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Dear Chair Nelson and members of the State Government Finance and Elections Committee:

The Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs is pleased to support bill HF3853 (Rep. Davnie) to establish the Minnesota Youth Advisory Council for the state of Minnesota. This Youth Advisory Council has the potential to become a valuable bridge between young diverse communities and the state of Minnesota. When up and running, it can reflect the ideals and aspirations of an often neglected segment of the population that will soon be replacing a retiring labor force in every economic sector of the state. Having an institution that dedicates its efforts to promote civic engagement and empowers the voices of those who will one day make critical decisions will serve the state well. It will also help decision makers have a better and more authentic representation of the specific needs, challenges, and opportunities of key constituents in our population that need to be well equipped for the future success of the state.

The MCLA hopes that you will also see the innovative possibilities of this Advisory Council and help champion this effort to pass the bill. We look forward to partnering with young public servants to make sure that the voices of the Hispanic/Latinx youth are fairly represented in state government.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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