



# 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

The hospitality industry is crucial to the economic vitality of Minnesota. In 2024, Hospitality Minnesota's Education Foundation funded ProStart programs across the state, supporting 70+ schools and 13,000 students. Our priority is securing sustainable funding and expanding these proven successful programs to support the next generation of hospitality professionals.



## BUSINESS REGULATION AND TAXES

Hospitality Minnesota remains committed to protecting Minnesota's hospitality industry by advancing tax policies that support capital equipment modernization and business investment, and opposing harmful business regulations that will force businesses to close, move out of state, and damage the state's economy.



## TRAVEL AND TOURISM INVESTMENTS

The travel and tourism industries are closely intertwined with the hospitality industry. Public safety at our state's campgrounds and RV parks, amending laws to standardize the 180-day seasonal employment definition, and modernizing lodging tax policy to reflect current market conditions.



## ALCOHOL AND CANNABIS REGULATION

Alcohol and cannabis regulation continue to be areas of law vital to the success of our bars and restaurants. Hospitality Minnesota will support legislation to support the thoughtful development and implementation of social district policy, ensure small business interests are represented in policy decisions, and monitoring and responding to emerging regulatory changes.

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# OUR INDUSTRY

BY THE NUMBERS\*

**\$24.2B** TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

**+180K** TOTAL JOBS

**\$14.1B** VISITOR SPENDING

**\$8.1B** TOTAL LABOR INCOME

**\$2.3B** TAX REVENUE

**+80.2M** TOTAL VISITORS

\*all data from The Minnesota Visitor Economy 2023 by Tourism Economics, July 2024