



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Issue # 9

2025 LEGISLATIVE NOTES By Kody Kyriss, SDATAT Lobbyist

The 100th legislative session is finally complete. As a whole, this was a busy legislative session for your Association with some highs and unfortunate lows towards the end of session.

Your Association leadership and I continued to follow some relevant bills as we went into the final week of session. **SB 169**, An Act to require that taxing districts hold a public hearing when increasing property tax revenues compared to the previous year, was hoghoused into an additional property tax bill, but then died on the House floor.

Additionally, **HB 1218**, An Act to prohibit certain political subdivisions from imposing firearm restrictions on the county, municipal, and township employees, officers, and volunteers was further amended and ultimately passed the legislative and awaits the Governor's signature.

Finally, your Association continued to monitor the property tax reform legislation that had been moving throughout the legislature. **SB 191** ultimately died on the House floor while **SB 216** was amended further, passed the legislative, and was signed by the Governor on March 13, 2025.

Your Association's bill, **SB 95**, additional funding for the Rural Access Infrastructure Fund, ultimately died on the House floor on March 10, 2025. Leading up to its being heard on the floor, your Association leadership and I diligently reached out to various members of the House to express the importance of additional RAIF funding.

Unfortunately, the bill died on the House floor by a vote of 42-27 as it needed 2/3rds of the members to vote "yay" due to the bill appropriating general funds. While we will never know the reason for certainty, it is possible that your Association's efforts to kill HB 1261 resulted in the failure of SB 95 on the House floor. However, it is also important to remember that the budget for this year had always been an issue for any groups requesting money.

I again want to extend a huge thank you to you and your Association leadership for allowing me to lobby on your behalf for the 2025 legislative session. While we were not successful in receiving RAIF funds this year, your Association can always try again in future years where hopefully the budget will be friendlier. Regardless, your Association certainly made its presence known this session.

Please stay in touch with your local legislators and let them know how important township and rural infrastructure is to not only you but hunters, farmers, and the state as a whole.

SDATAT's Bills (Strong Support)

SB 95 make an appropriation to the Department of Revenue for distribution to county rural access infrastructure funds and to declare an emergency.

- 02/05/2025 Senate Transportation Referred as Amended to Joint Appropriations, Passed, YEAS 7, NAYS 0.
- 02/27/2025 Joint Committee on Appropriations Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 18, NAYS 0.
- 03/03/2025 Senate Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 24, NAYS 11
- 03/10/2025 House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, **Failed**, YEAS 42, NAYS 27

SDATAT's Bills (Strong Oppose)

HB 1261 provide the board of commissioners with authority over certain intra-county land uses and construction projects. Sponsors: Representative Peterson (Drew) (prime), Bathke, Roe

- 02/13/2025 Prime Sponsor Changed at the Request of the Prime Sponsor
- 02/26/2025 Senate Local Government Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 4, NAYS 3.
- 02/27/2025 Senate Do Pass, **Failed**, YEAS 14, NAYS 21.

BILLS OF INTEREST:

HB 1052 prohibit the exercise of eminent domain for a pipeline that carries carbon oxide.

- 01/27/2025 House of Representatives Do Pass, Passed, YEAS 49, NAYS 19
- 03/04/2025 Senate Do Pass, **Passed**, YEAS 23, NAYS 12. S.J. 438
- 03/06/2025: Signed by Governor

HB 1059 clarify the meaning of teleconference for purposes of open meeting requirements.

- 01/27/2025 House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 68, NAYS 0
- 03/04/2025 Senate Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 35, NAYS 0. S.J. 434
- 03/04/2025: Waiting signature of Governor

HB 1173 eliminate the cap on assessment amounts for road improvements.

- 03/05/2025 Signed by the Governor on Wednesday, March 05, 2025 H.J. 458

SB 45 impose a motor vehicle technology fee

- 02/07/2025 Senate Transportation Referred to Joint Committee on Appropriations, Passed, YEAS 7, NAYS 0.
- 02/27/2025 Joint Committee on Appropriations Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 15, NAYS 3
- 03/03/2025 Senate Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 22, NAYS 13. S.J. 420
- 03/05/2025 House of Representatives Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 57, NAYS 13. H.J. 467
- 03/10/2025 Delivered to the Governor on Monday, March 10, 2025

SB 74 require the publication and review of an explanation of the open meeting laws of this state.


- 02/13/2025 Signed by the Governor on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 S.J. 262

SB 198 **establish conditions a prospective condemnor must satisfy before commencing condemnation proceedings Sponsors: Senators Mehlhaff (prime) and Crabtree**

02/11/2025 Prime Sponsor Changed at the Request of the Prime Sponsor S.J. 234
02/19/2025 Senate State Affairs Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 5, NAYS 3.
02/21/2025 Senate Do Pass Amended, Failed, YEAS 17, NAYS 16
02/24/2025 Senate Reconsidered, Passed, YEAS 19, NAYS 16. S.J. 352
02/24/2025 Senate Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 18, NAYS 17. S.J. 353
03/03/2025 House State Affairs Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed, YEAS 12, NAYS 0.
03/03/2025 House State Affairs Reconsidered, Passed, YEAS 10, NAYS 3.
03/03/2025 House State Affairs Motion to amend, Passed, YEAS 9, NAYS 4. Amendment 198F
03/05/2025 House State Affairs Tabled, Passed, YEAS 11, NAYS 2.

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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
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
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 LD 25	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 LD 29	1
	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 LD 33	8
March 2025	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 LD 37	15
	16	17 LD 34	18 LD 35	19 LD 36	20 LD 37	21 LD 37	22
	23	24 LD 34	25 LD 35	26 LD 36	27 LD 37	28 LD 37	29
	30	31 Reserved for consideration of gubernatorial vetoes LD 38	1 LD 38	2 LD 38	3 LD 38	4 LD 38	5

A person may submit a request to appear from a remote site and give testimony before this committee. Submit requests, a digital handout, or written testimony at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting to houselocalgov@sdlegislature.gov

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.

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TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

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

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