

2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

<u>COMPETITIVE TAX RATES</u> : Minnesota has the highest business tax rate in the country
at 9.8%. Oppose any tax increases that would make Minnesota even more of an
outlier and less competitive.

JOBS AND THE Economy

EDUCATION AND

WORKFORCE

DEVELOPMENT





EMPLOYEE/EMPLOYER FLEXIBILITY: Allow Minnesota businesses and their employees to determine benefits, wages, schedules, and workplace policies that best fit their combined needs. Oppose broad and rigid workplace mandates that make it more challenging to do business in Minnesota.

<u>SET HIGH EXPECTATIONS</u>: Set world-class academic standards for students, measure progress, and use data to help launch students into the global economy.

ALL KIDS CAN READ: Continue to transform pre K-12 reading in Minnesota by aligning classroom instruction with the science of reading.

START EARLY: Improve the quality and affordability of childcare and early learning programs.

technical education programs.

4th Graders Reading at Grade Level

364M

Annual cost of MinnesotaCare

"public option"

32%

DEVELOP TALENT: Expand partnerships between business and education to develop "future ready" graduates; align dual-credit high school and postsecondary

ADDRESS WORKFORCE DEFICITS: Make it easier to work in healthcare in Minnesota and establish clear pathways for students pursuing careers in health care.

HEALTHCARE

PRESERVE & IMPROVE PRIVATE MARKET: Support policies that enable health care providers to continue providing access to high quality, affordable services in all areas of the state.

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MENTAL HEALTH: Expand access to mental healthcare and supportive services to improve overall health outcomes for patients, through collaboration throughout the healthcare ecosystem.

REDUCE DISPARITIES: Adopt policies aimed at eliminating health disparities based on race/ethnicity, economic status, disability, and geographic location. Expand access to mental health care to improve overall health outcomes.



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