2019 Legislative Session Review
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2019 Session Summary

- 2018 Election Aftermath
  - New House majority/split legislature
  - New Governor/Administration
- Surplus uncertainty
- A new way of doing business?
- Record # of bill introductions (5,846)
- Special Session dynamics and grand budget deal
- **Success on a majority of county priorities!**
PASSED

• **AMC PRIORITY:** Continued work toward assumption of Federal CWA Section 404 Permitting
• Drainage workgroup recommendations: acquisition of buffer strip easements and sediment delivery for repair cost apportionment.
• $300,000 to develop online training materials for county feedlot officers.
• $1 million Emerald Ash Borer grants and $1 million Noxious Weed Grants to local governments
• $3.49 million comprehensive package to address Chronic Wasting Disease
• $1 million in additional SCORE Grants

DID NOT PASS

• SWCD levy and/or fee authority.

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Tax Bill (Major components)

- **AMC PRIORITY:** County Program Aid increase ($26m FY 2021, $30m/year FY 2022 and thereafter).
  - $51m = total of CPA appropriation increase in last 2 years.
- Federal conformity measures
- Decrease in tax rate for 2nd individual income tax tier, C-I reductions, working family credit increase, school ag bond credit increase, and more.
- Disabled Vets Exclusion (removal of 8 year spousal limit)
- NO extension to the PERA General Plan Aid sunset (last payment December 2019)
- NO changes (+/-) to buffer aid, PILT, ICWA aid, or AIS aid
- * use of $491m of budget reserves to balance out biennium.
General Government continued...

- **AMC PRIORITY:** County Row Officer Appointment Authority
- HAVA election cybersecurity authorization/state match
- Elections equipment grants ($2m)
- IT user acceptance testing language
- Census mobilization grants for local governments
- Presidential Primary changes (data/local government reimbursement)
- NO legislation on Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) proposals
- NO changes to military differential pay
- NO salary cap exemption language
- NO website accessibility grant $
PASSED

AMC PRIORITY – Sustaining Health Care Access Fund
• Repealed sunset of provider tax, reduced from 2 percent to 1.8 percent

AMC PRIORITY – Opioid and Substance Abuse Prevention
• Raised fees on drug makers and distributors—nearly $21m to be directed at opioid use prevention and response
• About $8m will go to counties to help pay for child welfare services

AMC PRIORITY -- Mental Health Services
• Authorized state funds to pay MA services for children’s residential treatment
• Authorized an appeals process for counties to dispute the cost of care at state-operated facilities

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Health and Human Services

**PASSED**

**County Cost Shift** – Counties will pay 25 percent of cost of care for individuals provisionally discharged from Minnesota Sex Offender Program

**Children and Families** Removed 20 percent child protection staffing penalty

$4 m Child Welfare Training Academy

**Mental Health** Financing Reforms to align payments for substance abuse and mental health treatment
- eliminates county payment to Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund for MA individuals

Establishes a Competency Restoration Task Force

**Public Health** SHIP—Statewide Health Improvement Partnership—full funding, aimed at “proven-effective” strategies

$4.4 m for statewide tobacco Cessation Quitline; Adds electronic delivery devices to Clean Indoor Air Act

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Public Safety

**PASSED**
- $13.3 million for repairs and improvements to MNLARS
- $55.67 million for the MNLARS replacement system and $13 million for Deputy Registrar reimbursement
- Change in same-sex inmate transfers procedures for 100+ miles
- Handsfree cell phone bill
- Change to sexual assault reports and investigation procedures
  - All law enforcement agency to adopt a sexual assault investigation policy by October 1, 2019
  - Victims of Sexual Assault may report assault to any agency regardless of the location of the assault
- Telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation program

**DID NOT PASS**
- CCA/CPO Funding
- Local Emergency Management Funding
- Juvenile Life without Parole

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PASSED

- **BROADBAND**: $40 million for the Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program over 2020-2021
- **TRANSPORTATION**: status quo funding bill
  - $55.67 million for MNLARS replacement system and $13 million for Deputy Registrar reimbursement
  - $23.19 million for Metro Mobility Expansion in 2020 and an additional $13 million in 2021 (if available)
  - $20 million for the Disaster Contingency Account (if available)
  - NO gas tax increase, NO tab fee changes, NO motor vehicle sales tax increase
  - Statutory dedication of the auto parts sales tax revenue will continue going to transportation
    - CSAH will see an additional $64 million/year over the next biennium
  - Statutory dedication of the sales tax on leased motor vehicles (MVLST) will remain the same
    - Retains the local bridge fund, which will receive $26.7 million over the next biennium

DID NOT PASS

- **BONDING**: No general obligation bonding bill which means no additional funding for local roads and bridges or the Local Road Wetland Replacement Program
  - $60 million housing infrastructure bonding bill passed during special session

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