

Increase Affordable, Accessible Housing Options

HF 2695, Reyer
SF 2603, Duckworth

For people who have disabilities—especially those using a wheelchair—finding affordable, accessible housing in their communities is nearly impossible.

In a 2020 survey of Minnesota renters who weren't able to find housing, 59% reported the reason as "not enough accessible rental units."¹

This housing crisis is especially urgent for Minnesota veterans², older adults³, People of Color⁴, and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Many are forced to turn to costly and isolating settings, instead of living in homes of their own.

HF 2695/SF 2603 will help address this crisis by:

Creating a shared definition of housing accessibility—both physical and sensory. Providing clarity for developers and builders will ensure we are building housing that is not only accessible to some people.

Ensuring that state bonding requests for housing projects include physical and sensory accessibility features will support builders and developers to create more inclusive homes across our state.

More affordable, accessible housing will help ensure that all people with disabilities can have stable, truly inclusive housing while reducing reliance on restrictive, expensive provider-controlled settings.



¹ 2020 HousingLink.com Survey

² Housing Assistance Council tabulations of the Census Bureau's 2015-2019 American Community Survey

³ Disability Impacts All of Us, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2018

⁴ Minnesotans with Disabilities: Demographic and Economic Characteristics 2017 report, MN State Demographic Center

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