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**Happy Friday!** We're heading into the final countdown at the legislature. Seven weeks remain until the constitutional adjournment date of May 19<sup>th</sup>. Still to come on the legislative agenda: budget targets in the House, omnibus bill creation and adoption, potential conference committees, and of course – final passage of these bills. This week I'm breaking down committee deadlines and what the next few weeks mean for our members.

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## Session Snapshot



**The big picture:** Due to the late start in the House this year, the first and second committee deadlines are happening on the same day – next Friday.

**Why it matters:** In a typical session, deadlines represent when and how bills are acted upon at the legislature. These deadlines narrow the number of bills heard during session and guide legislators to move in a timely fashion.

- **First deadline:** Committees must act favorably on bills in the chamber of origin. If a bill is not passed out of a committee or laid on the table for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill, the bill dies.
- **Second deadline:** Committees must act favorably on bills that meet the first deadline in the opposite chamber. This year, these two deadlines will happen on the same day.
- **Third deadline:** Committees must act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills. This is the omnibus bill deadline.

**One note:** These deadlines do not apply to the following committees:

- **House:** Capital Investment, Ways and Means, Taxes, or Rules and Legislative Administration
- **Senate:** Capital Investment, Finance, Taxes, or Rules and Administration

**Yes, and:** What is included in an omnibus bill during a budget year is dependent on budget targets agreed upon by legislative leadership.

- **The latest:** The Senate announced their intended [budget targets](#) just this morning – one week earlier than anticipated. The budget targets set the fiscal years spending for 2026-27 at \$2.3 billion and 2028-29 at \$113 million – a drastic shift due to the February [budget forecast](#) released by Minnesota Management and Budget.

**Go deeper:** The Senate targets represent decreases in funding over the next two biennia for the following committee jurisdictions:

- Taxes
- Transportation
- Elections
- Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate
- Education Finance
- Health and Human Services
- Human Services

**Additionally,** the Senate targets indicate no new funding for capital projects.

**What's next:** Committees are continuing to meet to hear bills that could be included in omnibus packages.

- **Upcoming deadlines:** Committee leaders have until 5 p.m. on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to hear bills to move forward. House leadership is expected to announce their own budget targets in the coming days. 1 committee hearing [here](#).

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