



METRO CITIES

Association of Metropolitan Municipalities

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TO: Representative Sandy Masin, Chair and Members, House Local Government Subcommittee

RE: HOUSE FILE 703-MASIN

Dear Chair Masin and Members:

I am writing to express Metro Cities' support for House File 703-Masin, that proposes to repeal the statutory local government compensation cap. Metro Cities' policies support the ability of local government officials to set the terms and conditions of employment of local government employees, including compensation and benefits.

While state laws governing the local government salary cap provide for a waiver process, the process is highly cumbersome to work through, and produces arbitrary and unpredictable results. A waiver process also gives state officials rather than local officials decision making authority on issues that are at their essence local, and as such, best decided at the local government level.

Metro Cities would appreciate the committee's support of House File 703.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia Nauman
Executive Director