

Navigating the South Dakota Legislature website

The South Dakota Legislature’s website posts the bills and resolutions introduced and acted on during the 2017 legislative session, a list of and contact information for legislators, committee meeting and chamber schedules for the House and Senate and links to listen to the proceedings.

This legislative resource provides a step-by-step breakdown to find the information listed above.

Finding and tracking a bill or resolution

1. Visit www.sdlegislature.gov to reach the legislature’s homepage and move your cursor over the top of the “Legislative Session” link, but **do not** click the link:



2. When your cursor is over top of the “Legislative Session” link, a drop down window will appear, click “2017” in the drop down window.
3. After clicking the “2017” link, a blue box will appear on the left hand side of the subsequent screen. Click the “Bills” link:



4. On the main bill page, there are three links in the blue box located on the left side of the page that work best for finding a bill you’re interested in.



- The “Quick Find” link is best used if you know the bill number you’re looking for. Type the bill number into the box and click the “Get Bill(s)” button:

Bill(s):

Bill Numbers can be entered in any of the following formats...

HB1001
SB 2
1003
HCR 1001

Multiple bills can be entered if separated by commas.

- The “Text Search” link is used to find a keyword(s) in a bill or group of bills. Type the keyword(s) in the “Search Text” box and click the “Search” button:

Search Text:


Enter the text to search for and click **Search** to get a list of bills containing the text you entered.

- The “Full List” link will show each bill and resolution that has been introduced during session. Clicking on one of the links in the box below will take you to the list of House or Senate Bills, Commemorations, Concurrent Resolutions or Joint Resolutions:

House Bills	Senate Bills
House Commemorations	Senate Commemorations
House Concurrent Resolutions	Senate Concurrent Resolutions
House Joint Resolutions	Senate Joint Resolutions





- Once you’ve located the bill you wish to review, click the link for the bill:
- On the subsequent page you can find the sponsors of, the listed purpose of, date of the most recent action or scheduled hearing for and full text of the bill. You can also see how each committee member or legislator voted on the bill, if a vote has been taken, and listen to each committee hearing or floor debate on the bill, by clicking the SDPB logo in the “Audio” column.

House Bill 1001 

Sponsors: Representatives [Sly](#), [Dryden](#), [Duvall](#), [Haggar \(Don\)](#), [Haggar \(Jenna\)](#), [Hajek](#), and [Verchio](#) and Senators [Tidemann](#) and [Hunhoff \(Jean\)](#) at the request of the Interim Education Funding Formula Study Committee

Purpose: gradually reduce, over a period of four years, the percentage of capital outlay funds that school districts may use for certain expenses.

Keywords: [Education](#), [School District Funds](#), [School Districts](#)

Date	Action	Audio	Location
01/14/2014	First read in House and referred to House Education H.J. 15		
02/05/2014	Scheduled for hearing		1:36:15
02/05/2014	Education Deferred to the 41st legislative day, Passed, YEAS 9 , NAYS 5 . H.J. 302		1:36:15

Bill Text Versions		
Date	HTML Version	PDF Version
12/26/2013	Printed	Printed

Finding your legislator

1. Visit www.sdlegislature.gov to reach the legislature’s homepage and click the “Legislators” link:



2. On the Legislators page, you will find the full listing of 2017 legislators in the House and Senate, as well as a variety of options to find a legislator. To view a legislator’s profile page, click their name or, if you’re not sure who your legislator is, use the two options explained below:

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Who Are My Legislators?

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Session 2017 Legislators

House Members

- [Ahlers, Dan](#)
- [Anderson, David L](#)
- [Bartels, Hugh M](#)
- [Bartling, Julie](#)
- [Beal, Arch](#)

Senate Members

- [Bolin, Jim](#)
- [Cammack, Gary L](#)
- [Cronin, Justin R](#)
- [Curd, R. Blake](#)
- [Ewing, Bob](#)

- Clicking the “Who Are My Legislators?” link takes you to a subsequent page where you can search for your local legislator by selecting your legislative district, county and/or city from the drop down menus and clicking the “Find My Legislators” button:

You can use this site to find your legislators. Use the form below to find them based on City, County, or District. If you need more detail, use the interactive district map to zoom into your street and find your district.

District: County: City:

- Clicking the “Listing By District” link takes you to a subsequent page on which legislators are separated by the legislative district they represent:

District 01 (Brown, Day, Marshall, Roberts)				
Name	Chamber	Status	Party	Occupation
Frerichs, Jason E	Senate	Incumbent	Democrat	Farmer/Rancher
McCleerey, Steven D	House	Incumbent	Democrat	Grain Farmer, Cow/Calf Operator
Wismer, Susan	House	New Member	Democrat	Public Accounting, CPA
District 02 (Brown, Clark, Hamlin, Spink)				
Name	Chamber	Status	Party	Occupation
Greenfield, Brock L	Senate	Incumbent	Republican	Businessman/Sub. Teacher/Coach
Greenfield, Lana	House	Incumbent	Republican	Business Owner/Retired Teacher
Tulson, Burt	House	Incumbent	Republican	Retired Contractor/Farm Owner/Community Volunteer

3. Once you've found the legislator you're looking for and have clicked their name, you'll be taken to their profile page, which contains personal, professional, legislation and contact information:



Senator Jason E. Frerichs



Minority Whip

Party Democrat
Term Incumbent
District 01

Counties Brown, Day, Marshall, Roberts
Occupation Farmer/Rancher

Home Address

13507 465th Ave.
Wilmot, SD 57279

Phone Numbers

Home 605-938-4273
Capitol 605-773-3821
Business

Other Contact Information

Email Jason.Frerichs@sdlegislature.gov
Fax

- The "Detail" link displays the same information shown in the picture above.
 - The "Committees" link lists the legislative committees the legislator is a member of, their role on committee and the day(s), time and location of the committee meeting.
 - The "Bills" link lists the bills, resolutions and commemorations the legislator is either the prime sponsor or co-sponsor of.
 - The "Hearings" link may list the committee hearing the legislator has testified at.
4. To email your legislator, click the **Email** Jason.Frerichs@sdlegislature.gov link and an email message from the service you use (i.e. Outlook, Gmail, etc.) will open.

Finding and listening to a scheduled committee meeting and/or chamber session

- 1) Visit www.sdlegislature.gov to reach the legislature’s homepage and move your cursor over the top of the “Legislative Session” link, but **do not** click the link:



- 2) When your cursor is over top of the “Legislative Session” link, a drop down window will appear, click “2017” in the drop down window.
- 3) After clicking the “2017” link, a blue box will appear on the left hand side of the subsequent screen. Click the “Chamber or Committee” link:



- 4) On the next page, House and Senate committees and chamber sessions occurring that day will be listed. To view the list of bills a committee will hold a hearing on click the link with the date

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and time listed:

- 5) To listen to the live or archived committee meetings or chamber sessions, click the SDPB icon



and the audio player will open (**Please note:** you may need to allow pop-ups from the legislative website in order for the audio player to open.)

- 6) To see the committee rosters, click either the “House” or “Senate” links in the blue box located on the left side of the page:



- 7) After selecting House or Senate, you'll see a list of committees in the blue box on the left side of the page. Click the committee you wish to review:



- 8) On the page dedicated to the committee you selected, you will see a list of committee members – Chair and Vice Chair of the committees are labeled. You will also see a variety of options:




House Education

Name	Chair/Vice
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[Campbell, Blaine "Chip"](#)

[Deutsch, Fred](#)

[Gibson, Peggy](#)

- The “Detail” link notes the days, time, room, Chair and Vice Chair and legislative research council staff member assigned to the committee.
- The “Members” link lists each committee member.
- The “Agendas” link lists the agenda for each committee meeting.
- The “Minutes” link lists the minutes from each committee meeting and provides a link to the audio archive of each meeting, which hear by clicking on the SDPB logo:  .
- The “Bills” link lists the bills that were tabled by the committee.