## 2010 Legislative Summary Office on the Economic Status of Women

| Topic                        | Description   | Further Information  | Status                                |
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| Child Pornography            | Amends definition of Child Pornography and addresses "sexting" provisions.  | Sexting is the act of using text functions on cell phones to distribute pornographic images.   | Several Hearings.<br>(HF 3103/SF2437) |
| Clean Hotels                 | Requires state employees to use "preferred sites" when traveling on state business.   | Defines preferred sites as hotels with polices and procedures to reasonably eliminate within the facility the availability of sexually explicit work or material.  | Several Hearings<br>(HF3287/SF2861)   |
| Gunshow Loophole             | Requires sellers of guns and weapons at gunshows to conduct criminal background check on potential buyers before selling.   | Background check requirement in place at gunshops/gunsellers.  | Several Hearings<br>(HF 2960)         |
| Prostitution                 | Clarifies and re-codifies prostitution law.   | Makes changes to the definitions of patron, prostitute, and prostitution to specify that both patrons and prostitutes engage in prostitution.  | One Hearing<br>(HF3018/SF2652)        |
| Domestic Violence<br>Omnibus | Domestic abuse and crime of stalking provisions modifications; electronic monitoring pilot project; data practices requirements exemptions; maximum bail increase; domestic abuse protection orders expansion to pets and companion animals | Contains a number of domestic abuse provisions, including: recodifying and clarifying the domestic abuse no contact order law; increasing the maximum bail for nonfelony domestic assaults and domestic abuse order for protection and no contact order violations; expanding the tampering with a witness crime; clarifying the requirement that the data communications network include orders for protection and no contact orders; exempting certain domestic abuse or sexual attack programs from data practices requirements; extending the area for protection to a reasonable area around the residence or dwelling of a person seeking an ex parte domestic abuse order for protection; modifying the crime of stalking; and authorizing a pilot project to allow judges to order electronic monitoring for | Signed into law<br>Ch. 299            |

|  |   | domestic abuse offenders on pretrial release.   |  |  |  |
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| Spousal Maintenance                                  | Additional provisions allowed for termination of spousal maintenance.   | Allows termination of spousal maintenance in the case of cohabitation by the party receiving maintenance with a nonrelated person of the opposite sex for six months or longer.   | One Hearing<br>(HF3435/SF2362)                     |  |  |
| Cell phones/Missing<br>Persons (Kelsey<br>Smith Act) | Requires cell phone service providers to disclose location of customer in cases where the individual is believed to be missing and at risk of "death or serious physical harm." | The bill is named after 18 year old Kelsey Smith of Kansas, abducted and murdered in 2007. For four days her family and police could not find her. Once cell phone records were turned over, within 45 minutes authorities located Kelsey's body.                       | Signed into law.<br>Ch 342                         |  |  |
| Pre-marital education                                | Expands acceptable proof of participation in pre-marital education class.   | A reduced marriage license fee is offered for those who take certain pre-marital education classes; this bill allows church classes to be included in allowable classes.  | Signed into law<br>Ch. 380                         |  |  |
|  | Health and Health Care  |   |  |  |  |
| General Assistance<br>Medical Care (GAMC)            | Reconfigured General Assistance Medical policy and provisions   | House Research Document: <a href="http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/pubs/gamcib.pdf">http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/pubs/gamcib.pdf</a>  | Signed into law<br>Ch 200, Ch 1 Special<br>Session |  |  |
| Comprehensive<br>Sexuality Education                 | Creates statewide requirement for local districts to develop "responsible life and sexuality education" guidelines.   | Requirement statewide, implementation local.  | Several Hearings<br>HF2986/SF2645                  |  |  |
| Pregnant Women                                       | Lifts mandated reporting by health care providers of certain drug usage for certain pregnant women.   | Developed in response to some women opting out of prenatal care due to mandatory reporting requirements of health care providers.   | Signed into law.<br>Ch 348                         |  |  |
| Chiropractors & Criminal Sexual Conduct              | Revokes chiropractic license for practitioners with felony level criminal sexual conduct offense conviction.  | Bill had been amended to include all health care professionals, conference committee directed Council of Health Boards to study issue for all.  | Signed into law.<br>Ch 349                         |  |  |
| Birth Centers<br>Licensure                           | Provided additional resources and provisions for state licensure of birth centers.  | Birth center" means a facility licensed for the primary purpose of performing low-risk deliveries that is not a hospital or licensed as part of a hospital and where births are planned to occur away from the mother's usual residence following a low-risk pregnancy. | Signed into Law<br>Ch 1 Special Session            |  |  |
| Divorce Prevention                                   | University of Minnesota will develop, evaluate, and disseminate best practices for  | Originally proposed to be paid for with funds from marriage license fee revenue, in final version program paid for "within the limits of  | Signed into Law<br>Ch 1 Special Session            |  |  |

| reconcilitation between married persons who are considering or have commenced a marriage dissolution proceeding and who choose to pursue reconciliation.    Veteran's Preference, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in state contracts   Veteran-owned business may be awarded award up to a six percent preference, but no less than the percentage awarded to any other group under this section, in the amount bid on state procurement to certified small businesses that are veteran owned.  Ladder Out of Poverty   Establishes a two-year task force to explore 'ladders out of poverty' focude on asset development, predatory lending relief, social capacity building.  Women and Minorities   Modifies LEAP (Labor Education Advancement Program) to expand definition of training programs approved for scholarship requests.  Emergency Public   Modifies LEAP (Labor Education Advancement Program) to expand definition of training programs approved for scholarship requests.  Emergency Public   Health Protection Act   Part of Economic Development   Develops a comprehensive standards established, civil penalties provided, and rulemaking required.  Green Jobs & S.T.E.M   Part of Economic Development   Develops a comprehensive statewide plan for Science and Technology, includes addressing   Signed into law. Ch. 347   Ch. 348   Ch. 348   Ch. 348   Ch. 347   Ch. 348    |                       | promoting successful                  | available appropriations."   |                 |  |  |
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| Pregnant Women and MinnCARE                 | Exempts pregnant women with children under the age of 2 from disenrollment from MinnCARE for failure to pay premiums for 60 days. | Can be re-enrolled if they begin paying premiums.   | Signed into Law<br>HF 1 Special Session  |  |
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|   |   | Education   |  |  |
| Office of Early<br>Learning                 | Establishes Office of Early Learning.   | Creates Office that combines early childhood efforts across three state departments: The Department of Human Services, the Minnesota Department of Education, and the Minnesota Department of Health. | Signed into law.<br>Ch. 346              |  |
| Basic Sliding Fee<br>Childcare              | Reallocation of unspent funds.  | Reallocates 7.5 million of unspent child care funds to general ledger to address budget deficit (no cuts to ongoing funding).   | Signed into law.<br>HF 1 Special Session |  |
| Other                                       |   |   |  |  |
| Constitutional<br>Amendment for<br>Equality | Addresssing sexual equality under the law and constitutional amendment proposed.  | Proposed ratification of Equal Rights Amendment via constitutional amendment.   | Informational Hearing<br>HF3649/SF 3191  |  |
| Women's Hockey<br>Center                    | Allocates bonding funds for<br>women's facilities at National<br>Sports Center Super Rink in<br>Blaine, MN                        | \$950,000 to predesign, design, construct furnish and equip a women's locker room, training room and education display.   | Signed into law<br>Ch. 189               |  |