

March 23, 2025

Dear Chair Davids, Chair Gomez, and Members of the committee,

Reuse Minnesota is submitting this letter in support of HF1352: Solid waste management; definition of residential generator modified.

Reuse Minnesota is a nonprofit dedicated to championing reuse in our state. **Our membership includes resale stores, small and large repair businesses, and rental shops, as well as government entities, consultants, and individuals who support reuse.** Minnesota is home to more than 10,000 reuse businesses that generate \$5 billion each year.

Reuse Minnesota supports the change to the definition of “residential generator” in Minnesota §297H.01, subd. 8 to include nonprofit organizations that receive donations for resale from residents. Much of the garbage these businesses have to dispose is material that come in with donations but cannot be sold due to being too dirty or broken, missing parts, or are otherwise unsaleable. This change acknowledges that the material being discarded is residentially-generated material, not commercial.

In addition, in order to create continuity between subsections in 297H.01, we also support an amendment to the definition of “commercial generator” to clarify that nonprofits meeting the updated definition of residential generator are no longer considered commercial generators.

Thank you for considering this legislation.

Sincerely,



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