



March 25, 2025

Co-Chair & Representative Mike Freiberg
House Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee
c/o Wilson Lee, Committee Administrator
Room G23, Minnesota State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Re: Testimony in Support of HF 2284, Modification of Lobbyist and Metropolitan Government Unit Definitions

Dear Co-Chair Freiberg and Members of the House Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee,

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public. Together, we envision a democracy where the voice of each person is heard equally and where voters and elected officials are provided sufficient information about the individuals and organizations attempting to influence legislation and regulation.

LWV Minnesota supports HF 2284, Modification of Lobbyist and Metropolitan Government Unit Definitions

The League of Women Voters supports policies reflect the needs and interests of residents, balanced with interests of businesses and organizations present in their state or local community. Voters benefit from understanding who is being compensated to interact with state and local elected and unelected policy and decision makers to influence those decisions around legislation and regulations. The changes proposed in HF 2284 are the product of a transparent process including public hearings and comment, and review by the Campaign Finance Review Board, itself a bipartisan body. The changes to what constitute “expert testimony,” and requirements for nonelected local officials or staff, provide important clarity for those involved, as well state and local officials and voters.

LWV Minnesota encourages you to support HF 2284.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Huffman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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