



February 14, 2022

Dear Rep. Nelson, Chair, and Members of the State Government Finance and Elections Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, respectfully opposes HF 2618 (Hansen), which is being heard in the State Government Committee on Tuesday.

Several cities in the metropolitan area have ordinances that allow residents to convert their turf-grass lawn to native landscapes, but the decision to allow their installation can and should be made at the local level. Metro Cities' policy recognizes the benefit converting traditional grass lawns has on pollinator insects and supports state funding for the Lawns to Legumes program.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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