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[DULUTH, MN] Despite months of work, the House and Senate adjourned on Sunday without a bonding bill, leaving Duluth's legislative priorities unfulfilled.

Legislative inaction left critical infrastructure projects unfunded. This work includes our water treatment plant that serves 130,000 people in our region and in four cities, the restoration of the Aerial Lift bridge, and the required seawall repairs needed ahead of the Lot D development.

Mayor Roger J. Reinert said, "While we are disappointed in this outcome, we are committed to finding alternative funding streams to ensure these priorities move forward."

Mayor Reinert went on to express his thanks to Representative Liz Olson for her years of leadership at the legislature. This is Representative Olson's last legislative session. She has announced that she will not be running for reelection. Reinert said, "She is a smart, thoughtful, tireless representative for the western side of Duluth. We are grateful for her time in office."

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