



March 17, 2025

The Honorable Mohamud Noor  
Chair, Human Services Finance and Policy Committee  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
5th Floor, Centennial Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Joe Schomacker  
Chair, Human Services Finance and Policy Committee  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
2nd Floor, Centennial Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**Re: Legal Aid/Minnesota Disability Law Center Letter of Support Regarding HF 258**

Dear Chair Noor, Chair Schomacker, and Members of the Committee:

Legal Aid and the Minnesota Disability Law Center (MDLC) thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding HF 258.

This bill requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to notify the legislature (through the House Research Department and Senate Counsel) when and if statutes contingent upon federal approval become effective. This information is then provided to the public by the revisor of statutes.

This information would be tremendously helpful as it is difficult to determine the effective date of these statutes. Numerous changes to Minnesota statute in the health and human services field require approval from the federal government. These approvals can take several months, and sometimes years. As a result, issues that the legislature and public believe have already been resolved may still be active problems. DHS does not currently inform the public when federal approval occurs on a regular and consistent basis, and requiring them to do so will improve the functioning of our human services system.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony regarding HF 258. We urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely,



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