

Subject Healthy Aging

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## Overview

This bill would establish a Healthy Aging Subcabinet consisting of representatives of the state agencies that administer policies that impact aging Minnesotans.

Among other things, the subcabinet and a new Office of Healthy Aging would integrate aging-related considerations into state agency planning and decision-making, oversee the development of a Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan, and ensure that all Minnesotans age with dignity and have equitable health and wellbeing opportunities.

## Summary

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1	<b>Healthy aging subcabinet.</b>
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This section establishes the Healthy Aging Subcabinet and the Office of Healthy Aging and assigns duties to each entity.

**Subd. 1. Establishment; purpose and intent.** Establishes the subcabinet within Minnesota Management and Budget as a distinct entity dedicated to ensuring all Minnesotans age with dignity and have equitable health and well-being opportunities.

**Subd. 2. Subcabinet purpose.** Provides the four-pronged purpose of the subcabinet.

**Subd. 3. Director; Office of Healthy Aging; staffing; duties.** Requires the governor to appoint the subcabinet's director, who must possess a background in public health, public policy, and community engagement, have knowledge of older adult abilities and needed supports, and may have experience working with an aging population. Establishes the director's minimum responsibilities, including leading and coordinating the duties of the Health Aging Subcabinet and appointing members to a Citizens' Engagement Council.

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**Subd. 4. Subcabinet membership.** Provides that the subcommittee consists of agency leads representing those agencies that administer policies that impact Minnesotans. Requires the director, subcabinet members, and Citizens' Engagement Council to assist in development and recommendations for the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan under subdivision 9.

**Subd. 5. Subcabinet duties.** Requires the executive director to lead Citizens' Engagement Council members in carrying out 12 specified duties, including integrating aging-related considerations into state agency planning and operations, promoting the adoption of evidence-based approaches to support health aging across public and private sectors, and evaluating the oversight system for long-term care facilities, assisted living residences, and home-care agencies to ensure public safety and accountability.

**Subd. 6. Citizens' Engagement Council; public engagement.** Requires the Office of Healthy Aging to establish a Citizens' Engagement Council consisting of 20 diverse members from differing geographic regions and demographic groups. Establishes the three-pronged purpose of this council and provides for member compensation.

**Subd. 7. Discretionary powers.** Authorizes the Office of Healthy Aging to apply for and receive grants, and issue contracts and grants.

**Subd. 8. Public awareness.** Requires the Office of Healthy Aging to maintain a website and publish annual reports in order to share and gather ideas.

**Subd. 9. The Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan.** Provides that the Minnesota Healthy Aging Plan must include recommendations from citizens and council members that support older Minnesotans and their contributions and healthcare needs. Specifies ten areas that the plan must address.

**Subd. 10. Annual report.** Requires the Office of Healthy Aging to submit an annual report to the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over aging policy and funding.

2      **Appropriation.**

Appropriates \$1.7 million per year from the general fund to Minnesota Management and Budget to implement this act.



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