

**Subject** Modifying housing support agreement provisions

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## Overview

This bill prohibits agencies from refusing to enter into housing support agreements or limiting the general availability of housing support agreements with housing support providers based solely on certain attributes of potential residents or the establishment's building.

The Housing Support Program (formerly known as group residential housing or GRH) is a state program that provides payments on behalf of eligible persons to pay for room and board and related housing services. The Housing Support Program is funded with state general fund dollars and receives some federal reimbursement for food and nutrition costs.

In state fiscal year 2023, an average of 20,218 persons received housing support payments each month. Expenditures for the fiscal year were nearly \$200 million. The average monthly payment per person was \$794. More than half of housing support recipients are aged, blind, or disabled, and the rest of the recipients are unable to support themselves due to a disabling condition.

## Summary

Section	Description
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1	<b>Housing support agreements.</b>
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	Amends §256I.04, subd. 2b. Adds language prohibiting agencies from refusing to enter into a housing support agreement with housing support providers or limiting the general availability of housing support agreements to housing support providers based solely on: (1) a potential resident's status regarding receipt of publicly funded assistance; or (2) the size, capacity, location, zoning classification, or building type of an establishment not otherwise prohibited under the housing support statutes.
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