HF79</a> (Davids)	Veterans Home in Fillmore County. Allows bonds to be issued for a new veterans home.	1/5/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Veterans Affairs Division 1/11/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Capital Investment 2/15/17 – Heard in HSE Veterans Affairs Division, amended and referred to HSE State Government Finance
<a href="#">SF112</a> (Housley)	<a href="#">HF345</a> (Zerwas)	Palliative care advisory committee created.	1/12/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Aging & LTC 1/26/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/6/17 – Heard in SEN Aging & LTC, amended, and referred to SEN State Government Finance and Policy 2/20/17 – Heard in SEN State Government Finance and Policy, amended and referred to SEN HHS Finance

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<a href="#">SF120</a> (Nelson)	<a href="#">HF262</a> (Kiel)	Alzheimer's disease working group reestablishment. Proposes to reconvene the ADWG for a legislative report update by January 15, 2018. Also requires the MBA to perform this process every 4 years thereafter.	1/12/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Aging & LTC 1/17/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/8/17 – Heard in HSE Aging & LTC, amended and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/15/17 – Heard in SEN Aging & LTC, amended and referred to SEN State Government Finance and Policy
<a href="#">SF160</a> (Clausen)	<a href="#">HF744</a> (Albright)	Department of Health required to create, staff, and produce a comprehensive health care work force planning council.	1/17/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Finance and Policy 2/2/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/20/17 – Heard in HSE HHS Reform, amended and referred to HSE Government Operations and Election Policy
<a href="#">SF163</a> (Dibble)	<a href="#">HF1399</a> (Lesch)	Landlord and tenant right to quit lease provision changes. Allows tenant to choose the time period for notice to quit.	1/17/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy 2/20-17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Civil Law and Data Privacy
<a href="#">SF177</a> (Fischbach)	<a href="#">HF260</a> (O'Driscoll)	Modifies the long-term care insurance tax credit. Increases the tax credit for purchasing LTC insurance from \$100 to \$200 per individual and \$200 to \$400 per family.	1/17/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes 1/19/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes
<a href="#">SF216</a> (Lourey)	<a href="#">HF629</a> (Rarick)	Medical Assistance claims against estates modified.	1/19/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Finance 1/30/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform
<a href="#">SF219</a> (Marty)	<a href="#">HF358</a> (Koegel)	Minnesota Health Plan created. Five versions of Senate bill with maximum authorship on each. SFs219-224.	1/19/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Finance and Policy 1/19/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform

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<a href="#">SF220</a> (Carlson)	<a href="#">HF488</a> (Bly)	Health care plan establishment for Minnesotans.	1/19/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Finance 1/26/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform
<a href="#">SF250</a> (Utke)	<a href="#">HF225</a> (Zerwas)	Medical assistance asset and spenddown limits increased from \$3k to 10k and \$6k to \$18k. Excess income standard increased to from 80% 100% federal poverty guideline.	1/12/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 1/23/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Reform 2/2/17 – Heard in HSE HHS Reform, amended, and referred to HSE HHS Finance
<a href="#">SF286</a> (Housley)	<a href="#">HF213</a> (Lohmer)	Social Security Income phased-in subtraction. Provides a 10% per year subtraction of SSI benefits until SSI subtraction is 100%.	1/12/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes 1/23/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes
<a href="#">SF331</a> (Fischbach)	<a href="#">HF110</a> (Howe)	SNAP asset limitations modified.	1/9/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 1/26/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Reform
<a href="#">SF359</a> (Utke)	<a href="#">HF696</a> (Baker)	Home and community-based services setting and licensing requirements.	1/26/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Reform 2/1/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/15/17 – Heard in HSE HHS Reform, amended and referred to HSE HHS Finance 2/22/17 – Heard in SEN HHS Reform and referred to SEN Judiciary and Public Safety
<a href="#">SF395</a> (Eken)	<a href="#">HF490</a> (Lien)	Nonprofit nursing facility rates in border cities modified.	1/26/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Aging & LTC 1/26/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/20/17 – Heard in HSE Aging & LTC, amended and referred to HS HHS Reform

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<a href="#">SF401</a> (Senjem)	<a href="#">HF834</a> (Lohmer)	Social Security Income phased-in subtraction. Provides a 7 year phase out subtraction of SSI benefits until SSI subtraction is 100%.	1/26/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes 2/6/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes
<a href="#">SF403</a> (Senjem)	<a href="#">HF835</a> (Lueck)	Social Security Income phased-in subtraction. Provides a 10% per year subtraction of SSI benefits until SSI subtraction is 100%.	1/26/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes 2/6/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes
<a href="#">SF424</a> (Limmer)	None	Social Security Income subtraction. Provides a 100% for tax year 2017.	1/30/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes
<a href="#">SF425</a> (Limmer)	None	Social Security Income phased-in subtraction. Provides a 25% per year subtraction of SSI benefits until SSI subtraction is 100%.	1/30/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes
<a href="#">SF469</a> (Clausen)	<a href="#">HF991</a> (Kiel)	Early retirement plan withdrawals used for long-term care expenses are eligible for income take refundable credit.	1/30/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes 2/9/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes
<a href="#">SF544</a> (Pappas)	<a href="#">HF227</a> (Thissen)	Cost-of-living study by DEED contents revised to include retirement and long-term care saving issues.	1/12/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy & Finance 2/2/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy
<a href="#">SF637</a> (Abeler)	None	East African seniors health and wellness services pilot project and appropriation for MDH.	2/6/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Finance
<a href="#">SF654</a> (Lourey)	<a href="#">HF500</a> (Schmacker)	Nursing facility payment system policy and technical changes and report required.	1/26/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/6/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Finance 2/9/17 – Withdrawn and referred to SEN Aging & LTC
<a href="#">SF655</a> (Relph)	<a href="#">HF803</a> (Baker)	Establishing a DHS run senior care workforce innovation grant Program.	2/6/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Aging & LTC 2/6/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform

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<a href="#">SF658</a> (Hayden)	<a href="#">HF874</a> (Hamilton)	Establishes funding for grants regarding long-term homeless supportive services, adults with serious mental illness grant program, transitional housing program, and emergency services program.	2/6/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Reform 2/6/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Finance
<a href="#">SF668</a> (Housley)	<a href="#">HF823</a> (Schomacker)	Elderly waiver program reform bill.	2/6/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Aging & LTC 2/6/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform
<a href="#">SF669</a> (Dahms)	<a href="#">HF873</a> (Hamilton)	ICF/DD and HCBS 4% provider rate increase.	2/6/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Reform 2/6/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/15/17 – Heard in HSE HHS Reform, amended and referred to HSE HHS Finance
<a href="#">SF777</a> (Housley)	None	Long-term care for older adults rethink advisory task force create and appropriation.	2/9/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Aging & LTC
<a href="#">SF781</a> (Lourey)	<a href="#">HF887</a> (Murphy, E.)	Health and Human Services budget bill.	2/6/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Finance 2/9/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Finance
<a href="#">SF800</a> (Nelson)	<a href="#">HF945</a> (Dean, M.)	Nursing facility and customized living cross-reference corrections	2/9/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Finance 2/9/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform
<a href="#">SF818</a> (Housley)	<a href="#">HF952</a> (Kiel)	Assisted living establishment hearing loss training requirements.	2/9/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Aging & LTC 2/9/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform
<a href="#">SF819</a> (Housley)	<a href="#">HF804</a> (Kiel)	HWS establishments added to list of eligible HCBS scholarship organizations.	2/6/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/9/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Finance

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<a href="#">SF830</a> (Kent)	<a href="#">HF1013</a> (Metsa)	Paid family and medical benefit program established and taxes imposed.	2/9/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Jobs and Economic Growth Finance 2/9/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Job Growth and Energy Affordability
<a href="#">SF852</a> (Lourey)	<a href="#">HF865</a> (McDonald)	Housing support service created for Medical Assistance.	2/6/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/13/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Reform 2/20/17 – Heard in HSE HHS Reform, amended and referred to HSE HHS Finance
<a href="#">HF853</a> (Lourey)	<a href="#">HF866</a> (McDonald)	Minnesota supplemental aid modified.	2/6/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/13/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Reform
<a href="#">SF869</a> (Fischbach)	<a href="#">HF1088</a> (Hamilton)	Disability accessibility home modification tax credit.	2/13/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes 2/13/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes
<a href="#">SF897</a> (Eken)	<a href="#">HF941</a> (Poppe)	Minnesota Board on Aging caregiver support programs and service provision modified and appropriations granted.	2/9/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/13/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Aging & LTC
<a href="#">SF898</a> (Eken)	<a href="#">HF942</a> (Poppe)	Essential community supports budgets modified.	2/9/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/13/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Aging & LTC
<a href="#">SF919</a> (Housley)	None	Commerce Dep't older and vulnerable adult exploitation protections established for	2/13/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Aging & LTC
<a href="#">SF925</a> (Clausen)	<a href="#">HF1169</a> (Albright)	Extends the legislative health care workforce commission and modifies the work plan report requirement.	2/13/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Finance 2/13/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/20/17 – Heard in HSE HHS Reform and referred to HSE Government Operations and Election Policy



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<a href="#">SF1010</a> (Nelson)	<a href="#">HF1115</a> (Schomacker)	Specialized care facility provisions modified and state area hardship definitions with regard to nursing facilities changed.	2/13/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/15/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Finance
<a href="#">SF1089</a> (Lang)	<a href="#">HF1109</a> (Miller)	Allows bonds to be issued for new veterans’ homes in Bemidji and Montevideo.	2/13/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE State Government Finance 2/15/17 – Referred in HSE to Veterans Affairs Division 2/16/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Capital Investment 2/22/17 – HSE Veterans Affairs Division returns bill to HSE State Government Finance
<a href="#">SF1102</a> (Hoffman)	<a href="#">HF1132</a> (Backer)	Community first services and supports program modification.	2/13/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/16/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Finance
<a href="#">SF1154</a> (Utke)	<a href="#">HF1462</a> (Albright)	Human Service Financing Reform task force created.	2/20/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE HHS Reform 2/20/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Reform
<a href="#">SF1175</a> (Rest)	<a href="#">HF1599</a> (Carlson, L.)	Provides for a subtraction of Social Security Income from state income taxes paid.	2/20/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN Taxes 2/22/17 – Introduced in House and referred to HSE Taxes
<a href="#">SF1298</a> (Abeler)	None	Housing with service establishment requirement to not force residents to change units.	2/22/17 – Introduced in Senate and referred to SEN HHS Finance