

2009 Legislative Summary

Topic	Bill	Relevance	Final Outcome
HEALTH			
Establishing Birthing Centers	SF 695, Article 5, Section 9 (144.566) Subd 1 - 9Establishes Birthing Centers for normal healthy pregnancies as alternative to hospital. Permits licensed midwives to oversee birth.		Through committee hearings to HHS omnibus bill; removed in conference committee.
Personal Care Assistant (PCA) Program	SF 695, Article 1, Sections 19 – 32 - Modifies PCA qualifications and Program		Through committee hearings to HHS omnibus bill; removed in conference committee.
Doula Certification	SF401/HF434 Expands certification organizations for doulas and modifies definition of “doula”		
Pre-Teen Immunizations	HF1758/SF1533: instructs MDE to provide pre-teen vaccinations available to parents	None.	Through committee hearings to HHS omnibus bill; removed in conference committee.
Women’s Heart Health Bill	HF1362, Art. 11, Sec. 45 Expands SAGE program to provide heart screening and preventative care to low income women in Minnesota where SAGE programs are currently operating.	Original: \$750,000 annually 2010, 2011 To conference: \$100,000 annually 2010, 2011	Through committee hearings to HHS omnibus bill; removed in committee.
Communities for a Lifetime	HF936/SF839 Establishes criteria for jurisdictions to be deemed “Communities for a Lifetime” i.e. good places for elderly to live in.	None.	Signed into law.
<u>Minnesota Pregnant Women and Parent Support Act</u>	HF 1601/SF1278: Prenatal and maternity health insurance benefits waiting periods prohibited, pregnancy	No hearings this session.	No hearings this session.

	eliminated as a preexisting condition, parenting support grant program established, and various adoption provisions provided.		
Comp Sex Ed	HF 601		One Informational Hearing
Individual insurance denial for previous cesarean delivery	SF1469/HF1800 Individual health plan coverage denial or higher premium for previous cesarean delivery prohibition	Prohibits raising rates for individuals pursuing an individual health plan when they have previously had a cesarean delivery.	Added to HF1760 (Dept of Human Services Technical Bill)
Colorectal Cancer Screening HHS Omnibus	<p>Sec. 44. <u>MINNESOTA COLORECTAL CANCER PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.</u></p> <p><i>338.19</i> <u>DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.</u></p> <p><i>338.20</i> <u>Subdivision 1.</u></p> <p><u>Establishment.</u> The commissioner of health shall award grants</p> <p><i>338.21</i> <u>to Hennepin County Medical Center and MeritCare Bemidji for a colorectal screening</u></p> <p><i>338.22</i> <u>demonstration project to provide screening to uninsured and underinsured women and</u></p> <p><i>338.23</i> <u>men. The project shall expire December 31, 2010.</u></p> <p><i>338.24</i> <u>Subd. 2. Eligibility. To be eligible for colorectal screening under this demonstration</u></p> <p><i>338.25</i> <u>project, an applicant must:</u></p> <p><i>338.26</i> <u>(1) be at least 50 years of age, or under the age of 50 and at high risk for colon cancer;</u></p> <p><i>338.27</i> <u>(2) be uninsured, or if insured, have coverage that does not cover the full cost of</u></p> <p><i>338.28</i> <u>colorectal cancer screenings;</u></p> <p><i>338.29</i> <u>(3) not be eligible for medical assistance, general assistance</u></p> <p><u>medical care, or</u></p>	<p><u>Colorectal Screening. \$88,000 in fiscal year</u></p> <p><i>387.35</i> <u>2010 and \$62,000 in fiscal year 2011 are</u></p> <p><i>388.1</i> <u>for grants to the Hennepin County Medical</u></p> <p><i>388.2</i> <u>Center and MeritCare Bemidji for colorectal</u></p> <p><i>388.3</i> <u>screening demonstration projects.</u></p>	Signed in to Law.

	<p><u>338.30 MinnesotaCare programs; and</u></p> <p><u>338.31(4) have a gross family income at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty level.</u></p> <p><u>338.32 Subd. 3. Services. Services provided under this project shall include:</u></p> <p><u>338.33(1) colorectal cancer screening, according to standard practices of medicine, or</u></p> <p><u>338.34 guidelines provided by the Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement or the American</u></p> <p><u>338.35 Cancer Society;</u></p> <p><u>339.1(2) follow-up services for abnormal tests; and</u></p> <p><u>339.2(3) diagnostic services to determine the extent and proper course of treatment.</u></p> <p><u>339.3 Subd. 4. Project evaluation. The commissioner of health shall evaluate the</u></p> <p><u>339.4 demonstration project and make recommendations for increasing the number of persons in</u></p> <p><u>339.5 Minnesota who receive recommended colon cancer screening. The commissioner of health</u></p> <p><u>339.6 shall submit the evaluation and recommendations to the legislature by January 15, 2011.</u></p>		
<p>American Indian Women Trafficking Economic Development & Housing Omnibus</p>	<p><u>410.18 Sec. 13. EMERGENCY SERVICES SHELTER GRANTS FROM AMERICAN</u></p> <p><u>410.19 RECOVERY AND</u></p>		<p>Signed into Law.</p>

	<p><u>REINVESTMENT ACT.</u></p> <p><u>410.20 (a) To the extent permitted under federal law, the commissioner of human services,</u></p> <p><u>410.21 when determining the uses of the emergency services shelter grants provided under the</u></p> <p><u>410.22 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, shall give priority to programs that serve</u></p> <p><u>410.23 the following:</u></p> <p><u>410.24 (1) homeless youth;</u></p> <p><u>410.25 (2) American Indian women who are victims of trafficking;</u></p> <p><u>410.26 (3) high-risk adult males considered to be very likely to enter or reenter state or</u></p> <p><u>410.27 county correctional programs, or chemical and mental health programs;</u></p> <p><u>410.28 (4) battered women; and</u></p> <p><u>410.29 (5) families affected by foreclosure.</u></p> <p><u>410.30 (b) Paragraph (a) does not supersede use of ARRA funds as otherwise provided</u></p> <p><u>410.31 in this act.</u></p>		
<p>WIC Organic Food</p>	<p>SF213 WIC coupons cost neutral organic food purchase authorization.</p>	<p><u>1.6 Section 1. [145.899] WIC VOUCHERS FOR ORGANICS.</u></p> <p><u>1.7 Vouchers for the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and</u></p> <p><u>1.8 children (WIC) may be used to purchase cost-neutral organic WIC allowable food.</u></p> <p><u>1.9 The commissioner of health shall regularly evaluate the list of WIC</u></p>	<p>5/16/09: Presented to Governor.</p>

		<u>allowable food in</u> <u>1.10 accordance with federal requirements and shall add to the list any organic WIC allowable</u> <u>1.11 foods determined to be cost-neutral.</u> <u>1.12 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.</u>	
Long Term Care	HF1760: Long Term Care		
ECON DEVELOPMENT			
Minimum wage for tipped employees regulation	SF1808/HF1959 <u>(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) and subdivision 2, every large employer must pay</u> <u>2.4a tipped employee at a rate of the greater of: (1) at least \$6.55 per hour; or (2) at least</u> <u>2.5 \$7.25 an hour if the tipped employee does not earn sufficient tips during the employee's</u> <u>2.6 pay period so that the sum of \$6.55 per hour and tips received is at least \$12 per hour for</u> <u>2.7 the pay period. This paragraph expires July 24, 2011.</u>	Would modify law for tipped employees capping hourly wage at \$12/hour.	4.29.09 Withdrawn
Allocation to WomenVenture	HF1169/SF2081 Business Development and Non-Traditional Career Training/Awareness		
Non-Traditional Career Awareness & Training Grants	HF 1617/SF1762		One hearing, similar language adopted to WomenVenture bill
Lifelong Learning Accounts	HF72/SF147		Several hearings in House.
Green Jobs Bill	<u>recruit individuals to be trained to perform work in energy projects</u>	Earlier versions explicitly included women and persons of color to	Earlier versions explicitly included women and persons of color to

	<p>using</p> <p><u>15.4stimulus funding who are unemployed, especially targeting communities experiencing</u></p> <p><u>15.5disproportionately high rates of unemployment, including, but not limited to, low-income,</u></p> <p><u>15.6youth, rural, or tribal communities and individuals in construction trades and crafts;</u></p> <p><u>17.9communities of color. The director shall use the full capacity of current training providers,</u></p> <p><u>17.10including, but not limited to, state colleges and universities, opportunities industrialization</u></p> <p><u>17.11centers, skilled trades labor unions, and nonprofit organizations with historic expertise</u></p> <p><u>17.12in energy efficiency. Training may include an on-the-job component where the trainee</u></p> <p><u>17.13goes to job sites with trained crews. If the director determines that outreach efforts are</u></p> <p><u>17.14necessary for the weatherization program, the director shall, at least in part, use paid and</u></p> <p><u>17.15volunteer youth to perform the outreach. The director shall ensure that training money is</u></p> <p><u>17.16made available to persons who otherwise would be unable to afford the training.</u></p>	<p>receive home audits in earlier versions.</p> <p>\$250,000 for weatherization recruiting and training In the training and development portion, targets money to individuals "...who are unemployed, especially targeting communities experiencing disproportionately high rates of unemployment, including, but not limited to, low-income, youth, rural, or tribal communities and individuals in construction trades and crafts; communities of color." Earlier conversations included adding women as a targeted group.</p>	<p>receive home audits in earlier versions.</p> <p>\$250,000 for weatherization recruiting and training In the training and development portion, targets money to individuals "...who are unemployed, especially targeting communities experiencing disproportionately high rates of unemployment, including, but not limited to, low-income, youth, rural, or tribal communities and individuals in construction trades and crafts; communities of color." Earlier conversations included adding women as a targeted group.</p>
RISE!	SF2081, Art.1, Sec.3, Sub.3		
MEDE Program	HF 1326 – rolled into SF2082 –		

	<p>Omnibus Economic Development Bill</p> <p>13.29 (x) \$7,500,000 each year is from the</p> <p>13.30 workforce development fund for grants to</p> <p>13.31 establish two emergency employment pilot</p> <p>13.32 projects in counties with high unemployment</p> <p>13.33 rates. The grants may be used for wage</p> <p>13.34 subsidies of up to 50 percent of the wage</p> <p>13.35 paid. The maximum wage subsidy shall be</p> <p>13.36 \$5 per hour. This is a onetime appropriation.</p>		
<p>MFIP Home Visitors</p>	<p>HF 1695/SF 1151: Home visitors as Minnesota family investment program (MFIP) employment and training service providers</p>	<p>From HHS Omnibus:Article 2, Section 8</p> <p>24.10 Subd. 4a. Home visitors as MFIP employment and training service providers.</p> <p>24.11 The county social service agency and the local public health department may mutually</p> <p>24.12 agree to utilize home visitors under this section as MFIP employment and training service</p> <p>24.13 providers under section 256J.49, subdivision 4, for MFIP participants who are: (1) ill or</p> <p>24.14 incapacitated under section 256J.425,</p>	

		<p>subdivision 2; or (2) minor caregivers under section 24.15 256J.54. The county social service agency and the local public health department may 24.16 also mutually agree to utilize home visitors to provide outreach to MFIP families who are 24.17 being sanctioned or who have been terminated from MFIP due to the 60-month time limit.</p>	
Ladders Out of Poverty	HF2062/SF1770		Informational Hearing in House.
Poverty Impact Statement	<p>HF1818/SF1558 Section 1. <u>POVERTY IMPACT STATEMENT.</u> <u>1.6</u>At the request of any house of representatives or senate committee chair or ranking <u>1.7</u>minority member, the commissioner of the state department having jurisdiction over <u>1.8</u>the subject matter of the bill shall prepare a poverty impact statement on the bill, if <u>1.9</u>it appears as though its enactment could have a significant impact on the economic <u>1.10</u>well-being of low-income Minnesotans. A significant impact is one that reduces or <u>1.11</u>increases the number of Minnesotans in poverty by at least one-tenth of one percent of the</p>		One hearing in Senate.

	<p><u>1.12</u> population of Minnesota, as measured by the National Academy of Sciences modernized</p> <p><u>1.13</u> poverty measure. The commissioner preparing a poverty impact statement shall include</p> <p><u>1.14</u> an estimate on the change in the number of Minnesotans in poverty using the National</p> <p><u>1.15</u> Academy of Sciences measure, information about the source of its data, a brief description</p> <p><u>1.16</u> of the analysis of that data, and any references to research that supports the method of</p> <p><u>1.17</u> analysis. The analysis must also include impact by race, ethnicity, age, and gender when</p> <p><u>1.18</u> data is available.</p>		
Gender neutral marriage laws	SF1210 defines marriage as between two persons, not man and woman.		
Unemployment Reform Official measure of unemployment expanded, report required, and appropriation use directed.	<p>HF 925/SF1368 Expanding definition of Unemployment</p> <p><u>.11</u> Sec. 2. [116J.4011] <u>EXPANSION OF MEASUREMENT OF UNEMPLOYED</u> <u>AND UNDEREMPLOYED MINNESOTANS.</u></p> <p><u>3.12</u> <u>AND UNDEREMPLOYED MINNESOTANS.</u></p> <p><u>3.13</u> (a) By July 1, 2010, the commissioner of employment and economic development</p> <p><u>3.14</u> shall design and implement a comprehensive measure of unemployment and</p> <p><u>3.15</u> underemployment in the state</p>		Vetoed.

to be used by the Labor Market Information Office within
3.16 the Department of Employment and Economic Development to analyze and produce
3.17 estimates of total unemployment. The measurement required under this section is in
3.18 addition to methods currently utilized by the commissioner to produce official forecasts
3.19 and must include, but is not limited to, data on workers who are employed on a part-time
3.20 basis but would prefer and accept full-time employment if it was available, and those who
3.21 are currently unemployed and not actively seeking employment due to impediments
3.22 to work including the lack of child care or transportation. The new measurement must
3.23 also include information on state and substate unemployment and underemployment and
3.24 the incidence of unemployment and underemployment across demographic categories
3.25 including but not limited to race, age, and gender. The commissioner must report monthly
3.26 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the senate and house of
3.27 representatives having

jurisdiction over workforce issues on the most recent monthly state
3.28unemployment rate under both the traditional measure, commonly
referred to as the U-3
3.29measure, and the measure required to be designed by this section.
3.30(b) The comprehensive measure required in paragraph (a) may utilize information
3.31from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey and the
3.32United States Census Bureau American Community Survey as the base for identifying,
3.33evaluating, and utilizing correlations with other relevant data to be used in econometric
3.34modeling of measures of unemployment and underemployment.
4.1EFFECTIVE DATE.This section is effective the day following final enactment.

4.2 Sec. 3. **USE OF APPROPRIATION.**
4.3Up to \$120,000 of the money available to the commissioner of employment and
4.4economic development from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009,
4.5Public Law 111-5, for administration of the

	<u>unemployment insurance program must be used to implement this section.</u>		
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Trafficking Bills			Signed into Law
Dom Violence Awareness Month			
OTHERS FROM CINDY/MNCASA			
JUV JUSTICE BILLS?			
Harrasment in schools	SF 971/HF 1198: School harassment, bullying, intimidation, hazing and violence policy clarification		Vetoed.
EARLY CHILDHOOD			
Child Savings Accounts	HF203		
Dependent Care Tax Credits	HF276/SF653 Adjust state Dependent Care Tax Credit to align with federal credit.	No hearings; Dep Care Tax Credits addressed in Omnibus Tax Bill (HF 2323) repeals dependent care tax credit and creates a "Minnesota Child Credit"	
Child Welfare Accountability	HF790/SF770	Strengthened reporting requirements addressed in HHS Omnibus bill. Bill could be heard in 2010 depending on early outcomes of new reporting parameters.	
School Bullying	SF971/HF1198 School harassment, bullying, intimidation, hazing and violence policy clarification		
STATE/LOCAL GOV OPS			

Pay Equity Reporting	HF 18 (nelson) SF (rest)		Removed from bill in House and Senate
OESW Repealer	HF 446		No progress.
Small Business Owners			
OTHER			
Women's Hockey Exposition Center	HF 283/SF125: Southern Minnesota Women's Hockey Exposition Center and performing arts center funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.	<p>Section 1. <u>SOUTHERN MINNESOTA WOMEN'S HOCKEY EXPOSITION CENTER; PERFORMING ARTS CENTER.</u></p> <p><i>1.7</i> <u>CENTER.</u></p> <p><i>1.8</i> <u>Subdivision 1. Appropriation.</u> <u>\$13,800,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds</u></p> <p><i>1.9</i> <u>fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for a grant to the</u></p> <p><i>1.10</i> <u>city of Mankato to design, construct, furnish, and equip the</u></p> <p><i>1.11</i> <u>Southern Minnesota Women's Hockey Exposition Center and a performing arts center for use by</u></p> <p><i>1.12</i> <u>Minnesota State</u></p> <p><i>1.12</i> <u>University, Mankato.</u></p> <p><i>1.13</i> <u>This appropriation is not available until the commissioner has determined that at</u></p> <p><i>1.14</i> <u>least an equal amount has been committed to the project from nonstate sources.</u></p> <p><i>1.15</i> <u>Subd. 2. Bond sale. To</u> <u>provide the money appropriated in this section from the</u></p> <p><i>1.16</i> <u>bond proceeds fund, the commissioner of finance shall sell</u></p>	VETO: In omnibus bonding bill; line item veto.

