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Happy Friday! With just 5 weeks left in the legislative session, the list of items the legislature needs to address before adjourning is not getting any shorter. The budget, potential adjustments to the State Paid Family Medical Leave and Earned Sick and Safe Time laws, and FTC conformity on Junk Fees are all potential policies HM is advocating on. This week I'm breaking down various omnibus bills, what they mean, and what the next steps are for the next few weeks.

One quick note – there will not be a Government Relations Update next week. The Legislature is on break observing Passover and Easter and I will be taking a couple of days off to spend time with family. Have a great holiday and I'll see you back here in two weeks!

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Session Snapshot



The big picture: Omnibus bills are emerging from both chambers for almost every major policy area.

Senate omnibus bills: In the Senate, the following omnibus bills have been established and passed out of committee:

- [Labor Policy](#)
- [Labor Finance](#)
- [Jobs and Economic Development](#) (includes HM's ProStart funding)
- [Veterans](#)
- [Commerce and Consumer Protection](#)
- [Housing and Homelessness Prevention](#)
- [Energy, Utilities, Environment and Climate](#)
- [Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development](#)
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- [Transportation](#)
- [State and Local Government](#)
- [Elections](#)
- [Higher Education](#)
- [Education Finance](#)
- [Education Policy](#)
- [Public Safety](#)

• **What's next:** These bills will be heard in the Finance Committee during the next few weeks. After passage through the committee, they will head to the Senate floor for debate.

House omnibus bills: The House has released almost all their omnibus bills. Two committees have yet to release their full budget bills: Health and Workforce, Labor and Economic Development. These bills will be posted in the next week and will have testimony taken when the legislature returns after the break. Here's a breakdown of the current omnibus bills in the House:

- [Commerce Policy](#)
- [Commerce Finance](#)
- [Cannabis](#)
- [Human Services](#)
- [State and Local Government](#)
- [State and Local Government Finance](#)
- [Judiciary Finance](#)
- [Public Safety](#)
- [Energy](#)
- [Legacy](#)
- [Veterans and Military Affairs](#)
- [Education Policy](#)
- [Environment and Natural Resources](#)
- [Higher Education](#)
- [Children and Families](#)
- [Housing](#)
- [Labor and Industry Policy](#)
- [Agriculture](#)
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What's next: These bills will need to be heard in the House Ways and Means committee before heading to the floor for final passage. All House bills need to have bipartisan support for a bill to pass.

• **One fun thing:** For those interested in the legislative process, check out the Minnesota Legislature's website [here](#) for more information on how a bill becomes law. Based on that page, the MN Legislature is right in between "Committee" and "Conference".

Yes, and: To change the Price Transparency Law passed last year, Hospitality MN intends to bring forward FTC conformity legislation as an amendment to the House and Senate Commerce omnibus bills.

• **We need your help!** Please send an example of how service fees are used in your business model to offset labor costs, provide employee benefits, or cover the rising costs of goods and services. You can email your examples to Hanna at hanna@hospitalitymn.com. Names of businesses are not required.

• Thank you to everyone who has submitted your responses!

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