

BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA



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Honorable Members of the State Government Policy & Finance Conference Committee

Chair Kiffmeyer; Senators Howe; Koran; Lang; Carlson

Chair Nelson M; Representatives Masin; Xiong T; Greenman; Nash

Re: BAM Written Testimony; HF1952

On behalf of the **Builders Association of Minnesota (BAM)**, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share written testimony. Our membership of nearly 1600 builders, remodelers, subcontractors, and industry partners are joined together through twelve local associations across Minnesota, and we are proud to be the statewide voice of the Minnesota Home Building Industry.

BAM is grateful to its members who have worked tirelessly and safely through the pandemic to provide housing opportunities to Minnesotans. Thank you for your public service, and the work you do to move Minnesota forward. Following are issues we would like to highlight for your consideration:

BAM Opposes: Park dedication fees on development in the cities of Duluth and Rochester (House). These additional fees are onerous as they represent yet another layer of fees on housing that affect both homeowners and home buyers via increased costs. BAM believes it is especially important to eliminate additional cost drivers that will raise prices for consumers and will push more people out of home ownership opportunities. (HF 3rd Eng; Art 6, Sec 7)

Thank you again for the opportunity to share our input on this legislation. Please let me know if the Builders Association of Minnesota can provide any additional information or be a resource for this committee.

Sincerely,

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