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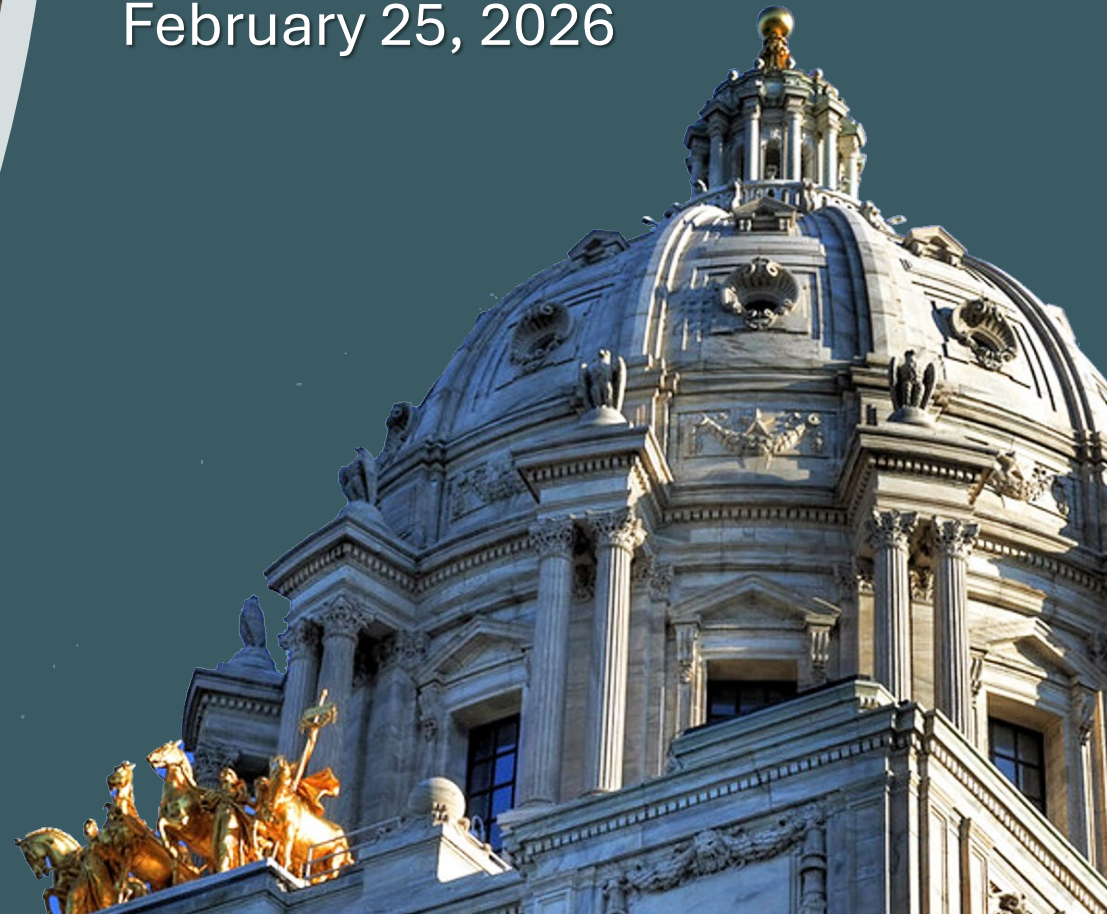
# SOLID WASTE

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# SWAA 2026 Winter Training

February 25, 2026





# 2026 Legislative Session

## Calendar

- **February 17** – Session starts
- **February 27** – Budget Forecast
- **March 27** - 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee Deadline
- **March 27** – April 7 – Easter Passover Break
- **April 17** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee Deadline
- **May 18** – End of Session
- **May 19 – June 2** – Candidate Filing Period
- **August 11** – Primary Election
- **November 3** – General Election

## 2026 Session Considerations

- Fraud and Federal actions
- Election
- Retirements
- Bonding
- Supplemental Budget

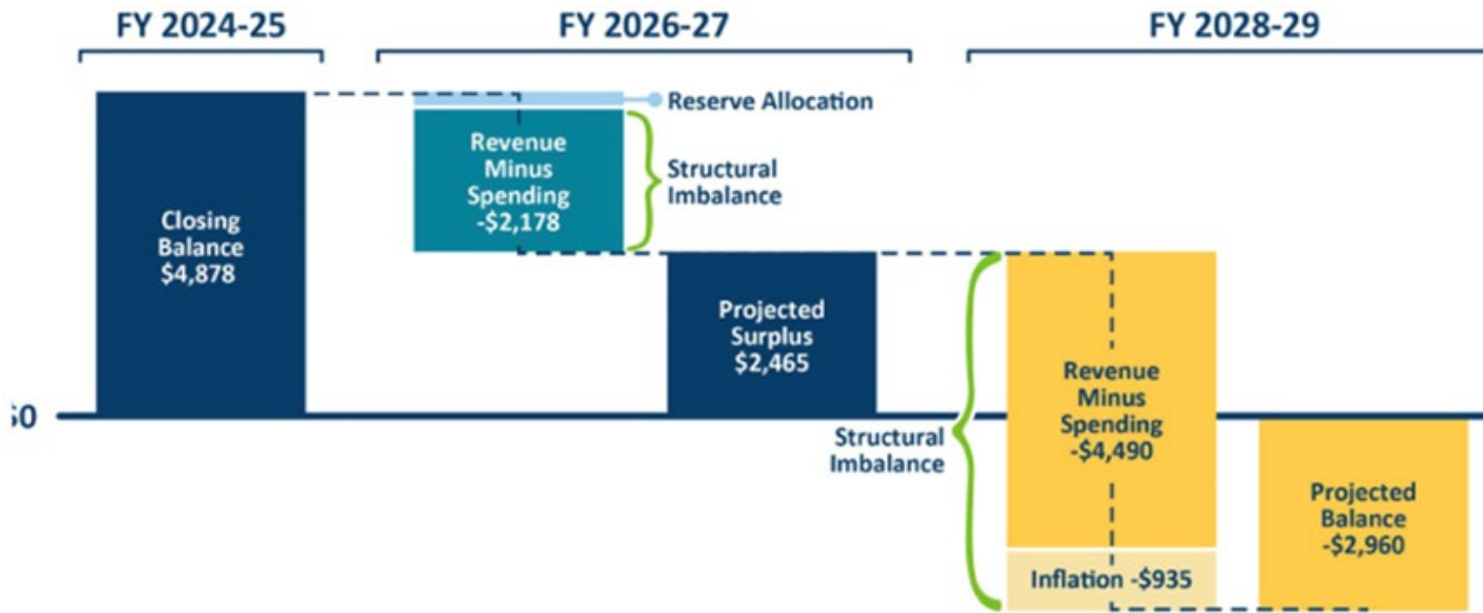




# 2026 Legislative Session

## Fiscal Snapshot: Forecast Horizon FY 2024 through FY 2029

(\$ millions)



\*Figures exclude FY 25 appropriations commitments





# 2026 Legislative Session

## Bonding

### **MPCA Recommendations:**

- Sustainable Construction and Demolition – GO 59M, GF 59M
- CAP (preliminary) – 59.308M

### **Projects**

- CAP: Prairie Lakes Municipal Solid Waste Authority - GO 7.267M
- CAP: City of St. Paul - GO 1,59M
- CAP: Ramsey Washington Recycling & Energy Center - GO 1.657M
- CAP: Red Wing - GO 3M
- CAP: Blue Earth County Reuse Building - GO 1.925M

### **Governor Recommended**

- \$5 million for Sustainable Construction and Demolition





# E-waste and Batteries - Concepts

## Two separate programs to manage end-of-life costs:

1. Batteries – individual, loose batteries of all sizes
  - NOT: lead acid, EV batteries, large building-scale storage
2. Electronics – devices with and without embedded batteries
  - Expanded list of electronics
  - Focus on residential products
  - Advisory process to add future products as the market evolves

## Program Scope Principles

- Public safety & fire risk
- Toxics and pollution reduction
- Material value & recycling feasibility
- Systems capable of responsibly managing products





# E-waste and Batteries - Concepts

## Producer Responsibility Model

- Manufacturer-operated PRO(s) with MPCA oversight
- Multiple PROs allowed; clearinghouse required
- Statewide convenience standard

## Education & Labeling

- Producer-funded, performance-based education program
- Broader stakeholder involvement in education planning
- Brand labeling on electronics; brand + chemistry on batteries

## Reimbursement System

- Collectors reimbursed for facility operations, staffing, and materials
  - Rates established by a board
- Transportation & recycling arranged by PRO(s)
- Reuse/repair encouraged — but not reimbursed





# E-waste and Batteries - Response

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## Program Model

- Electronics: No pros, clearinghouse coordinated plans
- Battery: One PRO, No clearinghouse

## Setting Reimbursement Rates

- Oppose a board process
- Support public collector reimbursement – not private

## Convenience standards

- Oppose as too expansive
- Batteries separate factors for portable and med & large format





# E-waste and Batteries - Response

## State Provider Mandates

- Requirement that a minimum of 10 entities needing to provide covered services
- At least 25% of volume needing to be handled by small businesses.

## Commissioner Discretion

- Oppose commissioner discretion

## Easily Removeable Battery

- Opposes definition of only fingers, flat or Phillips screwdriver
- Support common household or commercially available

## Private Right of Action

- Electronics: want MPCA enforcement
- PBRA: PRO ability to act against nonparticipants





# E-waste and Batteries - Response

## Recovery and Proper Management

- Electronics opposes covering abandoned covered products
  - Collectors out - maybe residential or public

## Embedded Battery Restriction

- Elimination of state prohibition on EBPs

## Covered Embedded Battery Products

- Producers are not in programs and likely to oppose

## Dynamic

- Collection events are not a substitute for convenience min
- Optimized logistics & Sorting requirements and battery removal
- Charge back for recycler supports to collectors and outside of scope materials





# E-waste and Batteries - Status

## Battery Offer

- Elimination of the Clearinghouse
- Easily Removeable Battery – California Definition
- Removal of the reimbursement board
  - Negotiated rates, MPCA-approved reimbursement matrix
- Maintained robust convenience standards (95% within 10 miles)
  - two levels Portable and Med/LG

## E-waste Offer

- Move toward clearinghouse model
- Similar adjustments to battery bill

## Industry: CTA, PRBA, Best Buy Offer

- Their own bill – based on concepts
- battery model, electronics OR & IL





# 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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## **SCORE Bill (HF1359/SF1082)**

- Hearings in House and Senate Tax Committees

## **Single-use plastic (HF3620)**

- State purchasing, food service ware and bottles

## **Plastic personal care products (HF3631)**

- Hotels and health clubs

## **Solid Waste Districts (HF3667)**





# 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## Compostable Labeling (HF3648/SF3838)

## Mattress grants – Emerge Bill

- Fee on retailers and consumers to fund grants for existing and new programs

## Others

- PUC Life Cycle Analysis
- Landfill emissions
- Incinerator legislation
  - New chemical testing
  - Tighter emissions standards
  - Cut HERC capacity by 25%





# THANK YOU!

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## Questions?

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