



The 2024 Legislative Scorecard



The advocacy work done by the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce is an important benefit of membership. We serve as the voice of the business community, communicating with elected officials on issues that are important to our members. We also communicate to members the potential impact that policies may have on your business operations.

The 2024 Legislative Scorecard indicates how all 33 Sioux Falls-area legislators, plus leadership from both legislative chambers, voted on legislation that the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce (the “Chamber”) took a position on during the 2024 Legislative Session.

The bills included on the Scorecard were measures deemed important to the Sioux Falls business community based on the legislative platform set by the Chamber’s Issues Management Council (IMC) and its Board of Directors. The scorecard indicates whether or not a legislator’s vote on a bill aligned with the Chamber’s position. Only legislation that was considered by the entirety of each legislative body was

recorded on the scorecard. Recorded votes correspond to the final form of each bill that was considered by each legislative body, and the Chamber’s position on the final form of that piece of legislation.

It is important to note that this scorecard is not necessarily indicative of all legislation or issues in which the Chamber was involved during the 2024 Legislative Session. Further, this document is not intended as an evaluation of any lawmaker, but rather it is presented as a factual record of how votes were cast on select issues of importance to the Chamber, its members and the Sioux Falls business community.

Lawmakers are given the “Sioux Falls Community Champion” designation if they voted with the Chamber on 100% of the bills on this scorecard. The “Sioux Falls Supporter” designation was given to those legislators who voted with the Chamber on 80% or more of the bills. Designations are based on the 2024 voting records alone. A cumulative percentage is included to show a lawmaker’s record of voting in line with Chamber positions over time.

2024 Legislative Voting Record

✘ Opposed Chamber's position
✔ Supported Chamber's position
— Did not vote*

	SB 144	SB 45	SB 187	SB 201	HB 1185	HB 1186	HB 1161	HB 1163	SB 49	SB 50	HJR 502	SB 53	SB 16	SB 66	HB 1012	HB 1013	HB 1015	HB 1017	Cumulative	2024	
Rep. Amber Arlint (12)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	100%	100%	🏆
Rep. Hugh Bartles* (5)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	100%	100%	🏆
Sen. Arch Beal (12)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	70%	100%	🏆
Sen. Casey Crabtree* (8)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	95%	100%	🏆
Rep. Greg Jamison (12)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	100%	100%	🏆
Sen. Steve Kolbeck (2)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	93%	100%	🏆
Sen. Jack Kolbeck (13)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	100%	100%	🏆
Rep. David Kull (2)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	100%	100%	🏆
Rep. Will Mortensen* (24)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	97%	100%	🏆
Rep. Brian Mulder (11)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	99%	100%	🏆
Rep. Taylor Rehfeldt (14)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	100%	100%	🏆
Sen. Lee Schoenbeck* (5)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	89%	100%	🏆
Sen. Jim Stalzer (11)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	100%	100%	🏆
Rep. Tyler Tordsen (14)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	100%	100%	🏆
Rep. Tony Venhuizen (13)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	95%	100%	🏆
Sen. Larry Zikmund (14)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	95%	100%	🏆
Rep. Erin Healy (10)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	97%	94%	🏆
Rep. Kady Wittman (15)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	97%	94%	🏆
Rep. Linda Duba (15)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	94%	94%	🏆
Rep. Oren Lesmeister* (28A)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	94%	94%	🏆
Rep. Kameron Nelson (10)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	94%	94%	🏆
Rep. Kenneth Teunissen (9)	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	91%	89%	🏆
Sen. Jim Bolin (16)	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔	✘	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	91%	83%	🏆
Sen. Liz Larson (10)	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	88%	83%	🏆
Rep. Ernie Otten (6)	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	86%	83%	🏆
Sen. Herman Otten (6)	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔	✘	✔	✘	—	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	85%	81%	🏆
Sen. Brent Hoffman (9)	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	71%	78%	🏆
Sen. Reynold Nesiba* (15)	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔	✘	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	85%	78%	🏆
Rep. Randy Gross (25)	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✔	✘	68%	56%	🏆
Rep. John Sjaarda (2)	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	61%	56%	🏆
Rep. Sue Peterson (13)	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	74%	53%	🏆
Rep. Kevin Jensen (16)	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	71%	50%	🏆
Rep. Chris Karr (11)	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	51%	50%	🏆
Rep. Aaron Aylward (6)	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✔	40%	44%	🏆
Rep. Jon Hansen (25)	✘	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	67%	44%	🏆
Sen. Tom Pischke (25)	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	52%	44%	🏆
Rep. Karla Lems (16)	✘	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	49%	39%	🏆
Rep. Bethany Soye (9)	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✘	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	50%	39%	🏆

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

SUPPORTERS

*Leadership

Note: If an elected official did not vote on an issue, the issue is not counted when tabulating the annual score.

Bills included in the 2024 Legislative Scorecard

Funding for airport infrastructure: SB 144

appropriates \$10 million in one-time grant funding to support airport terminal infrastructure projects and terminal improvement and expansion. Between passengers traveling for business and pleasure and freight transportation needs, a continued investment into the infrastructure of our airports is critical to future commerce and economic growth opportunities in South Dakota.

The Chamber supported SB 144. It was passed by the House (55/15) and the Senate (32/2) and was signed by the governor.

Quantum Computing Center: SB 45 appropriates \$3 million in one-time funding to the South Dakota Board of Regents to establish a Center for Quantum Information Science and Technology. This supports the Board's continued investment in the cybersecurity industry to ensure our public university system remains competitive and on the cutting edge of this continually advancing industry.

The Chamber supported SB 45. It was passed by the House (65/4) and the Senate (32/1) and signed by the governor.

Cybersecurity funding for counties and municipalities: SB 187 appropriates \$7 million in one-time funding to the Office of the Attorney General to create a cybersecurity services initiative. These funds will support local county and municipal governments with their efforts to ensure the security of sensitive information and reduce their vulnerabilities to cyber-attacks.

The Chamber supported SB 187. It was passed by the House (66/4) and the Senate (28/5) and signed by the governor.

The Landowner Bill of Rights: SB 201 provides new statutory requirements that created regulatory uniformity in regard to certain linear pipeline projects, allows for counties to establish a surcharge of up to a one dollar per linear foot of carbon dioxide pipelines installed in their county, and creates rules and regulations to provide more transparency and safety for landowners in South Dakota.

SB 201 was the result of compromise and collaboration from many interested parties, and it saw much debate and amendment during session. SB 201 was supported by the Chamber. It passed the House (39/31) and Senate (24/10) and was signed by the governor.

Amend provisions regarding entry on private property: HB 1185 creates a process for landowners to be informed by companies requesting access to private land for surveying and siting projects. It also allows landowners to be compensated by that company for access to their property for said purposes.

The Chamber supported HB 1185. It passed the House (42/28) and the Senate (29/5) and was signed by the governor.

Define the requirements for granting a carbon pipeline easement: HB 1186 created easement standards for CO₂ pipeline projects. It requires that all easements must be written to require an expiration date in ninety-nine years, as well as, that the easement be void if the pipeline is out of use for five years, or if the operator fails to file for permitting within five years.

The Chamber supported this legislation. It passed the House (41/29) and the Senate (24/10) and was signed by the governor.

Regulate the acceptance of a central bank digital currency: HB 1161 provides that the State of South Dakota, or any of its agencies or subdivisions, may accept a central bank digital currency for any type of payment. It also provides that a person doing business in South Dakota cannot solely accept central bank digital currency as form of payment and must offer another form of payment to a consumer.

The Chamber supported HB 1161. It passed the House (64/1) and the Senate (32/1) and was signed by the governor.

Amend provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code: HB 1163 updates the Uniform Commercial Code with provisions developed over several years by the Uniform Laws Commission and private industry. By passing this legislation, South Dakota's commercial code will remain uniform and up to date with other states.

The Chamber supported HB 1162. It passed the House (44/21) and the Senate (27/6) and was signed by the governor.

South Dakota Men's Penitentiary: SB 49 appropriates \$236 million for the site preparation and construction of a new correctional facility for males.

The Chamber supported SB 49. It passed the House (58/11) and the Senate (27/6) and was signed by the governor.

South Dakota Women's Penitentiary: SB 50

appropriates \$23 million towards the site preparation and construction of a new correctional facility for females, to be built in Rapid City.

The Chamber supported SB 50. It was passed by the House (62/7) and the Senate (32/2) and was signed by the governor.

Water rights authorization: HJR 502 provides legislative approval for a future use water permit application by the Lewis and Clark Regional Water System. This Joint Resolution authorizes expanded water rights to Lewis & Clark Regional Water Systems for the use of continued and expanded clean water distribution in South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa.

The Chamber supported HJR 502. It was passed by the House (62/7) and the Senate (28/5) and signed by the governor.

Appropriation for eligible water and wastewater projects: SB 53

appropriates \$117 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars in the form of grant funding to go towards water and wastewater infrastructure across the state of South Dakota. The bill contained an emergency clause, making it effective upon signature by the governor.

The Chamber supported SB 53. It passed the House (69/1) and the Senate (31/2) and was signed by the governor.

Appropriations for water and environmental purposes: SB 16

creates appropriations to fund various water resource projects in South Dakota, and also adds the Dakota Mainstem Regional Water System Study to the list of these projects.

The Chamber supported SB 16. It passed the House (64/3) and the Senate (29/2) and was signed by the governor.

Appropriation for water, wastewater and storm water projects: SB 66

appropriates \$12 million towards eligible water, wastewater and storm water projects across the state. This supports ongoing and future projects to update and grow the state's water infrastructure.

The Chamber supported SB 66. It passed the House (69/0) and the Senate (32/0) and was signed by the governor.

Adopt the interstate counseling licensure compact: HB 1012

moved South Dakota to adopt the interstate counseling licensure compact, which allows professionals licensed in other compact states to practice with more ease in South Dakota. This bill supports our state's workforce recruitment efforts by making the licensing process for professional counselors more streamlined.

The Chamber supported HB 1012. It passed the House (52/16) and the Senate (29/2) and was signed by the governor.

Adopt the advanced practice registered nurse compact: HB 1013

moved South Dakota to adopt the interstate advanced practice registered nurse licensure compact, which allows professionals licensed in other compact states to practice with more ease in South Dakota. It supports workforce recruitment efforts by making the licensing process for registered nurses more streamlined.

The Chamber supported HB 1013. It passed the House (47/22) and the Senate (30/3) and was signed by the governor.

Adopt the social work licensure compact: HB 1015

approved South Dakota to adopt the social work licensure compact, which allows professionals licensed in other compact states to practice with more ease in South Dakota. It supports workforce recruitment efforts by making the licensing process for social workers more streamlined.

The Chamber supported HB 1015. It passed the House (51/18) and the Senate (28/3) and was signed by the governor.

Adopt the psychology interjurisdictional licensure compact: HB 1017

approved South Dakota to join the psychology interjurisdictional licensure compact, which allows professionals licensed in other compact states to practice with more ease in South Dakota. This supports workforce recruitment efforts by making the licensing process for psychologists more streamlined.

The Chamber supported HB 1017. It passed the House (50/16) and the Senate (29/2) and was signed by the governor.

Major bills not included on the Scorecard

Repeal the sunset on the reduction of the gross receipts and use tax rates: HB 1001 would have repealed the sunset clause that was included with the sales tax reduction passed by the legislature in 2023. This bill would have made the tax reduction permanent.

The Chamber opposed HB 1001. It passed the House (54/12) and failed in the Senate Appropriations Committee (7/2).

Clarify references to the court in a condemnation proceeding: HB 1203 would have changed the processes that are currently in place during condemnation proceedings.

The Chamber opposed HB 1203. It passed the House (61/3) and failed in the Senate Commerce and Energy Committee (6/3).