

February 14, 2022

Governor Tim Walz
Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman
Senate Majority Leader Jeremy Miller
Senate Minority Leader Melisa Lopez Franzen
House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt

Distinguished Governor and Legislative Leaders:


I write to you today as chair of Minnesota's Technology Advisory Council (TAC). At our meeting on Friday, February 11, 2022, we heard from Representative Jim Davnie and others about a bill he has authored, HF 3243. This bill, co-sponsored by two of the TAC members, Representatives Kristin Bahner and Jim Nash, calls for a foundational blueprint for a statewide computer science program for elementary and secondary schools. The program has been developed with advocates and policy experts from Code.org, the Computer Science Teachers Association-Minnesota, and Computer Science for All-Minnesota.

The TAC is very supportive of the bill and believes it responds to several of the recommendations and issues discussed during the first and second Governor's Blue Ribbon Council on Information Technology.

Personally, as a former secondary math and computer science teacher, I am personally very supportive, too.

We are hopeful you and others will support the bill and improve Minnesota's position within the US.

Respectfully,



Rick King

Chair, Technology Advisory Council

cc:

Representative Jim Davnie
Commissioner Tomes
Commissioner Mueller
TAC Members