

The Association remains committed to advancing township interests at the state legislature. Based on our understanding of the issues that are important to our members, we are currently prioritizing increasing funding for township roads and annexation fairness.

The Association succeeded at mitigating some of the harsher impacts of a proposed cannabis law, with bipartisan support for a modification of a proposed timeline to allow townships to respond to applications within 30 days of a regularly scheduled meeting, instead of forcing them to have special meetings for the purpose.

HF5242, the omnibus transportation bill was passed 69-60 late Wednesday and sent to the Senate. We are and remain concerned about the level of transportation funding for townships in the State of Minnesota.

We are continuing to monitor HF4182, which would allow townships to impose franchise fees on telecommunications right of way users, though we have some concerns about whether it might slow border-to-border access to broadband service.

Any township officers with questions, concerns, additional issues, or especially those potentially interested in testifying in support of township issues are encouraged to reach out to Graham Berg-Moberg at gberg-moberg@mntownships.org.