

## Advocacy Opportunities for 2023 Legislative Session

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Issue Area	Action	Bill Number	Key Legislators (key places of influence)	Advocacy Opportunities in coming weeks
Housing	State Rent Assistance (“Bring It Home, MN”)	<a href="#">House File 11</a> <a href="#">Senate File 12</a>		Sent to <a href="#">Housing Finance and Policy</a> 1/4 - <b>scheduled for hearing 2/7 at 3:00</b> Sent to <a href="#">Senate Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee</a> on 1/4
	Support for first-generation homebuyers	<a href="#">House File 12</a> <a href="#">Senate File 22</a>	Rep. Agbage Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten	HF12: Sent to <a href="#">House Ways and Means</a> on 1/23 SF22 Sent to <a href="#">Senate Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee</a> on 1/4
	Public funding for CC Safety net Programs - provide significant, ongoing funding to the Emergency Services Grant Program and Homeless Youth Act	<a href="#">House File 444</a> <a href="#">Senate File 388</a>		HF444: Scheduled for <a href="#">House Ways and Means Committee</a> on Mon., Feb 6 SF388 Sent to <a href="#">Senate Health and Human Services</a> on 1/19
Peace and Nonviolence	Working to end gun violence - Background check law	Universal background checks: <a href="#">HF14</a> <a href="#">Senate File 1116</a>	Primary authors: <b>HF14:</b> Rep. Dave Pinto <b>SF1116:</b> Sen. Latz	Hearing on gun-related bills: Fri, Feb 3, 8:30, <a href="#">House Public Safety Finance and Policy</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testimony from numerous people</li> </ul>

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	Secure Gun Storage Act	<a href="#">HF396</a> and <a href="#">SF916</a>	<p><b>HF396:</b> Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn</p> <p><b>SF916:</b> Sen. Heather Gustafson; Senator Mary Kunesh is co-author</p>	<p>Hearing on gun-related bills: Fri, Feb 3, 8:30, <a href="#">House Public Safety Finance and Policy</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testimony from numerous people</li> <li>• Hearing over 4 hours long</li> <li>• HF15 passed out of Public Safety committee</li> </ul>
	Extreme Risk Protection Laws (commonly called Red Flag laws)	<a href="#">HF15</a> <a href="#">Senate File 1117</a>	<p>Primary authors:</p> <p><b>HF15:</b> Rep. Cedrick Frazier</p> <p><b>SF1117:</b> Sen. Latz</p> <p>Rep. Dave Pinto is one of the co-authors of HF15</p>	<p>Hearing on gun-related bills: Fri, Feb 3, 8:30, <a href="#">House Public Safety Finance and Policy</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testimony from numerous people</li> <li>• Hearing over 4 hours long</li> <li>• HF15 passed out of Public Safety committee</li> </ul>
	Mandatory reporting of lost or stolen firearms	<a href="#">HF601</a> and <a href="#">SF 606</a>	Rep. Kaohly Her (D64A) is chief author of HF601; Sen. Bonnie Westlund	<p>Hearing on gun-related bills: Fri, Feb 3, 8:30, <a href="#">House Public Safety Finance and Policy</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testimony from numerous people</li> <li>• Hearing over 4 hours long</li> </ul>

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	Establishment of Public Safety Innovation Board	<a href="#">HF 855</a> and <a href="#">SF839</a>	HF855: Rep Cedrick Frazier and Senator SF839: Clare Oumou Verbeten (along with Senators Marty, Dibble and Mohamed)	
	Prohibiting police officers from affiliating with white supremacist groups	<a href="#">House File 538</a> <a href="#">SF 555</a>	HF538: Rep. Frazier SF555: Senator Sen. Clare Oumou Verbeten	
	Public Safety Innovation Board, community public safety grants, etc.	<a href="#">House File 855</a> <a href="#">Senate File 839</a>	HF855: Rep. Frazier SF839: Senator Sen. Clare Oumou Verbeten	
	Working to diagnose and treat first responders experiencing trauma	<a href="#">House File 1234</a> No Senate companion as of 2/2	Rep. Kaohly Vang Her	
Supporting Indigenous Communities	Advocating for continued funding for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives State Task Force	<a href="#">SF36</a> No House File companion as of 2/5	Senator Mary Kunesh	

Supporting Immigrant Communities	advocating for Drivers' License for All in Minnesota	<a href="#">HF 4</a> and <a href="#">SF27</a>	Bill has passed the house - now Passage in MN Senate will be key, particularly Senators Mohamed, Champion, Dibble, Mann and Frentz	The MN House Approved HF4!  Focus on MN Senate. The Senate Judiciary Hearing on Friday, February 3rd has been moved to 9 a.m. Please join us to support Driver's Licenses for All!  The Senate <a href="#">Finance</a> Hearing on SF27 will be Tues., Feb. 7 at 8:30 a.m. and Wed. Feb. 8 at 8:30 a.m. if needed
Racial Justice	Removal of Language permitting Slavery in the Minnesota State Constitution	<a href="#">House File 93</a> * <a href="#">Senate File 43</a> *(HF208 would also change "his" to "a member's")	<b>HF93:</b> Rep. Pinto <b>SF43:</b> Sen. Champion	Passing this bill allows voters to vote in 2024 on removing enslavement language from MN Constitution) Revised language would read: No member of this state shall be disfranchised or deprived of any of the rights or privileges secured to any citizen thereof, unless by the law of the land or the judgment of <del>his</del> <u>the member's</u> peers. There shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the state <del>otherwise than as punishment for a crime of which the party has been convicted.</del>
	Creation of an office for missing and murdered	<a href="#">HF55</a> and <a href="#">SF19</a>	HF55: Rep. Richardson	

	Black women and girls		SF19: Senator Champion	
	Teachers of Color Act Strengthened	<a href="#">House File 320</a> <a href="#">Senate File 619</a>	Rep. Hassan; Senator Kunesh	
	Teachers of Color in Higher Education Act Strengthened	<a href="#">House File 381</a> <a href="#">Senate File 267</a>	Rep. Alicia Kozlowsky; Sen. Fateh	
	Emmet Till Victims Recovery Act in Health Dept. to address the health and wellness needs of people who've experienced trauma due to govt-sponsored activities (one-time appropriation to support organizations that provide trauma-informed care)	<a href="#">House File 51</a> <a href="#">Senate File 18</a>	Rep. Ruth Richardson  Sen. Champion	HF51 scheduled for hearing in <a href="#">House Health and Finance Committee</a> Wed., Feb 8, 10:30 a.m.
Poverty and Economic Justice	Paid Family and Medical Leave	<a href="#">HF2</a> and <a href="#">SF2</a>		HF2: next step is <a href="#">Children and Families committee</a>  SF2: Next step is Monday, Feb. 6 at 12:30 in <a href="#">Judiciary and Public Safety</a>
Criminal Justice	Pro Democracy Agenda ( <b>Restore the Vote</b> )  "Restore the Vote" bill to allow people convicted of a felony, who are released from prison on parole or	<a href="#">House File 28</a> and <a href="#">Senate File 26</a>	Rep. Frazier Sen Champion	<b>HOUSE APPROVED!</b> On Thursday, the Minnesota House of Representatives passed a bill that would restore the right to vote for those convicted of a felony once they are released from incarceration.

	probation, to cast ballots in elections.			Focus on MN Senate. Hearing on SF26 in <a href="#">Finance</a> Tues. Feb 7 at 8:30 a.m. and Wed. Feb. 8, 8:30 a.m. if needed
	Establish Office of Juvenile Restorative Justice	<a href="#">House File 46</a> <a href="#">Senate File 55</a>	<b>HF46:</b> Rep. Sandra Feist; <b>SF55:</b> Senator Champion	