



# The Association of Minnesota Building Officials

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Honorable Minnesota Representatives  
Labor & Industry Finance & Policy Committee  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

2/8/23

***RE: Concerns with House File 981***

Honorable Committee Members,

The Association of MN Building Officials (AMBO) recognizes the need for the proper accommodation of all individuals, as well as the value of a standardized process to implement requirements impacting the built environment across the state.

At this time, AMBO writes to express concern with HF981, and requests that the proposed changes be made through the established construction code process for the following reasons:

1. Our construction codes are created by a broad stakeholder group, with input from professionals and the Department of Labor and Industry to best serve the entire state.
2. A standardized process with regular update intervals is important to the construction design and building process.
3. When construction codes are legislated into statute, it becomes more difficult to adopt updated building and accessibility codes to meet the evolving needs and standards of the state unless new legislation is passed.

If AMBO can be of service as this bill moves through the process, please let us know. Thank you for your consideration.

Jerry Backlund  
President, AMBO