



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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2025 LEGISLATIVE NOTES

The 100th South Dakota Legislative Session opened on January 14th, 2025, with many new legislators and a governorship likely coming to an end due to Governor Kristi Noem being appointed as Secretary of Homeland Security by President Donald Trump. Your Association will be busy this session attempting to lobby for additional funding for the Rural Access Infrastructure Fund.

The current bill count is 69 House bills and 78 Senate bills introduced to date. As for every legislative session, these numbers will increase dramatically in the coming weeks as legislators have until February 5, 2025, to introduce individual bills and resolutions.

In Governor Noem's State of the State address, she provided ten reasons as to why South Dakota will continue to be successful in the future which includes the people, values, freedoms, and economy. Additionally, Governor Noem publicly acknowledged this would likely be her final legislative session as Governor as she was nominated by President Trump to be the Secretary of Homeland Security. Governor Noem stated that she had the utmost confidence in Lt. Governor Larry Rhoden and that she intentionally chose him as her running mate in the event he was required to take over as Governor.

At this point there have been a few bills introduced that may be of interest to your Association. First, your Association may want to follow **HB 1059**. HB 1059 would amend existing open meeting laws to clarify that it is not an official meeting of a public body if its members communicate via teleconference or other electronic means

for the sole purpose of scheduling or confirming availability to attend a future meeting. Next, **SB 45** would impose an additional two-dollar motor vehicle registration fee per transaction for the purposes of creating and utilizing a motor vehicle technology fund. Finally, **SB 74** would require all political subdivisions to take time in their first official public meeting of every calendar year to review the open meeting laws as published by the attorney general's office.

Your Association will again focus on funding for RAIF as the session progresses. I have been working with your Association leadership and legislative committee to draft a bill that would provide additional funding to RAIF. As drafted, the bill states that 25 million dollars would be equally distributed to RAIF in 2026, 2027, and 2028. This bill is modeled after HB 1036 in 2022's legislative session which passed overwhelmingly. After communicating with different legislators, Senator Sydney Davis and Representative Marty Overweg agreed to be the prime sponsors in the Senate and House respectfully. At this point, I will work with the legislators and the LRC to finalize the funding bill prior to it being finalized and published.

Once the draft of the bill is published, your Association leadership and I will be working diligently to approach various legislators, groups, and departments to lobby in favor of the bill's passing.

This is an exciting time for many organizations, groups, and Associations, including yours. I appreciate the opportunity once again to represent your Association's best interest during the 100th legislative session.

BILLS OF INTEREST:

- HB 1059** **clarify the meaning of teleconference for purposes of open meeting requirements.**
Sponsors: Representatives [Fitzgerald](#) (prime), [Emery](#), [Greenfield](#), [Heermann](#), [Moore](#), [Muckey](#), [Reimer](#), [Reisch](#),
and [Venhuizen](#) and Senators [Reed](#) (prime) and [Perry](#)
01/16/2025 First read in House and referred to House Local Government
- SB 45** **impose a motor vehicle technology fee to support and enhance technology used to administer
motor vehicle services, and to make an appropriation therefor.**
Sponsors: The Chair of the Committee on [Transportation](#) at the request of the Department of Revenue
- SB 74** **require the publication and review of an explanation of the open meeting laws of this state.**
Sponsors: Senators [Reed](#) (prime), [Crabtree](#), [Mehlhoff](#), [Nelson](#), [Perry](#), [Rohl](#), [Vilhauer](#), [Voight](#), and [Voita](#) and
Representatives [Fitzgerald](#) (prime), [Baxter](#), [Emery](#), [Goodwin](#), [Heermann](#), [Ismay](#), [Kull](#), [Muckey](#), [Reisch](#), and [Roby](#)
01/16/2025 First Reading Senate
01/22/2025 Scheduled for hearing- Senate Local Govt

100th SOUTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE SESSION CALENDAR

2025 38 Legislative Days



Please refer to the Joint Rules, Chapter 17 for complete information.

| | Sun | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat |
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| January 2025 | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| | 12 | 13 | 14 Session Opens 12 Noon(CST) State of the State LD 1 | 15 State of the Judiciary 10:00am State of the Tribes 1:00pm LD 2 | 16 LD 3 | 17 LD 4 | 18 |
| | 19 | 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day | 21 Executive orders filed (Constitution, Art. IV, Sec. 8) LD 5 | 22 LD 6 | 23 Jt. Memorial Service 3:00pm LD 7 | 24 LD 8 | 25 |
| | 26 | 27 LD 9 | 28 Bill and resolution draft requests due to LRC by 5:00pm (for unlimited introduction) LD 10 | 29 LD 11 | 30 Last day for unlimited bill and resolution introduction (JR 6B-3) (TWO HOURS prior to session) LD 12 | 31 | 1 |
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| February 2025 | 2 | 3 All bill and resolution draft requests due to LRC by 5:00pm LD 13 | 4 Committee bill and resolution draft requests due to LRC by 5:00pm LD 14 | 5 Last day for introduction of individual bills and resolutions (TWO HOURS prior to session) LD 15 | 6 Last day for introduction of committee bills and resolutions (TWO HOURS prior to session) LD 16 | 7 LD 17 | 8 |
| | 9 | 10 LD 18 | 11 LD 19 | 12 LD 20 | 13 Last day for JCA selection of general fund revenue targets (JR 7-11.1) LD 21 | 14 | 15 |
| | 16 | 17 Presidents' Day | 18 LD 22 | 19 LD 23 | 20 LD 24 | 21 LD 25 | 22 |
| | 23 | 24 Last day to move required delivery of bills or resolutions by a committee to the house of origin, and Last day to use JR 5-17 LD 26 | 25 Last day to pass bills or joint resolutions by the house of origin (Crossover Day), and Last day to invoke JR 7-7 in the house of origin LD 27 | 26 LD 28 | 27 Last day for JCA to move required delivery of special appropriation bills to house of origin (JR 17-1) LD 29 | 28 | 1 |
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| March 2025 | 2 | 3 Last day for house of origin to pass special appropriation bills referred from JCA (JR 17-1), and Commemoration requests due to LRC by 5:00pm LD 30 | 4 LD 31 | 5 JR 5-13 in effect, and Last day for introduction of commemorations (TWO HOURS prior to session) LD 32 | 6 Last day to move required delivery of bills or joint resolutions by a committee to the second house LD 33 | 7 | 8 |
| | 9 | 10 Last day for a bill or joint resolution to pass both houses, and Last day to invoke JR 7-7 in the second house LD 34 | 11 LD 35 | 12 LD 36 | 13 LD 37 | 14 | 15 |
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| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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| April 2025 | | Reserved for consideration of gubernatorial vetoes LD 38 | | | | | |

Get Involved With Legislation that Matters to You!

1. Familiarize yourself with the names of the legislators that represent your county
2. Keep their contact information handy to reach them on short notice.
3. Attend local cracker barrels
4. Thank them for their positive efforts and remain cordial when discussing concerns
5. Be respectful when discussing pending legislation or opposition– keeping a good working relationship is very important to all of us.
6. Do not be afraid to testify on a subject you support or oppose during legislation session. Telephone testimony is acceptable if you sign up in advance.

[2025 Legislator Listing | South Dakota Legislature](#)

Click on the above link for your Legislator and how to contact them..

TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

January 14th- Legislative Session Opens

February 5th - SDATAT Ice Cream Social at the Capital

Feb 25th- Required Township meeting

March 4th - Required Township Annual Meeting (SDCL 8-3-1)

April 1st- SDATAT Scholarship Applications Due

April 15 - SDATAT Bond Applications Due

July 15 - Opt Outs Due

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

To Track Legislation <http://legis.sd.gov/>

To Listen To Committees Live:

http://legis.sd.gov/Legislative_Session/Committees/default.aspx

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