

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

Resolution In Support of Minnesota H.F. 586

Passed on 2/8/2023: 26 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain

Motioned by: President Emma Zellmer

Second by: Vice-President Idman Ibrahim

Whereas: The mental wellbeing of college students and Minnesotans is at an all-time low.

However, the amount of people that are seeking mental health support is on the rise;
and

Whereas: Rural Minnesotans lack access to mental health professions in their region. The ratio of mental health counselors to students at Minnesota State University, Mankato is also below national best practice standards; and

Whereas: Public Higher Education institutions such as Minnesota State University, Mankato, have an obligation to their students and the citizens of Minnesota to educate and train their students to join the workforce. Mental health professionals is an area of Minnesota's workforce that is experiencing a shortage, especially with the increase in demand for their services; and

Whereas: H.F 586 would provide funding to create the Center for Rural Behavioral Health training clinic which would serve the southern Minnesota community, the students of Minnesota State University, Mankato, and train new mental health professionals.

Therefore, Be it Resolved: The 90th Student Government of Minnesota State University, Mankato urges the Minnesota State House Human Services Finance Committee to pass HF 586.

Be it Further Resolved: The students of Minnesota State University, Mankato urge the Minnesota State House, Senate, and Governor to pass H.F. 586 funding.