



The Council

Public Engagement with Session



The public has actively engaged in the legislative process during the 2025 legislative session by submitting testimony and viewing live and archived floor sessions and committee hearings.

Public participation includes 5,066 submissions of written testimony,

3,629 submissions of in-person testimony, and 437 submissions of virtual testimony through Microsoft Teams. This amounts to 9,132 testimony submissions for public hearings during the 2025 legislative session.

The public has been staying informed by viewing live and archived video of floor sessions and committee hearings. Livestreams of floor sessions and committee meetings have been viewed 199,181 times, while archived sessions have been viewed 111,541 times. This amounts to 310,722 views and more than 1,541 hours of watch time. The most watched day of session was Wednesday, February 5, with a total of 8,625 live viewings. The most watched committee hearing video this session was a hearing held by the House Human Services Committee on February 5, with 1,186 views. The House Human Services Committee also has received 983 testimony submissions, the most of any committee. The House Education Committee has received the second highest number of testimony submissions, at 909 submissions.

Numbers as of February 20, 2025

First Bill of Session Signed by Governor

The first bill of the 2025 legislative session has been signed into law. Governor Kelly Armstrong signed Senate Bill 2201 on Tuesday, February 18.

Senate Bill No. 2201 extends the \$500 primary residence property tax credit enacted during the 2023 legislative session to primary residences owned through a beneficial interest in a qualifying trust and occupied as a primary place of residence by a trustor or beneficiary of the qualifying trust. The bill is retroactively effective and applies to tax years 2024 and 2025.

Employee Spotlight



Justin Blasy joined the Legislative Council in 2013 and serves as a senior legislative administrative specialist. Justin assists with workflow, staff training, maintenance of the legislative branch website, and engrossing and enrolling. He also was an integral participant in the recent website redesign.

Justin grew up in Mandan, North Dakota and attended Bismarck State College. Outside of work, he enjoys building computers and car stereo systems and loves anything space-related, especially NASA and SpaceX. One of Justin's best memories is meeting Buzz Aldrin, who was a guest speaker at the Midwest Council of State Governments Conference, held in Bismarck in 2015.

1,075 Bills and Resolutions Introduced
651 House
424 Senate

1,629 Bills and Resolutions Requested

1,044 Bills Heard in Committee

643 Amendments Requested

353 Bills Passed in the House

269 Bills Passed in the Senate

5 Bills and Resolutions Enrolled

Important Dates

Feb. 25: Deadline to Introduce Constitutional Amendments and Study Resolutions

Feb. 25: Deadline to Report All Other Bills and Resolutions Out of Committee

Feb. 28: Crossover Date for Bills

Photos from the Floor

