

2025-26 Mass Scorecard for State Sen. Barry Finegold



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The Massachusetts Democratic Party Charter says, “The most recent Democratic platform...is the official position of the Democratic Party.... every official elected shall adhere to the...platform. Failure to do so...may be publicized by...action of any Party convention.”

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| Fundamental Issue in MassDems' Party Platform: “Massachusetts Democrats will fight for...” (Click for full text of platform section) | Summary of related issue put to vote (Click for House Journal references) | This Senator's vote on this issue | Party platform on this issue |
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| CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: page 12 clause 10 : "Safe, reliable, accessible, equitable transportation solutions... and a sustainable public transit system" | April 16, 2025: Allocate \$828 million from the 'Millionaire's Tax' to transportation projects and MBTA? (H.4227 Senate rollcall 52 passed 40-0-0 plus H.4005 House rollcall 29 passed 140-14-6) | FINEGOLD: YES | Platform: YES |
| RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUAL RIGHTS: page 14 clause 12 : "The protection and promotion of equal rights for all LGBTQ+ people... and advocating for greater protections in the workplace, education, housing, healthcare, and criminal justice" | Nov 3, 2005: Should transgender care be protected from disclosure? (S.2543 Senate rollcall 68 passed 37-3-0, plus S.2538 House rollcall 72 passed 132-24-4) | FINEGOLD: YES | Platform: YES |
| ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY: page 15 clause 14 : "All Committee votes in the Legislature to be made public by providing a list of those legislators voting yes and those legislators voting no" | Feb. 12, 2025: Record all Rollcall votes; 2 days to review bills & other previews? (S.15 Senate Amendment #13 and #15 failed 6-32-2; Senate Amendment #22 failed 9-29-21; H.2026 House rollcall 13/14/20/22, all failed 23-128-7) | FINEGOLD: NO | Platform: YES |
| HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES: page 16 clause 2 : "accessible healthcare for all through a single-payer government-sponsored program, like Medicare" | Feb. 27, 2025: Single-payer health care financing system (S.860 Senate: 24 co-sponsors; H.1405 House: 62 co-sponsors). | FINEGOLD: NO SPONSOR | Platform: YES |
| HEALTHCARE: page 16 clause 9 : "Using the revenue generated by legalized marijuana to help fund proven opioid prevention and recovery services" | June 4, 2025: Should the cannabis industry expand responsibly? (H.4206 Senate rollcall 116 passed 30-7-3 plus H.4187 House rollcall 55 passed 153-0-6) | FINEGOLD: YES | Platform: YES |
| HEALTHCARE AND HUMAN SERVICES: page 17 clause 23 : "Securing broad and compassionate options for the end of life" | Feb. 27, 2025: End of life option including request for medical aid in dying medication (S.1486 Senate: 24 co-sponsors; H.2505 House: 63 co-sponsors) | FINEGOLD: SPONSOR | Platform: YES |
| IMMIGRATION: page 19 clause 2 : "The elimination of policies that make local and state officials responsible for the enforcement of national immigration laws" | Mar.25, 2026: Regulate state and local participation in federal immigration enforcement (H.5158 /H.5305 PROTECT Act passed 134-21-2 rollcall 150; or S.1681 Senate: 25 co-sponsors; or S.1122, 23 co-sponsors).. | FINEGOLD: SPONSOR | Platform: YES |
| Party Charter Article 2, section VII, clause (b) : “Members of Democratic town and ward committees may be removed for...publicly endorsing or supporting any candidate whose announced intention is to oppose the nominee of the Democratic Party” | 2024-2026 : Donated to state/federal Democrats. | FINEGOLD: NO TO GOP | Platform: NO TO GOP |
| Number of votes in 2025-26 in accord with Democratic Party Platform: | | 6 out of 8 votes. | |
| Summary letter grade: A=90% or better; B=80%; C=70%; D=60%; F=below 60% | | C | |

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