

**2018 Legislative Session MAT Bill Log #1**  
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**Annexation & Detachment**

HF	SF	Authors	Title	Summary	MAT's Position
1995	1749	Rep. Green / Sen. B. Anderson	Orderly Annexation Agreements Protected	Prohibits a city not a party to an orderly annexation agreement from annexing land subject to the orderly agreement	MAT Requested Bill – full support

**Environment & Natural Resources**

HF	SF	Authors	Title	Summary	MAT's Position
143	372	Rep. Green / Sen. Utke	No Net Gain of State Lands County Policy	Allows counties to adopt policy that requires DNR to sell state within the county in equal amount to that DNR acquires in the county.	Support. We need to clarify how it might affect townships.
203	412	Rep. Backer / Sen. Westrom	Allows reassessing of repairs by watershed districts	Assessments for repairs will be made on an updated land value, not the land value reflected in the original drainage proceeding.	MAT believes environment revenue sources and not transportation funding should be used
292	N/A	Rep. Sundin / NA	Beaver damage cost reimbursement provided.	providing for reimbursement of costs associated with beaver damage	Could provide towns with money to repair damages.
337	N/A	Rep. Ecklund / NA	\$7.55 million bond request for Silver Creek Township	Seeks state funding to assist with new wastewater treatment facility	Local bill, but MAT supports towns seeking bond revenue when appropriate

338	N/A	Rep. Green / NA	Alternative Wetland Mitigation	Reduces the amount of wetland replacement required in areas more than 80% wetland.	Likely reduces the costs of wetland replacement, allowing wetland replacement dollars to go farther. Supports MAT position of one-to-one replacement ratio. Support
717	643	Rep. Green / Sen. Johnson	Culvert Replacement Fund	Appropriates money from clean water fund to the DNR to be used for grants to road authorities to pay for costs of installing or replacing culverts as part of a water-quality improvement project.	Support. May lower or eliminate costs to townships for projects completed by drainage authorities. HF laid over for possible inclusion in Omnibus bill
863	827	Rep. Quam/ Sen. Dibble	Bikeway establishment and use provisions modified; Mississippi River Trail and North Star Bicycle route established	Works to establish a state bike route along the Mississippi River and North Shore. Provides authority of the Commissioner of DOT to enter agreements with local governments to facilitate establishing these bikeways.	No position on bike route but support need to work with the local governments
1729	1592	Rep. Fabian / Sen. Ingebrigtsen	Federal clean water act assumption of section 404 permit program agreements negotiation appropriation	BWSR did a study about having the State of Minnesota assume the section 404 permit program.	The goal of the program would be to have less paperwork and streamline permitting.
1863	1458	Rep. Dettmer / Sen. Chamberlain	Wetland replacement requirements modified	Adds wetland replacement, bank service area to determine the 80 percent rule in wetland replacement.	Likely reduces the costs of wetland replacement, allowing wetland replacement dollars to go farther. Supports MAT position of one-to-one replacement ratio.
NA	174	NA/ Sen. Newton	Additional financing of parks, trails, and recreational facilities for local units of government by special fees	Parks, trails and recreational facilities additional funding for local units of government through special fees authorization	No policy position but funding may assist some towns

<b>2935</b>	<b>2855</b>	Rep. Fabian/ Sen. Ingebriksen	Notice to local governments of purchase of land by NGO's with heritage funds	A NGO must notify the county board and the town board if land is being purchased with heritage funds. The county board and town board may pass resolutions favoring or opposing the land sale.	Support
<b>3043</b>	<b>2628</b>	Rep, Urdahl / Sen. Newman	Notification to county of land purchases by heritage fund	At least 30 days before acquiring land with money from the heritage fund, the county board must be notified in writing or the sale and the land's description.	No notification of township is required.
<b>3424</b>	<b>3168</b>	Fabian/Ingebriksen	Additions and deletions to state forest and park land;	Allows sale of state-owned surplus property by online auction	
<b>3440</b>	<b>NA</b>	Rep. Laymen	Snowmobile trails	A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying use of snowmobile trails and enforcement account; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.83, subdivision 3.	
<b>3498</b>		Rep. Green	More local control on land sales	Before a state agency acquires any land, it must first be approved by the Legislature and the County Commissioners.	
<b>3556</b>	<b>3295</b>	Rep Heintzeman Sen. Lang	Developing off-road vehicle trails	A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for statewide planning and development of trails for off-road vehicles.	

**Government Operations**

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34	184	Rep. Garofalo / Sen. Osmek	Obstructing Legal Process; Increased Penalties	Makes crime a felony; minimum imprisonment of 2 years; requires fine up to \$10,000;	Promotes service of legal process so landowners & occupants may not avoid service of papers that begin a lawsuit. No policy position.
63	N/A	Rep. Quam / NA	Election Judge Party Affiliation	Election Judges appointed other than from major party lists must declare their party allegiance or swear they have none. List of such judges becomes data on individual	No policy position. Need to ensure non-partisan town elections not effected
70	123	Rep. Quam / Sen. Latz	Keeping of Electronic Transmissions	Requires emails and similar electronic communications to be kept at least 18 months	Oppose. Increases mandates on townships in records retention. Bill does not provide exemptions for situations in which the town does not control the data, for example, when a 3 <sup>rd</sup> party email service is used (Gmail, Yahoo, etc.).
145	533	Rep. Thissen / Sen. Wicklund	Public Contracts – Public Body Liable for unpaid costs	Bill allows a public body to require a contractor to provide performance bond and payment bond for projects less than \$11,000, but if public body chooses not to impose the requirement, the public body is liable for all unpaid losses and charges.	Oppose because bill places liability on township if township refuses to seek a bond in small contracts. Limits town's power to sue the contractor for damages.
188	N/A	Rep. Nash / NA	Removes need for permit to carry firearms	Would allow carrying of firearm in public places w/o need for permit, and creates an optional permit to carry a pistol	Likely increases firearms in public places, including at public hearings, and may stifle free speech at public hearings. Oppose to the extent that it limits community involvement and speech at public hearings and events.

246	370	Rep. Schultz / Sen. Isaacson	Redistricting	Sets redistricting principles for legislative and congressional plans established after the 2020 census, and appointment of commission to recommend district boundaries provided.	No policy position. Will monitor.
247	343	Rep. Green / Sen. Utke	Real property purchase payments limited	Public entities limited in amount it may pay to acquire real property or an interest in real property to the county tax assessed value.	No direct policy position but limits board control over contracting and price it believes appropriate to pay for real property purchase. Assumes county assessed value is accurate.
324	N/A	Rep. Backer/ NA	Emergency Service Personnel Interstate Compact	Seeks to have multi-state agreement on training, licensing, etc. for all EMS, EMT, Paramedics, etc. and allow responses across State lines to improve access to services, etc.	Support to the extent it improves access to emergency services.
329	235	Rep. Rarick/ Sen. Westrom	Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Account	Creates a fund dedicating tax revenues from fireworks to volunteer fire departments.	Support. Bill would offer financial support to volunteer fire departments, potentially decreasing the amounts charged to towns for fire protection
330	201	Rep. Nash / Sen. Hall	2/3 vote required to approve Interim Ordinances (aka moratorium) related to housing	Would require two-thirds of governing body of a city to approve imposing an interim use on housing projects. Public hearing required following 10-day notice	Reintroduced from end negotiations in 2016. Townships currently exempt per 2016 agreement with author

361	198	Rep. Nelson/ Sen. Newton	Payment for unused days off	An employer, including a township, would be prohibited from capping the accrual of paid days off, other than sick leave, and could not require the forfeiture of such hours upon leaving employment. Applies to vacation days, personal days, or any other day off for which wages would still be paid other than sick leave time	No position, but is an indirect mandate with possible costs to towns with employees accruing any leave time other than sick leave
372	208	Rep. Nash / Sen. Osmek	Prohibition on incentives related to garbage hauling	It would be illegal for PCA commissioner or a county to offer a local unit of government, including towns, an incentive or threatened penalty for using or not using specific solid waste collection method or recycling	Support. Strengthens local control.
470	1098	Rep. Cornish / Sen. Limmer	Public safety motor vehicle tampering crime created, and criminal penalties established.	Makes it felony to tamper with a public safety motor vehicle, including fire vehicles of a political subdivision	Consistent with current policies.
553	352	Rep. Dettmer / Sen. Chamberlain	Regulating Disposition of School Houses	Requires that when a school board decides to close and dispose of a schoolhouse, the school board must offer the schoolhouse to the township in which the school is located.	Support. Old school house lots often are not suitable for private ownership because of lot irregularities, blighted conditions, and non-compliance with modern setbacks and zoning controls.
681	579	Rep. Quam / Sen. Senjem	Mandatory Fire sprinklers prohibited	Prohibits political subdivisions from requiring installation of fire sprinkler systems or components in residential units by ordinance or code.	Oppose. Removes local control over a matter of public safety and general welfare.
777	NA	Rep. Theis / NA	Municipal Hotel Licensing	Allows town to adopt an ordinance requiring hotels operating within the township to have a valid license issue by the township.	Support. Adds local control and licensing options to communities.

957	NA	Rep. Drazkowski / NA	Certain Zoning -related fees prohibited	Prohibits municipalities from imposing a fee to review or investigate a permitted use for compliance with any zoning control.	Oppose. Limits local control, limits funding needed to carry out the community's land use controls.
997	1245	Rep. Jessup / Sen. Mathews	Payment of claims modification	Provides that a creditor making a claim against a town declares that the claim is just and correct by making the claim, rather than by signing a declaration that the claim is correct. Allows towns to make electronic funds transfers in ways previously reserved to school districts.	Support. Reduces paperwork required from claimants and expands payment options for townships.
1007	905	Rep. Howe / Sen. Fischbach	Restrictions on State Agencies suing local governments	Requires state agencies to make all reasonable efforts to help the local government resolve the issue before suing the local government. Requires the state agency to list all reasonable efforts made in the complaint that starts the lawsuit.	Support. Reduces the likelihood of lawsuits against townships and promotes communication between towns and state agencies.
1013	830	Rep. Metsa / Sen. Kent	Paid family, pregnancy, bonding, and medical leave	Provides paid leave from employment for covered conditions at an amount set by statute; benefit amount is less than employee's normal pay; Imposes tax on employers to fund the account; appears similar to unemployment benefit insurance program	No policy position.
1074	782	Rep. Christensen/ Sen. Hall	Licensed residential programs zoning requirements modification	modifying the zoning requirements for residential programs licensed by the commissioner of human services to delete first class city and change to home rule charter or statutory city under section 410.015.	1074
1105	1715	Rep. Howe / Sen. Limmer	Definition of Meeting	Meeting defined in Open Meeting Law	The definition proposed does not match case law and is overly broad to include social settings. Oppose

1185	1719	Rep. Scott / Sen. Limmer	Providing minimum three-year retention period for correspondence of government officials	Correspondence defined in government record retention law, and minimum three-year retention period for correspondence provided.	Oppose. The bill is broadly worded and makes records difficult to impossible to retain for township officers who have no staff or capacity to comply.
1197	1232	Rep. B. Johnson / Sen. Benson	Candidates must file petition in certain circumstances	Requires that a candidate for office present a petition in place of a filing fee if the candidate has not resided in the state for at least 1 year, or in the district from which the candidate seeks election for at least 6 months, as of the date of election	Oppose. Prevents some Minnesota residents from seeking elected office in the same way as other residents, based on the length of time they have been a resident. May limit a town's ability to recruit new officers. Likely would face constitutional challenge – privileges & immunities clause violation?
1200	NA	Rep. B. Johnson / NA	Prohibiting police from using drones to gather evidence	Would prohibit law enforcement agencies from using unmanned remote aerial devices carrying cameras, to gather evidence or information unless the agency is fighting terrorism, obtains a warrant, has exigent or emergency circumstance exist, or is responding to a disaster situation.	Oppose. Limits law enforcement agencies use of otherwise lawful evidence gathering tools.
1281	1197	Rep Zerwas / Sen. Johnson	Interest on awards in civil actions	Removes accrual of interest on judgments against political subdivisions.	Support. Lowers the overall cost to the town of paying a judgment.
1295	1132	Rep. Bennett / Sen. Abeler	Firefighters cancer registry and appropriation	Establishing the patient registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters	Director Jim Fisher brought this issue to MAT's attention, but no policy position. Monitor for possible changes to Workers' Comp laws which could be very costly



1344	1295	Rep. West / Sen. Osmek	Publication of Notices on Website	Authorizes local governments to use their websites for notices, in place of designated newspaper	MAT has supported such efforts in past sessions
1345	1020	Rep. Christensen / Sen. Hall	Removes dollar limit for trophies	Removes current \$800 cap on expenditures for awards and trophies for events coordinated with American Legion or other chartered veteran's group	No direct policy but support flexibility granted to town board
1544	1718	Rep. Pugh / Sen. Limmer	Data Practices Act, Additional information required to deny disclosure of information	For towns subject to data practices act, the town's responsible authority must provide the statute, paragraph, and clause if applicable, when denying a person access to data based on the data's classification status.	Mandate generally opposed. Not too difficult to comply with, but could result in unintentional violations if forget to give all required info instead of general as currently required
1689	1274	Rep. Ecklund Sen Bakk	Contributions to historical societies	Adds city or town historical societies as authorized recipients of township funding. County, city, or town historical society must be affiliated with and approved by MN Historical Society.	Support. Offers more flexibility to town board to support local historical societies if they choose to do so.
1707	NA	Rep. Smith / NA	Limitation period for bringing actions reduced	Reduces the time for filing contract actions and personal injury actions (plus others) from 6 years to 4 years.	This would benefit claims that would be filed against MATIT, but it would limit the time for filing for townships as well.
1965	1318	Rep. Flanagan / Sen. Marty	Minimum Wage Increases	Proposes phasing in increases to the State's minimum wage requirements beginning at \$10.25/hr in August 2017 and increasing every August until it hits \$13/hour in 2022	MAT does not have a formal policy on salaries. Towns with employees would see costs increases to cover the extra wages.
1967	NA	Rep. Lesch / NA	Use of Leave Time Expanded	Allows for the use of accrued sick leave, paid time off, or other paid leave for a number of reasons and also mandates accrual at a rate not less than 8 hours per 30 hours worked in a week. Towns with at least one employee expressly covered.	No direct policy. Could increase town's expenses.

2048	NA	Rep. Nash / NA	Best-Value Contracting Requirements Modified	Numerous changes to definitions for process used in Best-Value Contracting	While on option, the requirements to use this alternative to bidding requirements usually makes best-value contracting of little value to towns
2074	2072	Rep. Ecklund / Sen. Bakk	Allowing electors to provide financial assistance to a school	The electors may authorize the town board to provide financial assistance to a school, including a charter school. Must be done by resolution with a determination the expenditure is in the town's interest.	No policy position.
2106	NA	Rep. Howe	Creates presumption of occupation disease for firefighters with certain cancers	Creates a presumption that certain cancers are an occupational disease for firefighters.	No policy position. Will monitor.
2187	2155	Rep. Drazkowski / Sen. Chamberlain	Post-certification adjustments for lobbying expenses	The amount a county or local government is issued in aid can be reduced by the amount the local government spend lobbying.	Oppose.
2322	2071	Rep Albright / Sen Ingebrigtsen	Rank choice voting authorized	Would allow townships to adopt ranked-choice voting for local elected officials.	Support. Provides towns with more flexibility to administer their elections.
2295	NA	Rep Thissen	Accessibility of public records	Requires that all records subject to the data practices act must be provided in an accessible way to accommodate a petitioner with a disability.	Oppose. Adds additional burdens to data practices compliance. Likely already provided by federal Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.
NA	1120	NA / Sen. Simonson	Firefighters on authorized military leave from local units of government reimbursement grants and appropriation	The commissioner pf Public Safety would make grants to local units of government to reimburse them for the replacement costs of the services performed by firefighters on authorized military leave.	Generally supportive if it would help alleviate the cost of replacing a firefighter on military leave for local governments. (Many firefighters are volunteer in townships.)

2504	NA	Rep. Sandstede	Broadband	\$50 grants, equalizing underserved areas with underserved areas and eliminating provider challenges	Oppose the equalization of underserved with unserved area.
<b>2636</b>	<b>2364</b>	Rep. Erickson/ Sen. Mathews	Donations to food shelves	Bill would allow towns to donate to community food shelves. Currently city and counties may do so.	Support
<b>2953</b>	<b>3106</b>	Rep. Scott/ Sen. Limmer	Chapter 13 responsibilities transferred from administration commissioner to the Office of Administrative Hearings	Transfers the responsibilities for the Open Meeting law from the Commissioner of Administration to the Chief Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings	No MAT position. Not sure of the reason for the move and it may not fit OAH. Monitor.
<b>3002</b>	<b>NA</b>	Rep. Garofalo	Redefining broadband eligibility	Eliminating “unserved areas” from the definition of eligibility for broadband grants.	Oppose. This would cut out most rural areas from eligibility.
<b>3033</b>	<b>2880</b>	Rep. Thissen / Sen. Latz	Prohibitions for broadband contracts with state or political subdivisions	What contracts with internet service providers must contain for state and local political subdivisions	Review.
<b>3034</b>	<b>2491</b>	Rep. S. Anderson/ Sen. Nelson	Reporting requirements for state and local gov'ts on payments made for settling claims	Each political subdivision shall report to the Legislative Coordinating Commission, and make available to the public on the public subdivision's Web site, a report on all payments made with public funds for the previous calendar year. awards and settlements of employee misconduct.	New reporting mandate.
<b>3145</b>	<b>NA</b>	Rep. Newberger	Receiving PERA contributions after age 65	Changes the payment of benefits to allow a participant to receive a benefit after attaining age 65 if still employed by a public employer. Other modifications.	Support. Will allow township officials to receive PERA and not have to resign or leave board.
<b>3221</b>	<b>3021</b>	Rep. O'Driscoll / Sen. Kiffmeyer	Secretary of State's bill on election changes	Includes amendment to M.S. §204B.16 on not requiring a resolution each year; only if it changes.	Support
<b>3268</b>	<b>2739</b>	Rep. Nash / Sen. Eichorn	Statement of Economic Interest	All local officials would be required to file a statement of economic interest, not just those in a metropolitan area.	Oppose?

N/A	2858	Sen. Newton	Modifying conditions for meetings conducted via interactive television	Removes (4) from M.S. § 13D.02, subd. 1, <del>(4) each location at which a member of the body is present is open and accessible to the public.</del>	Support (?)
3303	3027	Rep Runbeck Sen. Laine	Dangerous dog reporting	Statewide dangerous dog database created, and animal control authorities required to implant microchips in dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs.	Support
3343	3114	Rep. Nash Sen. Newton	Open meeting Law	Attendance by interactive television requirements modified so it would not apply to active military or prevented from attending for health reasons.	Support
3391	3122	Rep. Zerwas/ Sen. Jensen	Reduce the size of the legislature to 49 and 98	Constitutional amendment to reducing the size of the legislature from 67 to 49 Senators and from 134 to 98 Reps.	No Support, it would decrease the number of senators /representatives in rural MN.
3527	2787	Rep. Layman / Sen. Koran	Funding the broadband grant program	Broadband grant program funding provided, at \$51.48 million.	Support
3690	3325	Rep. Koran Sen. Pugh	Rank choice voting	A bill for an act relating to elections; prohibiting political subdivisions from establishing or enforcing ranked-choice voting;	Does not allow Counties or townships the option
3772; 3773;3774; 3775- rep Howe	None		Railroad oil and hazardous materials emergency preparedness provided	A bill for an act relating to transportation; providing for railroad oil and hazardous materials emergency preparedness	Each railroad must offer training to each fire department <u>and each local organization for emergency management</u>

#### Taxes & Aids

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27	N/A	Rep. Quam / NA	Constitutional Amendment for Non-resident Voting for Taxes and Bonding	Proposes to allow property owners to vote on levies and bond referenda even if not residents of community (must be State resident for at least 3 months)	Oppose – very problematic for townships and levy vote at annual meeting
74	N/A	Rep. Quam / NA	Rural Municipal Water Funding	Creates new special revenue account to be used for loans to rural cities and townships to deal with wastewater issues	Support. Concept provides funding opportunities for wastewater management.
75	N/A	Rep. Quam / NA	Water Treatment Funding	Creates a “water renovations facility” account to provide loans to rural cities and townships to renovate or update wastewater treatment facilities posing risk to groundwater	Support. Concept provides funding opportunities for wastewater management.
248	N/A	Rep. Green	Overvalued property tax credits required.	Requiring property tax credits for overvalued property;	No policy position
427	586	Rep. Carlson / Sen. Wicklund	Lodging tax authority clarified	Value of the lodging tax applies to the entire consideration paid to obtain access to the lodging. Non-monetary consideration must be added to the value of the transaction	No policy position. Support. Clarifies that the tax is intended to include the entire value provided by the lodging, not only the cash value.
479	491	Rep. Swedzinski/ Sen. Dahms	Expanding an exemption for certain motor vehicle purchases by local governments	The purchases or acquisitions by local governments of a snowplow or dump truck are exempt from certain taxes. Expands the definition of local governments beyond towns.	Support. Treats local governments the same regardless of form.
586	1005	Rep. Drazkowski/ Sen. Eichorn	PILT and restricting land sales to state	Restricting State purchases of land from Legacy Funds if the land was on the property tax rolls prior to the sale. Uses Legacy Funds to establish a trust fund for payments of PILT to local governments	Support PILT funding.

739	561	Rep. Hoppe / Sen. Osmek	Co-location of small wireless facilities	Allows wireless telecom providers to site “small wireless facilities” within the right of way, using either new or existing structures. Treats small wireless facilities as utilities within ROW. Limits road authority’s powers to regulate placement.	Oppose. Reduces local control over ROW. Not clear if providers will deploy small cell wireless in townships.
754	NA	Rep. Drazkowski	Reduction of town aid for world fair contribution	Would reduce amount of town aid paid by the state to the town by the amount the town contributes to the Expo2023 world fair or for the promotion of a world fair to be held in Minnesota in any year.	Oppose. Reduces local control of authorized contributions. Punishes towns that choose to allocate funds to world fair.
1396	NA	Rep. L. Carlson / NA	Nonprofit group sales tax exemption expanded	Expands the items that a non-profit may be tax-exempt from if the item purchased is used in the performance of their exempt function. The other exemptions in the statute still apply.	MAT, as a non-profit, would be generally supportive of this change.
1551	NA	Rep. Green / NA	Property tax freeze for owners 65 or older	Freezes the property tax value of residential property that is homesteaded and owned and occupied by persons 65 years or older.	Oppose. Reduces tax base without any decrease in the service that must be provided to the properties affected.
1921	NA	Rep. Koznick / NA	Town Aid	Commissioner of revenue must transfer an amount equaling \$10 million to the town road account under section 162.081, subdivision 1, for distribution, apportionment, and use as provided under section 162.081, subdivisions 2 to 4.	Oppose. Takes all of Town Aid funds, which a town can use for any lawful purpose, including roads, and puts it in the town road account for road use only. This is not new money but a transfer and restriction of use.
2059	1679	Rep. Ecklund / Sen. Eichorn	PILT Payments Increased	Authorizes payment of ¾ of one percent of assessed value for new “Large Forest Easement” Land	Support. This will help defray any the return of property tax payments that pipeline companies overpaid.

2120	1918	Rep. Davids / Sen Chamberlain	Authorizes the creation of fire protection special taxing districts	Allows certain government entities, including towns, to form a special taxing district for fire protection, which can authorize property tax levies and issue bonds.	No MAT position.
NA	1659	NA/ Sen. Weber	Assessor Accreditation Standards Modified	Creates new standard that is higher than current lowest accreditation and less than full accreditation for local assessors	Support
3814	3253	Rep. Nash Sen. Mathews	Townships included with Cities and Counties not able to increase a present excise tax or fee on listed items	A bill for an act relating to local government; modifying taxing authority; expanding the limit on excise taxes and fees	Takes away local control and ability to raise local revenue.

#### Transportation

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498	NA	Rep. Quam / NA	Alternative Fuels Vehicle Tax	Imposes a tax on alternative fuel vehicles that do not pay gasoline tax, and deposits the proceeds into the highway user tax distribution fund.	Support. Increases transportation funding.
753	657	Rep. Drazkowski Sen. Goggin	No inspection of commercial vehicle records w/o warrant	Eliminates authority of law enforcement to review truck weight logs for up to 14 days following weighing unless court issued warrant issued	Oppose. While towns do not provide this type of service, it is one of the few options to enforce local weight limits.
901	992	Rep. Koznick / Sen. Hall	Motor vehicle lease sales tax revenue allocation modified.	Increases the percentage of motor vehicle lease sales tax revenue to the greater MN transit fund	
1686	572	Rep. Heintzeman Sen. Senjem	Credit surcharge on parking violations to highway user tax distribution fund	Bill would require that \$12 of the \$75 parking fine surcharge be credited to the highway user distribution fund (HUDF).	Support. Increased amount that townships would receive from HUDF

1833	2091	Rep. B. Johnson / Sen. Lang	Emergency vehicles exempted from motor vehicle size, weight, and load restricts	The weight restrictions governing size, weight, and load would not apply to a fire apparatus, a police special response vehicle, or a licensed land emergency ambulance service vehicle.	While generally opposing increasing weight limits, MAT believes there is already an exception for emergency vehicles.
<b>3150</b>	<b>NA</b>	Rep. Drazkowski	Changes to mowing requirements in road right of ways	Requires road authorities to destroy noxious weed otherwise they can be fined. Requires bales of hay to be removed from right-of-way within 10 days of mowing if the road authority fails to have removed, they can be fined. "Notwithstanding section 160.2715, a landowner or authorized occupant is authorized to mow or hay a right-of-way controlled a road authority, without a permit provided the right-of-way abuts or is adjacent to the landowner's or authorized occupant's property." Amends Minn. Stat. § 160.2715 "(2) plow or perform any other detrimental operation within the road right-of-way, <del>except in the preparation of the land for planting permanent vegetative cover or as authorized or required under section sections 160.23, 160.232, and 160.233"</del>	MAT would oppose as currently drafted. We do not like the aspect of fining road authorities for not removing noxious weeds. Who will have authority to fine the township? Other changes raise potential problems and diminish the authority of road authorities.
<b>3156</b>	<b>2792</b>	Rep. Lueck / Sen. Ruud	\$50 million for local roads and bridges	\$25 million appropriations would match federal money and to replace or rehabilitate local deficient bridges and \$25 million for local roads with statewide or regional significance under M.S. § 174.52, or for grants to counties to assist in paying the costs of rural road safety capital improvement projects on county state-aid hwys.	Don't see much for township roads.



<b>3339</b>	<b>3298</b>	Rep. Lucero Sen. Anderson B.	Exempting Sewage tank trucks from weight limits	A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; exempting sewage septic tank trucks from certain vehicle-weight limitations;	Oppose- potentially more over weight trucks added to our road system.
<b>3461</b>	<b>NA</b>	Rep. Bernardy	Trunk Highway plan development	Transportation commissioner required to develop and implement a trunk highway performance implementation plan.	Monitor
<b>3462</b>	<b>NA</b>	Rep. Bernardy	Highway right-of-way mowing practices regulated, and pollinator habitat management provided	When mowing or destroying weeds in right-of-way, the road authority must use the most effective integrated pest management method that is minimally disruptive to pollinators. Limits mowing to up to 16 feet in right-of-way for safety. Only allows towns to mow one side of the road in a year. Amends Minn. Stat. § 160.2715 (2).	Oppose.
<b>3485</b>	<b>2547</b>	Rep. Lucero / Sen. Kiffmeyer	Increased funding to rural roads	Corridors of commerce fund allocation of at least 50 percent outside the metropolitan area requirement	Support, more money allocate to outside metro
<b>3487</b>	<b>3203</b>	Rep. Anderson, P. / Sen. Westrom	Reimbursement of persons to take care of noxious weeds in ROW	Allows persons who control or eradicate noxious weeds on trunk highway right-of-way reimbursement from the DOT.	Support
<b>3770</b>	<b>3150</b>	Rep. Fabian Sen. Bigham	Local Government Roads Wetland Replacement Program- \$16,380,000	A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for local government roads wetland replacement program; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.	Support