
THE MINNESOTA
COUNTY ATTORNEYS
ASSOCIATION

April 6, 2025

Senator Jim Abeler
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2403
St. Paul, MN 55155

Rep. Luke Frederick
5th Floor Centennial Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: SF 2901/HF 2587

Dear Senator Abeler and Representative Frederick:

Our Association has reviewed SF 2901/HF 2587 and supports the bill which, once amended, will reflect the recommendations from the 2025 Priority Admissions Review Panel Report by funding the addition of a 50-bed facility on the Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center Campus.

The Minnesota County Attorneys Association (MCAA) has been instrumental in responding to efforts to modify the 48-hour rule and champion capacity increases along with our County partners (Sheriff's Association, AMC, and the Minnesota Association of County Social Services). MCAA supports the recommendations of the Priority Admissions Task Force Report from 2024 and the updated Priority Admissions Review Panel, which both speak to the urgency to increase state and county capacity for handling those with serious mental health issues.

This 50-bed increase is a first and necessary step to address Minnesota's existing capacity issues. Right now, individuals that have not been convicted of any crime are decompensating in our county jails and hospitals. Passing this bill would help to get these individuals moved to a proper place where they can receive the care they need. We urge the Legislature to approve this bill this year.

Thank you for your leadership to advance this important proposal.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Small
Executive Director