



GREATER
SIOUX FALLS
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The 2023

Legislative Scorecard

Communication is an important aspect of the Chamber's advocacy work. We communicate with elected officials on what issues are important to the business community. We communicate with our members on the impact policies may have on their business and how we are serving as their voice in government.

The Chamber's advocacy efforts are led by members through the work of the Issues Management Council (IMC) and the Board of Directors. The IMC proposes Policy Statements and a Legislative Platform, both of which are reviewed and approved by the Board prior to the start of legislative session. These documents guide the Chamber's position on issues and advocacy efforts in Pierre.

The annual Legislative Scorecard is a tool used to report to Chamber members how their local legislators voted on issues that are important to the business community. The 2023 Legislative Scorecard tracks the votes of 33 state legislators from the Sioux Falls area. The bills included in the Scorecard are those that the Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce took a position on during the 2023 legislative session.

Lawmakers were 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 2023 voting records alone. A cumulative percentage is included to show a lawmaker's record of voting in line with Chamber positions over time.

It is important to note that the Legislative Scorecard is not necessarily indicative of all legislation or issues in which the Chamber was involved during the 2023 legislative session. Further, this document is not intended as an evaluation of any lawmaker but 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.

2023 Legislative Voting Record

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

	HB 1011	HB 1039	HB 1046	HB 1049	HB 1055	HB 1056	HB 1075	HB 1137	HB 1193	HB 1207	HB 1208	HB 1235	HB 1239	SB 13	SB 14	SB 41	SB 59	SB 76	SB 109	SB 120	SB 154	SB 174	SB 178	Cumulative	2023	
Rep. Amber Arlint (12)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	✔	—	100%	100%
Sen. Jim Bolin (16)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	✔	—	92%	100%	
Sen. Steve Kolbeck (2)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	100%	100%	
Rep. David Kull (2)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	✔	—	100%	100%	
Rep. Taylor Rehfeldt (14)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	✔	—	98%	100%	
Sen. Jim Stalzer (11)	✔	—	✔	✔	—	✔	—	✔	—	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	—	✔	✔	87%	100%	
Rep. Tyler Tordsen (14)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	—	—	✔	—	100%	100%	
Rep. Tony Venhuizen (13)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	—	✔	—	100%	100%	
Sen. Larry Zikmund (14)	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	—	—	✔	—	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	—	—	✔	✔	94%	100%	
Rep. Erin Healy (10)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	—	✘	—	96%	94%	
Rep. Greg Jamison (12)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	—	—	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	—	✔	—	93%	94%	
Rep. Brian Mulder (11)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	✔	—	✔	—	94%	94%	
Rep. Kenneth Teunissen (9)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✘	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	—	✔	—	94%	94%	
Rep. Kady Wittman (15)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	—	✘	—	94%	94%	
Sen. Liz Larson (10)	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	—	✔	✔	—	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	✔	—	✔	—	93%	93%	
Rep. Kameron Nelson (10)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	—	✘	—	89%	89%	
Rep. Ernie Otten (6)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✘	—	—	✔	—	86%	89%	
Rep. Linda Duba (15)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	✔	—	—	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	—	✘	—	93%	88%	
Rep. Sue Peterson (13)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✘	—	—	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	—	✔	—	78%	88%	
Sen. Jack Kolbeck (13)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✘	—	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	—	✔	—	92%	88%	
Sen. Herman Otten (6)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	—	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	—	✘	—	✔	—	84%	88%	
Sen. Reynold Nesiba (15)	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	—	✘	✔	—	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	—	✔	✔	86%	78%	
Rep. Randy Gross (25)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✘	—	—	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✘	—	—	✔	—	76%	76%	
Rep. Kevin Jensen (16)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✘	—	—	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✘	—	—	✔	—	74%	76%	
Sen. Arch Beal (12)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✘	—	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✔	75%	72%	
Rep. Chris Karr (11)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	—	—	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✘	—	—	✔	—	65%	72%	
Rep. Jon Hansen (25)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✘	—	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	—	—	✔	—	71%	71%	
Rep. Bethany Soye (9)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✔	✘	—	—	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✘	—	—	✔	—	53%	71%	
Sen. Brent Hoffman (9)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	—	✔	✘	—	—	✔	✘	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	—	✔	✘	67%	67%	
Rep. John Sjaarda (2)	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✘	✔	—	✔	✘	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✘	—	—	✔	—	65%	65%	
Rep. Karla Lems (16)	✔	✔	✘	✔	✘	✔	—	✔	✘	—	—	✘	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✘	—	—	✔	—	59%	59%	
Sen. Tom Pischke (25)	✔	✔	✔	✘	✘	✔	—	✔	✘	—	—	—	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	—	✘	—	—	✔	—	54%	56%	
Rep. Aaron Aylward (6)	✔	✘	✔	✘	✘	✔	—	✔	✘	—	—	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘	✘	✘	—	✘	—	✔	—	39%	41%	



COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

SUPPORTERS

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 2023 Legislative Scorecard

Employer unemployment contribution rates: HB 1011

sought to reduce employer unemployment rates by \$18 million. The new rate schedule has lower rates than the two previous rate structures.

The Chamber actively supported HB 1011. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the House (70/0) and the Senate (30/3). It was signed into law by the governor on Feb. 1, 2023.

SD National Guard tuition: HB 1039 sought to raise tuition scholarship for active members of the SD National Guard from 50% to 100% for both the Regental and the Technical education institutions.

The Chamber actively supported HB 1039. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the House (66/4) and the Senate (33/0). It was signed into law by the governor on March 16, 2023.

SD National Guard Technical tuition: HB 1046 sought to provide tuition at technical institutions for children and spouses of SD National Guard members disabled or deceased in the line of duty.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the House (64/2) and the Senate (35/0). It was signed into law by the governor on March 2, 2023.

General Appropriation bill: HB 1049 sought to revise the general appropriations for fiscal year 2023.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the House (66/4) and the Senate (30/1). It was signed into law by the governor on March 20, 2023.

Increase SD Opportunity Scholarships: HB 1055 sought to raise the four-year total of the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship from \$4,300 to \$7,500.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the House (62/8) and the Senate (30/4). It was signed into law by the governor on March 23, 2023.

Modify terms for Board of Technical education: HB 1056 sought to increase the term of service on the Board of Technical Education to three years from two years.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the House (67/2) and the Senate (31/3). It was signed into law by the governor on March 8, 2023.

Lower the sales tax rate on food to zero percent: HB 1075

sought to remove the state sales tax on food and food ingredients while exempting alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, cigarettes, cannabis or cannabis products, and prepared food.

The Chamber actively opposed this bill. A “YEA” vote, in support of deferring the bill to the 41st legislative day, was in accord with the Chamber’s position. It was defeated by the House Appropriations Committee on Feb. 21, 2023 by a vote of 8/1.

Lower gross receipt tax rate: HB 1137 sought to reduce the entire state sales tax from 4.5% to 4.2%.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the House (70/0) and the Senate (31/2). It was signed into law by the governor on March 21, 2023.

Amend provisions of the UCC: HB 1193 sought to update the Uniform Commercial Code with provisions developed over several years by the Uniform Laws Commission and private industry.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the House (49/17) and the Senate (24/9). The governor vetoed the bill on March 9, 2023. The House voted (30/37) to sustain the veto on March 27, 2023.

**The Scorecard reflects the representative’s Veto Day vote on this issue.*

Prevent financial services providers from denying service based on certain grounds: HB 1207

sought to govern the way private businesses operate by prohibiting financial institutions (banks) from making any business decisions based on standards or guidelines that are not “financial and traditional.” Specifically, the bill sought to restrict banks from making any business decisions based on environmental, social, governance, diversity, equity, political, and other standards (“ESG”).

The Chamber actively opposed this bill. A “YEA” vote, in support of deferring the bill to the 41st legislative day, was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill was defeated by the House Commerce and Energy Committee on Feb. 15, 2023, by a vote of 10/3.

Prevent government entities from entering contracts with companies that promote certain economic boycotts: HB 1208

sought to govern the way private businesses operate by prohibiting state and local governments from contracting with businesses that allegedly engage in certain “economic boycotts” related to ESG. (see definition of ESG in HB 1207 above)

The Chamber actively opposed this bill. A “YEA” vote, in support of deferring the bill to the 41st legislative day, was in accord with the Chamber’s position. It was defeated by the House State Affairs Committee on Feb. 3, 2023, by a vote of 12/1.

Provide a conscience exemption from a COVID-19 vaccination: HB 1235 sought to create an absolute right to a universal exemption from any requirement that a person receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

The Chamber actively opposed this bill. A “NAY” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill was defeated by the House on Feb. 16, 2023, by a vote of 30/39.

Prohibit a ban of fuel gas appliances used by consumers: HB 1239 sought to prohibit cities and counties from enacting ordinances that would ban fuel-gas appliances used by consumers.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the House (67/3) and the Senate (35/0). It was signed into law by the governor on March 14, 2023.

Authorize and fund the construction of an addition to the BG Dean Mann Readiness Center: SB 13 sought authorization and funding for an addition to the National Guard Readiness Center in Sioux Falls.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (34/1) and the House (68/0). It was signed into law by the governor on Feb. 22, 2023.

Authorize and fund a National Guard readiness center: SB 14 sought to authorize further construction associated with the National Guard Center in Sioux Falls.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (33/1) and the House (67/1). It was signed into law by the governor on Feb. 22, 2023.

Establish the state program and parameters for the workforce housing program: SB 41 sought to provide for workforce housing infrastructure funds, and the program and parameters for the state loans and grant, through \$200 million in state and federal funds.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (29/2) and the House (54/16). It was signed into law by the governor on Feb. 1, 2023.

Appropriation to support career and technical education programs: SB 59 sought to provide grants to school districts for the construction, addition, and equipping of new or existing area career centers.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (25/5) and the House (51/17). It was signed into law by the governor on March 17, 2023.

Expand the scope of licensure by endorsement: SB 76 sought to make the existing statutory process for licensure by endorsement open to all licensed professions and occupations.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (33/1) and the House (62/6). It was signed into law by the governor on March 1, 2023.

Require employers to disclose compensation and benefits to applicants and employees: SB 109 sought to require employers to disclose wages, salary, and benefits to applicants and employees.

The Chamber actively opposed this bill. A “YEA” vote, in support of deferring the bill to the 41st legislative day, was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill was defeated by the Senate Energy and Commerce Committee on Jan. 31, 2023, by a vote of 8/1.

Increase the amount of assessed value exempted from property tax for property owned by a local industrial development corporation: SB 120 sought to exempt \$2.5 million of assessed property value for land owned by a local industrial development corporation.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (29/6) and the House (43/25). It was signed into law by the governor on March 23, 2023.

Incentivize a paid family leave program: SB 154 sought to incentivize private businesses to purchase family leave products for employees through the paid family leave program offered by the State of South Dakota.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill was defeated by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on Feb. 15, 2023, by a vote of 4/2.

Prohibit local ordinances that would ban natural-gas utility service: SB 174 sought to prohibit local governments from enacting an ordinance, resolution, or policy that prohibited natural gas.

The Chamber actively supported this bill. A “YEA” vote was in accord with the Chamber’s position. The bill passed the Senate (34/0) and the House (64/5). It was signed into law by the governor on March 14, 2023.

Create provisions for the protection of warehouse distribution employees: SB 178 sought to establish several additional requirements for the benefit of employees who work in warehouses and distribution centers.

The Chamber actively opposed this bill. A “YEA” vote, in support of deferring the bill to the 41st day, was in accord with the Chamber’s position. It was defeated by the Senate Commerce and Energy Committee on Feb. 21, 2023, by a vote of 5/4.