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Each year the Minnesota Legislature mandates a variety of reports to be done by state agencies or other governmental entities. In 2008, the legislature mandated 149 reports.

This information brief lists reports that were directed to be done for the first time by the 2008 Legislature. This list includes only reports that must be submitted to the legislature. The reports are listed alphabetically by topic, and within each topic, by order of enactment.

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Laws 2008 Chapter (section)	Topic	Responsible Agency	Due Date
Agriculture			
297, Art. 1 (51)	Implementation of minimum content requirements for biodiesel	Commissioner of Agriculture	January 15 each year
297, Art. 1 (66)	Findings and recommendations for proposed legislation relating to agricultural and open space preservation	Task force	January 30, 2009
297, Art. 1 (68)	Improvements in production, blending, handling, and distribution of biodiesel blends	Commissioners of Agriculture and Commerce	February 15, 2009
297, Art. 1 (69)	Use of biobased diesel alternatives to petroleum diesel fuel	Commissioners of Agriculture, Commerce, and Pollution Control	January 15, 2011
Education			
179 (2)	Allocation or expenditure of money remaining after substantial completion of a bonding project	University of Minnesota Board of Regents	February 1 each even-numbered year
179 (3)	Allocation or expenditure of money remaining after substantial completion of a bonding project	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees	February 1 each even-numbered year
179 (46)	Biomedical science research facilities projects	University of Minnesota Board of Regents	January 15 each even-numbered year
298 (19)	Policy setting the maximum number of semester credits required for a baccalaureate and an associate of arts degree, including information on waivers requested and granted	MnSCU Board of Trustees	October 1 each year
298 (29)	Recommendations and draft legislation on specified topics relating to education and regulation of oral health practitioners	Commissioner of Health and Board of Dentistry	January 15, 2009
298 (30)	Enrollment pattern of students from low-income families in higher education	Office of Higher Education	As part of another report, due October 1, 2008

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Employment and Economic Development			
291 (1) and 300 (49)	Topics relating to vacation rental lodging in Minnesota	Explore Minnesota Tourism	January 15, 2009
300 (47)	How and to what extent the project provides a benefit to consumers in the form of more affordable pricing of products or services being publicly subsidized	Any bioscience or biotechnology project financed in whole or in part by state appropriations or other public subsidies	Not specified
300 (50)	Modifications to the additional unemployment insurance benefits provisions of section 268.125 to better meet the needs of the changing workforce	Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council	January 15, 2009
363, Art. 10 (33)	Activities of the Office of Science and Technology	Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development	June 30, 2009
Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy			
179 (8)	Whether remediation fund needs additional revenue to provide timely cleanup of closed landfills and recommendations for amount and sources of any needed revenue	Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency	January 15, 2009
179 (9)	Interim report on program relating to use of native prairie vegetation for energy production	Board of Water and Soil Resources	Interim report by October 1, 2008; final report by February 1, 2009
179 (37)	Capital grants made and projects funded relating to beneficial use of wastewater <i>(The appropriation for these projects was vetoed, so there will be no reports yet)</i>	Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency	February 1 each year
278 (3)	Sustainable Building 2030 implementation plan	Commissioner of Commerce	July 1, 2009
278 (3)	Cost-effectiveness and progress of implementing the Sustainable Building 2030 performance standards and recommendations on need to continue the program	Commissioner of Commerce	Every three years, beginning January 15, 2010
296, Art. 1 (18)	Variances applied for and not granted for certain wind energy conversion systems	Public Utilities Commission	Annually

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296, Art. 1 (19)	Activities and results of wind energy conversion system aggregation program	Commissioner of Commerce	February 1 each year
296, Art. 1 (20)	Most recent and best available evidence identifying level of greenhouse gas reductions achieved and level necessary to achieve the statutory reduction timetable	Commissioners of Commerce and Pollution Control Agency	January 15 each odd-numbered year
296, Art. 1 (20)	Proposed legislation to achieve greenhouse gas reductions, based on statutory principles	Commissioners of Commerce and Pollution Control Agency	January 15 each year
296, Art. 1 (26)	Uses and emission sources of hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride, and options for reducing or eliminating those uses	Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency	February 1, 2009
296, Art. 1 (27)	Response to request for proposals for solar rating and certification laboratory, and recommendations and draft legislation	Director of Office of Energy Security	January 15, 2009
296, Art. 1 (28)	Issues relating to site permits for wind energy conversion systems with a combined nameplate capacity of between 5 and 25 megawatts	Stakeholder group	January 15, 2009
296, Art. 1 (31)	Results of investigation and legislative recommendations related to termination of property interests related to wind energy system developments	Commissioner of Commerce	January 15, 2009
297, Art. 1 (67)	Proposal for eliminating, to the extent feasible, redundant fuel inspections, and dedicating, to the extent feasible, revenue from petroleum inspection fee to Weights and Measures Division	Commissioners of Finance, Commerce, and Pollution Control Agency	Next biennial budget request
297, Art. 1 (71)	Plan for detecting and responding to presence of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia	Commissioner of Natural Resources	January 5, 2009
340 (2)	Specified topics relating to development of a regional cap and trade program under the Midwestern Greenhouse Gas Accord	Commissioners of Commerce and Pollution Control Agency	January 15, 2009
340 (3)	Economic, environmental, and public health costs and benefits to Minnesota of a cap and trade program	Commissioners of Commerce and Pollution Control Agency	January 15, 2009
340 (3)	Potential revenues to the state from a cap and trade program and how revenues could be spent to mitigate economic disparities resulting from implementation of a cap and trade program	Commissioners of Commerce and Pollution Control Agency	January 15, 2009

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340 (4)	Governance options for determining expenditures of potential revenues to the state resulting from a cap and trade program	Commissioner of Commerce shall request the University of Minnesota to prepare the study	January 15, 2009
356 (2)	Energy improvement financing program for state government	Commissioner of Administration	January 15 each year
356 (10)	Energy improvement financing program for state government	Commissioner of Commerce	January 15 each year
356 (13)	How to expand eligibility to receive the Green Star award to include cities and communities that take action to help meet the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals	Pollution Control Agency and Office of Energy Security in the Department of Commerce	February 2, 2009
356 (14) and 363, Art. 6 (11)	State agency plans relating to advancement or promotion of growth of the green economy	Commissioner of Commerce	January 15, 2009
356 (15) and 363, Art. 6 (12)	Statewide action plan to optimize the growth of the green economy	Task force	January 15, 2009
357 (2)	Management of school trust lands	Commissioner of Natural Resources	Biannually
357 (6) and 368, Art. 1 (7)	Purchases of forest land using money from the forests for the future revolving account and sales of forest land for which revenue is deposited into the account	Commissioner of Natural Resources	October 1 each year
357 (37)	Recommendations for management of school trust lands to secure long-term economic return for the permanent school fund	Advisory committee	January 15 each year
363, Art. 5 (3)	Recommendations for establishing a comprehensive product stewardship approach to reducing environmental and health risks posed by the use or disposal of products	Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency	January 15, 2009
363, Art. 5 (3)	Availability of collection and processing capability in the seven-county metropolitan area for the recycling of construction and demolition waste	Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency	December 1, 2008
363, Art. 5 (3)	Options for achieving specified recycling and reuse goals	Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency	January 1, 2009
363, Art. 5 (4)	Establishment of a permit to mine ferrous metals application fee schedule that is based on actual costs of issuing and monitoring permits	Commissioner of Natural Resources	January 15, 2009

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363, Art. 5 (4)	How the board will meet its responsibility to protect and enhance the Mississippi River and related shoreland	Mississippi River Headwaters Board	January 15, 2009
363, Art. 5 (4)	Recommendations for addressing the fragmentation and parcelization of large blocks of private forest land	Forest Resources Council	Not specified
363, Art. 5 (18)	Activities for which money has been or will be spent for the current biennium, applications for Star Lake designation, and Star Lakes or rivers designated	Star Lakes Board	January 15 each odd-numbered year
363, Art. 5 (33)	Proposed rules to prohibit the disposal of solid waste in specific areas due to the sensitivity of the area to groundwater contamination	Pollution Control Agency	January 15, 2010
363, Art. 5 (34)	Policies and legislation regarding management of industrial solid waste and construction and demolition debris in land disposal facilities	Working group	January 15, 2009
368, Art. 1 (19)	Quarterly forest management investment account statements, including the methodology used in calculating revenue forecasts	Commissioner of Natural Resources	Quarterly in fiscal year 2008 and 2009
368, Art. 1 (71)	Any state and federal contractual agreements and the legal relationship between state and federal authorities relating to navigable waters under the state's jurisdiction within Voyageurs National Park	Department of Natural Resources	January 15, 2009
368, Art. 2 (14)	Recommendations on appropriations from the outdoor heritage fund (effective only if the constitutional amendment providing dedicated funding is approved by the voters at the 2008 general election)	Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council	April 1, 2009; January 15 (February 15 to committees) each subsequent year
368, Art. 2 (14)	Effectiveness and efficiency of the Department of Natural Resource's administration and staffing of the Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council (effective only if the constitutional amendment providing dedicated funding is approved by the voters at the 2008 general election)	Outside review authority chosen by chairs of legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources	January 15, 2014
368, Art. 2 (74)	Recommendations for future management of hunting wild turkeys	Commissioner of Natural Resources	January 15, 2009

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368, Art. 2 (75)	Changes, including any statutory changes, necessary to simplify the process for obtaining disabled hunting permits and for landowners to allow the disabled to hunt on their land	Commissioner of Natural Resources	January 1, 2009
368, Art. 2 (76)	Progress report on moose management and research plan	Commissioner of Natural Resources	January 15, 2009
368, Art. 2 (78)	Uncased firearms for hunting, predator control, and trapping	Commissioner of Natural Resources	January 1, 2009
368, Art. 2 (80)	Teaching of outdoor education in grades 7 through 12	Working group	January 15, 2009
Health and Human Services			
199 (4)	Disciplinary action taken against physical therapists whose conduct resulted in physical harm to a patient, in relation to 2008 statutory changes	Board of Physical Therapy	January 15, 2010
230 (6)	Provider standards for personal care assistant services	Commissioner of Health	February 15, 2009
234 (5)	Topics relating to reducing the number of unnecessary patient days in acute care facilities	Commissioner of Human Services	January 16, 2009
248 (1)	Comprehensive science and evidence-based study of workers' lung health	University of Minnesota	Annually, until the study is completed by December 31, 2013
317 (4)	Specified topics relating to nursing facility direct care staff	Commissioner of Human Services	January 15, 2009
326, Art. 1 (42)	Recommendations for any changes to the alternative payment system reimbursement methodology for pension costs necessary to ensure financial viability of nursing facilities	Commissioner of Human Services	January 15, 2009
326, Art. 1 (43)	Recommendations to reduce rate disparities between nursing facilities in various regions of the state	Commissioner of Human Services	January 15, 2009
326, Art. 2 (16)	Standards and guidelines for operations of the Minnesota sex offender program	Commissioner of Human Services	February 1, 2009
328 (11)	Specified topics relating to public pools and spas	Commissioner of Health	January 15, 2009

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328 (11)	Recommendations relating to safety issues for public swimming ponds	Commissioner of Health	December 15, 2010
338 (3)	Evaluation of demonstration project for older adult services community consortiums	Commissioner of Human Services	Preliminary report by November 15, 2011; final report by January 15, 2013
348 (12)	Specified topics relating to regulation of naturopathic practitioners	Commissioner of Health	January 15, 2009
358, Art. 1 (1)	Statewide health improvement program	Commissioner of Health	January 15 each even-numbered year
358, Art. 2 (2)	Implementation and administration of the health care home model	Commissioners of Health and Human Services	December 15 each year, beginning in 2009
358, Art. 2 (2)	Comprehensive evaluations of the health care home model	Commissioners of Health and Human Services	Three and five years after implementation
358, Art. 2 (5)	Changes necessary in health professional licensure and regulation to ensure full utilization of advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, and other licensed health care professionals in the health care home and primary delivery system	Commissioner of Health	January 15, 2009
358, Art. 3 (12)	Ways to improve coordination between state health care programs and social service programs	Commissioner of Human Services	January 15, 2009
358, Art. 3 (13)	Recommendations for a rate increase to long-term care employers dedicated to the purchase of employee health insurance in the private market	Commissioner of Human Services	December 15, 2008
358, Art. 4 (7)	Strategies for engaging consumers in understanding the importance of health care cost and quality, and to assist consumers in becoming advocates for high-value health and a more efficient, effective health care system	Work group	January 1, 2010
358, Art. 4 (7)	Recommendations to encourage health plan companies to promote widespread adoption of products that encourage the use of high-quality, low-cost providers	Commissioner of Health	January 1, 2011
358, Art. 4 (9)	Implementation of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62U, dealing with health care payment restructuring	Commissioner of Health	Periodically, beginning January 15, 2009

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358, Art. 4 (11)	Recommendations of work group relating to establishment of an essential health benefit set	Commissioner of Health	January 15, 2010
358, Art. 4 (14)	Health care affordability proposal	Commissioner of Health	January 15, 2009
358, Art. 5 (4)	Community benefit standards to be required of nonprofit health plan companies	Commissioner of Health	Not specified
358, Art. 5 (6)	Amount of any funds transferred from the health care access fund to the general fund for general fund costs related to implementation of health insurance premiums credit	Commissioner of Finance	Not specified
361, Art. 2 (5)	Recommendations to remove barriers facing families applying for child care assistance	Department of Human Services	January 15, 2010
364 (11)	Specified information regarding financial management of health care programs	Commissioner of Human Services	January 15, 2009
364 (12)	Guidelines to ensure that health plans, and county-based purchasing plans where applicable, have consistent procedures for allocating administrative expenses and investment income across commercial and public lines of business and across individual public programs	Commissioner of Health	January 15, 2009
364 (13)	Whether the duties of the ombudsman for managed care should be expanded to include advocating on behalf of public health care program fee-for-service enrollees	Commissioner of Human Services	January 15, 2009
364 (14)	Recommendations on adoption of a single method to compute and publicly report managed health care performance measures	Commissioner of Human Services	January 15, 2009
364 (15)	Feasibility of using or coordinating with the credentialing collaborative between payers, providers, and hospitals to make the provider enrollment process more efficient	Commissioner of Human Services	December 15, 2009

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Public Safety and Judiciary			
167 (1)	Compliance with law requiring emergency management training for certain executive branch employees	Commissioner of Public Safety	September 1, 2008; January 15 each subsequent year
179 (15)	Long-range strategic plan for crime labs	Commissioner of Public Safety	February 1, 2009
299 (24)	Results of internal review of the Department of Corrections' guidelines for revocation of parole and supervised release	Commissioner of Corrections	March 1, 2009
299 (25)	Evaluation of presumption of joint physical custody, experience of other states, and recommendations	State Court Administrator	January 15, 2009
299 (26)	Plan to conduct a multidisciplinary, comprehensive study on family law	State Court Administrator	January 15, 2009
299 (27)	Specified topics relating to Minnesota's controlled substance laws	Working group	January 15, 2009
State and Local Government			
196, Art. 1 (21)	Recommendations on municipal boundary adjustment issues	Municipal Boundary Adjustment Task Force	January 16, 2009
227 (4)	Number of persons participating in the Safe at Home Program during the previous calendar year	Secretary of State	February 1 each year
288 (6)	Expenditure of appropriations in law providing compensation for survivors of the I-35W bridge collapse	Commissioner of Finance	January 15, 2009, 2010, and 2011
314 (3)	Creation and establishment of a riverfront revitalization corporation	City of Minneapolis	January 15, 2010
318 (20)	Format to be used for presentation and selection of Minnesota Milestones and other statewide goals and indicators in budget documents	Commissioner of Finance	Not specified
318 (8)	Review of information and telecommunications technology projects	Chief Information Officer, Office of Enterprise Technology	January 15 each year

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318 (10)	Assistance provided to state agencies in planning and management of information systems	Chief Information Officer, Office of Enterprise Technology	January 15 each year
336 (7)	Issues relating to voting systems for individuals with disabilities, including nonvisual accessibility	Secretary of State	January 15, 2010, through January 15, 2017
349, Art. 1 (7)	Issues related to Minnesota teacher benefit adequacy and the level of teacher pension benefits in Minnesota and other states	Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement	January 15, 2009
349, Art. 9 (7)	Actuarial impact on Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) of permitting tenure-track MnSCU faculty who have not yet attained tenure to elect retroactive and prospective coverage in the TRA within one year of attaining tenure	Teachers Retirement Association	January 15, 2009
357 (1)	Management of the permanent school trust fund	Commissioner of Finance	Biannually
363, Art. 13 (12)	Specified topics relating to tax compliance activities	Commissioner of Revenue	March 1, 2009, and January 15, 2010
363, Art. 13 (14)	Recommendation for retaining or modifying the fee paid to financial institutions for providing account information on tax debtors to the Department of Revenue	Advisory group	February 1, 2009
363, Art. 13 (21)	Reductions in state agency spending on professional and technical service contracts	Commissioner of Finance	January 15, 2009
366, Art. 2 (12)	Aids to local governments	Study group	December 15, 2010
366, Art. 6 (48)	Effectiveness of crime-free multihousing program	City of Brooklyn Center	January 1, 2017, if the city uses the program
366, Art. 6 (49)	Results of survey of assessment practices for property of institutions of purely public charity	Commissioner of Revenue	February 1, 2009
Transportation			
152, Art. 1 (6)	Public policy implications of financing new and improved transportation infrastructure through capturing the value of the benefits created	Center for Transportation Studies	Preliminary findings by March 1, 2009; final report by July 1, 2009

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152, Art. 4 (2)	Revenues received and grants awarded	Metropolitan transportation area sales tax joint powers board	February 1 each year
152, Art. 6 (5)	Specified topics relating to bridge projects and bridge improvements	Commissioner of Transportation	With each update to the statewide transportation plan or at least every six years
152, Art. 6 (5)	Trunk highway bridge improvement program	Commissioner of Transportation	January 15 each year
152, Art. 6 (9)	Transportation management and efficiency strategies	Task Force to improve efficiency in transportation	December 15, 2008
287, Art. 1 (16)	Specified topics relating to privatization transportation contracts	Commissioner of Transportation	September 1 each year, beginning in 2009
287, Art. 1 (69)	Use of federal funds to develop, conduct, and administer highway construction training	Commissioner of Transportation	February 1 each odd-numbered year
287, Art. 1 (70)	Specified topics relating to disadvantaged business enterprise program	Commissioner of Transportation	February 1 each odd-numbered year
287, Art. 1 (71)	Results of pavement life-cycle cost analyses	Commissioner of Transportation	Annually, beginning January 1, 2012
287, Art. 1 (73)	Complaints regarding special transportation service providers	Commissioner of Transportation	January 15 each odd-numbered year
287, Art. 1 (74)	Status of major highway projects under construction or planned	Commissioner of Transportation	January 15 each year
287, Art. 1 (94)	Performance evaluation of the metropolitan area's transportation system	Metropolitan Council	Prior to each major revision of the transportation policy plan
287, Art. 1 (117)	Proposal for a method that allows the Department of Public Safety, deputy registrars, and driver's license agents to collect specified taxes and fees by credit or debit card	Commissioner of Public Safety	February 1, 2009
287, Art. 1 (118)	Current and long-range needs of the state's transportation system and possible strategies to meet these needs	Commissioner of Transportation	November 1, 2009
287, Art. 1 (119)	Speed limits on local roads	Commissioner of Transportation	January 30, 2009
287, Art. 1 (121)	Internet-based driver education for the instruction permit component	Commissioner of Public Safety	February 15, 2009

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306 (6)	Status of the state's participation in the urban partnership agreement	Commissioner of Transportation, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Council	January 15 each year through 2014
308 (1)	Plan targeted at small businesses that are impacted by transportation construction projects	Commissioner of Transportation	February 15, 2009
350, Art. 1 (68)	Transit services outside the metropolitan area	Commissioner of Transportation	February 15 each year
350, Art. 1 (93)	Office of Pupil Transportation Safety	Commissioner of Public Safety and the Director of Pupil Transportation Safety	January 15, 2009
350, Art. 1 (94)	Benefits, feasibility, and cost of adopting a complete streets policy with specified elements	Commissioner of Transportation	December 5, 2009
Veterans and Military			
297, Art. 2 (22)	Status of a need for additional veterans' cemeteries, including consideration of a new veterans' cemetery in southern Minnesota	Commissioner of Veterans Affairs	January 15, 2009
297, Art. 2 (23)	Feasibility of public-private collaboration in providing services to veterans	Commissioner of Veterans Affairs	January 15, 2009
297, Art. 2 (24)	Recommendations for the Minnesota Veterans Home at Minneapolis	Department of Veterans Affairs Strategic Planning Group	January 15, 2009
297, Art. 2 (25)	Topics relating to the status of the Department of Veterans Affairs' construction project priority listing	Commissioner of Veterans Affairs	January 15, 2009
297, Art. 2 (26)	Recommendations relating to county veterans services offices	Working group	January 15, 2009
297, Art. 2 (27)	Employment of veterans in state government	Commissioner of Finance, Judicial Branch, House of Representatives, Senate, and Legislative Coordinating Commission	October 1, 2008
363, Art. 8 (3)	Activities and expenditures in programs funded in this article	Commissioner of Veterans Affairs	January 15, 2009
363, Art. 9 (11)	Participation by the Minnesota National Guard in the National Guard Youth Challenge program	Adjutant General	January 15, 2009

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Other			
154, Art. 3 (9)	Audit of withholdings and returns and specified other information associated with withholdings for certain construction contractors	Commissioner of Revenue	February 1, 2011
179 (72)	Results and recommendations of meetings with stakeholders regarding issues relating to neighborhood land trusts and mortgage foreclosure prevention	Minnesota Housing Finance Agency	January 1, 2009
179 (73)	Terms of the grant agreement and progress on design and construction of East Phillips Cultural and Community Center	Metropolitan Council	January 1, 2009
212 (1)	Recommendations for development of a comprehensive state plan designed to achieve a state ultra high-speed broadband goal	Task Force	November 1, 2009
238, Art. 1 (3)	Development and implementation of a statewide foreclosure data collection and reporting system	Secretary of State	February 15, 2009
260 (24)	Specified topics relating to lawful gambling	Gambling Control Board	January 15, 2009
296, Art. 1 (29)	Impact of legislation enacted in at least three states that requires franchises for video service to be issued by a state agency	Department of Commerce	February 1, 2009

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