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STATE BUDGET OUTLOOK

On Wednesday, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) released the state budget forecast, showing a mixed picture of the state's financial outlook. The forecast indicates a \$616 million surplus for the FY26-27 biennium, which is far less than anticipated. MMB also forecasts a structural imbalance ranging from \$3.5 billion to \$5.1 billion for the FY28-29 biennium, causing concerns about the state's future financial stability.

For more information on the budget, you can read the entire forecast [here](#) as well as the [presentation](#) documents.

HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE

With the 67-67 tie in the House, much is still unknown about how power-sharing will work in the next legislative session. However, co-leaders Rep. Melissa Hortman and Rep. Lisa Demuth have agreed to a committee structure and appointed committee chairs. Under this agreement, committees will be chaired by DFL and Republican co-chairs and committee membership will be equally divided. Committee chairs were recently named, but committee membership is not yet determined.

- Agriculture Finance and Policy: [Rep. Paul Anderson](#) (R-Starbuck) and [Rep. Rick Hansen](#) (DFL-South St. Paul)
- Capital Investment: [Rep. Mary Franson](#) (R-Alexandria) and [Rep. Fue Lee](#) (DFL-Minneapolis)
- Children and Families Finance and Policy: [Rep. Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn](#) (DFL-Eden Prairie) and [Rep. Nolan West](#) (R-Blaine)
- Commerce Finance and Policy: [Rep. Kaohly Vang Her](#) (DFL-St. Paul) and [Rep. Tim O'Driscoll](#) (R-Sartell)
- Education Finance: [Rep. Ron Kresha](#) (R-Little Falls) and [Rep. Cheryl Youakim](#) (DFL-Hopkins)
- Education Policy: [Rep. Peggy Bennett](#) (R-Albert Lea) and [Rep. Sydney Jordan](#) (DFL-Minneapolis)
- Elections Finance and Government Operations: [Rep. Mike Freiberg](#) (DFL-Golden Valley) and [Rep. Duane Quam](#) (R-Byron)
- Energy Finance and Policy: [Rep. Patty Acomb](#) (DFL-Minnetonka) and [Rep. Chris Swedzinski](#) (R-Ghent)
- Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy: [Rep. Peter Fischer](#) (DFL-Maplewood) and [Rep. Josh Heintzeman](#) (R-Nisswa)
- Ethics: [Rep. Greg Davids](#) (R-Preston) and [Rep. Kelly Moller](#) (DFL-Shoreview)
- Health Finance and Policy: [Rep. Jeff Backer](#) (R-Browns Valley) and [Rep. Robert Bierman](#) (DFL-Apple Valley)
- Higher Education Finance and Policy: [Rep. Marion Rarick](#) (R-Maple Lake) and [Rep. Dan Wolgamott](#) (DFL-St. Cloud)
- Housing Finance and Policy: [Rep. Michael Howard](#) (DFL-Richfield) and [Rep. Spencer Igo](#) (R-Wabana Township)
- Human Services Finance and Policy: [Rep. Mohamud Noor](#) (DFL-Mpls) and [Rep. Joe Schomacker](#) (R-Luverne)
- Judiciary Finance and Civil Law: [Rep. Tina Liebling](#) (DFL-Rochester) and [Rep. Peggy Scott](#) (R-Andover)
- Labor and Workforce Development Finance and Policy: [Rep. Dave Baker](#) (R-Willmar) and [Rep. Dave Pinto](#) (DFL-St. Paul)
- Legacy Finance: [Rep. Joe McDonald](#) (R-Delano) and [Rep. Samantha Vang](#) (DFL-Brooklyn Center)
- Public Safety Finance and Policy: [Rep. Kelly Moller](#) (DFL-Shoreview) and [Rep. Paul Novotny](#) (R-Elk River)
- Rules and Legislative Administration: [Rep. Jamie Long](#) (DFL-Minneapolis) and [Rep. Harry Niska](#) (R-Ramsey)
- State Government Finance and Policy: [Rep. Ginny Klevorn](#) (DFL-Plymouth) and [Rep. Jim Nash](#) (R-Waconia)

- Veterans and Military Affairs Division: [Rep. Matt Bliss](#) (R-Pennington) and [Rep. Jay Xiong](#) (DFL-St. Paul)
- Taxes: [Rep. Greg Davids](#) (R-Preston) and [Rep. Aisha Gomez](#) (DFL-Minneapolis)
- Transportation Finance and Policy: [Rep. Erin Koegel](#) (DFL-Spring Lake Park) and [Rep. Jon Koznick](#) (R-Lakeville)
- Ways and Means: [Rep. Zack Stephenson](#) (DFL-Coon Rapids) and [Rep. Paul Torkelson](#) (R-Hanska)
- Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement: [Rep. Leon Lillie](#) (DFL-North St. Paul) and [Rep. Tim O'Driscoll](#) (R-Sartell)

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To view the election results, visit [The Secretary of State's Website](#)

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