

Legislative Scan: COVID-19

Week of May 11, 2020

**West Additions:**

- [HI SR 197](#)

Amends the rules of the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, regular session of 2020, by adopting a new rule 38.5 virtual attendance during catastrophic disasters.

Summary:

Hawaii focused on social distancing this week, adopting legislation which allows members of the Senate to attend meetings virtually.

**Midwest Additions:**

- [MN HF 1883](#)

Relates to state government; revises provisions relating to the COVID 19 Minnesota Fund; provides for a contingent transfer.

- [MN HF 3429](#)

Relates to elections; provides special procedures for the safe and secure conduct of the 2020 state primary and state general elections; appropriates money for various election-related purposes, including administration, security, accessibility, training, public health and safety, and public outreach; authorizes local grants; requires a report; transfers and appropriates money for purposes of the Help America Vote Act, the federal cares Act, and the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act.

Summary:

The Midwest update this week is dominated by two Minnesota bills, both related to the allotment of funds to keep the state healthy during the pandemic. HF 1883 allows money to be distributed to state agencies for the purposes of protecting Minnesota citizens from the COVID-19 outbreak and maintaining state government operations throughout the duration of the peacetime emergency declared by the governor. HF 3429 does something similar by allotting money to elections-related tasks including, but not limited to, administration, security, accessibility, training, public health and safety, and public outreach.

**There were no additions in the East or South this week.**