

February 13, 2023

Rep. Gene Pelowski, Chair
Rep. Marion O'Neill, Minority Lead
House Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee Members

Dear Chair Pelowski, Rep. O'Neill, and Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee Members:

The institutions that are members of the Minnesota Private College Council are grateful for the capital facilities financing options made available to them through the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (MnHEFA). We value our strong 50-year working relationship with the Authority and want to continue our work with them in the future.

H.F. 355 expands MnHEFA's financing authority to include health care facilities. We are aware that a significant number of states around the country with similar financing agencies successfully authorize their agencies to serve both the nonprofit higher education sector and the health care sector. We believe an expansion of MnHEFA's authority will actually provide enhanced efficiencies to existing and future users of the agency's financing authority, including members of the Private College Council.

I write to convey the Minnesota Private College Council's support for House File 355. This bill contains the same language that passed both the House and Senate in 2022. We encourage its passage again this year.

Regards,



Paul Cerkvénik, President
Minnesota Private College Council

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