



February 15, 2023

Dear Rep. Klevorn, Chair, and Members of the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the seven-county metropolitan area, appreciates the opportunity to comment on HF 734 (Hansen), which is being heard in the State and Local Government Committee on Thursday.

Several cities in the metropolitan area have ordinances that allow residents to convert their turf-grass lawn to native landscapes, and Metro Cities policies recognize the benefits of these activities and the importance of state resources for programs such as the Lawns to Legumes Program. However, the decision to allow the installation of native landscapes can and should be made at the local level. Local officials are in the best position to make these decisions, based on local needs, conditions and circumstances.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Lund'.

Mike Lund
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