



March 7, 2025

TO: Chair Novotny and Members of the House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee

RE: Support for HF 1256 (Novotny)--Certain law enforcement training reimbursement funding extended.

Dear Chair Novotny and Members of the House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) and our 841 member cities, thank you for considering HF 1256, a bill that would provide base funding to reimburse costs related to training courses required under Minn. Stat. § 626.8452 (use of force), 626.8469 (training in crisis response, conflict management, and cultural diversity) and 626.8474 (autism training).

The League supports these training requirements and appreciates the state's previous financial commitment to assist local agencies with compliance. Without passage of HF 1256, the training will become an unfunded state mandate and a financial burden on local property taxpayers.

The League is aware of the state's fiscal condition and respectfully requests that this bill be a priority in the budget bill that will be advanced by the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Finn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anne Finn
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