



DATE: March 20, 2026
TO: Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee
RE: Support of House File 3695 (Johnson)

Dear Members:

Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS), the Minnesota State Patrol Troopers Association (MSPTA), the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Agents Association (BCAAA), and the Minnesota Department of Corrections Fugitive Apprehension Agents Association (FAAA) collectively represent more than 8,800 law enforcement officers and public safety professionals across Minnesota.

Our organizations support House File 3695 (Johnson): This legislation ensures clear, reliable, and consistent identification for emergency responders is essential to both operational effectiveness and public safety. As outlined in HF3695, the creation of a task force to develop a standardized identification system will provide a structured and collaborative approach to addressing this important issue.

We strongly support the bill's approach of convening a broad group of stakeholders, including representatives from law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, and state agencies. This inclusive structure ensures that the task force will benefit from frontline experience and subject-matter expertise while developing practical, implementable recommendations.

Additionally, the task force's charge to develop not only a standardized identification format but also a comprehensive implementation plan—including verification procedures, renewal processes, and safeguards for maintaining accurate credentialing—reflects a thoughtful and necessary approach to long-term success.

For these reasons, our organizations strongly urge your support for HF 3695. This is a common sense measure that enhances public trust, reduces opportunities for criminal impersonation, and supports the safety of both the public and our law enforcement officers. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to public safety.

Sincerely,

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