

March 31, 2025

Rep. Marion Rarick, Co-Chair
Rep. Dan Wolgamott, Co-Chair
Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee members

Dear Co-Chairs Rarick and Wolgamott and Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee members:

I write to convey the Minnesota Private College Council's support for HF 1165. HF 1165 expands the financing authority of the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (MHEFA) to include health care facilities. A significant number of states around the country with similar financing agencies successfully allow their agencies to serve both the nonprofit higher education sector and the health care sector.

The institutions that are members of the Minnesota Private College Council (MPCC) are grateful for the facilities financing options made available to them through the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (MHEFA). MPCC institutions value their 50-year working relationship with the Authority and look forward to continuing to work with the Authority in the future. We believe an expansion of MHEFA'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, and we encourage passage of House File 1165.

Regards,



Paul Cerkenik, President
Minnesota Private College Council

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