



March 16, 2023

Dear Chair Hornstein and Members, Transportation Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, appreciates the opportunity to comment on HF 2677 (Kraft) that will be heard in the Transportation Committee on Friday.

Metro Cities has concerns with HF 2677, in that it would set in law prescriptive comprehensive plan requirements for specific objectives. Setting highly specific requirements for local comprehensive plans would not accommodate the needs, capacities, and circumstances of cities across the region and do not allow for flexibility.

Under the broad statutory directive in the Land Use Planning Act, the Metropolitan Council sets comprehensive plan requirements for metropolitan local governments, in order to plan for and provide regional systems and infrastructure. Local plans are submitted to the Metropolitan Council for the purposes of ensuring conformity and consistency with regional systems and policies.

Regional requirements are determined in collaboration with city officials, so that local capacities and needs can be considered and accounted for in comprehensive plan requirements. These processes are best addressed between regional and local officials, and not through state law.

With respect to the specific objectives in the bill regarding climate resiliency, many metropolitan cities included climate resiliency provisions in their 2040 local plans, specific to local circumstances, needs and capacities, and did so without a requirement.

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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