

# Senator Melisa Franzen 2014 Capitol Report



Greetings,

It was a historically short and efficient 2014 legislative session. Highlights include passing sensible tax cuts and repealing business to business taxes, increasing our budget reserves with the first budget surplus in years, all while making strategic investments in key priorities for the state.

We also enacted reforms such as the Women's Economic and Security Act and the Safe and Supportive Schools Act. Thanks to these measures Minnesota is now on stable footing and families will enjoy a more prosperous future.

Thank you for the honor of representing you at the State Capitol. Please always feel free to contact my office whenever I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melisa Franzen".

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## Senator Melisa Franzen 2014 Legislation

**Health** (S.F. 1729) Occupational therapists physical agent modalities modifications

**Health** (S.F. 2187) Health care homes advisory committee establishment

**Health** (S.F. 2258) Adult mental health case management services provided by a nonprofit center established to serve victims of torture

**Health** (S.F. 2461) Home care provider licensing and compliance monitoring requirements modifications

**Health** (S.F. 2392) University-affiliated children's hospitals addition to the list of facilities excluded from the fee-for-service payment rate reductions

**Jobs** (S.F. 2274) Women's economic self-sufficiency, gender segregation in the workforce reduction, and gender pay gap reduction provisions; women and nontraditional jobs grant program establishment

**Judiciary** (S.F. 1648) Minnesota Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act

**Public Safety** (S.F. 682) Youth Intervention Programs appropriation

**Tax Policy** (S.F. 2341) Edina tax increment financing authority extension for affordable housing

**Tax Policy** (S.F. 2464) Gift tax repeal

**Tax Policy** (S.F. 2528) Budget reserves increase; priorities for additional forecast revenues establishment

**Transportation** (S.F. 2462) Limousine regulations and insurance modifications

**Veterans** (S.F. 167) Edina Veterans Memorial bonding



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# SENATOR MELISA FRANZEN 2014 CAPITOL REPORT

*The future of our state depends in great part on our investments in our youngest learners. That is why my key priority this session was on expanding early childhood education scholarships.*

*I am proud to report that additional funding and removal of the scholarship cap was accomplished. I was also able to secure funding for the YWCA for construction of early childhood facilities serving our metro region.*

**-- Melisa Franzen**

## Senator Melisa Franzen Education Bills Become Law

- **Early learning scholarships.** This funding will help increase access to high quality early care and education opportunities to ensure all children are prepared to succeed in school and in life. (S.F. 1966)
- **YWCA early childhood.** The funding will be used to design, renovate, furnish, and equip the early childhood center at the YWCA of Minneapolis. The YWCA preschoolers are proficient in 90% of school readiness indicators compared with 53% for their peers across Minnesota. (S.F. 2141)
- **English language learners and Safe School levy.** Additional funding will be used to reform English language learner programs to achieve academic success and schools will be able to acquire more funding to ensure safer learning environments. (S.F. 2328)
- **Safe Routes to Schools bonding and appropriation.** The funding will be used to provide students with improved transit safety to walk or bike to school. (S.F. 687)



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