



March 22, 2022

Re: HF 4312 (Youth recreation program employee mandatory reporting effective date extended, and child protection legislative task force deadline)

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee,

The League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the legislature's consideration of HF 4312 (Becker-Finn). In the throes of special session last year, much was negotiated with this new law on mandatory reporting for youth recreation program employees. This was particularly important as city parks and recreation employees tend to be teenagers who are working as summer counselors or swim instructors. However, there wasn't enough time to provide the weight and consideration that this important issue deserves.

That is why the new law also came with requiring that the child protection legislative task force examine the new law to make recommendations on any appropriate modifications. Unfortunately, this task force has yet to meet.

In light of these circumstances – along with the desire to ensure that we address mandatory reporting by youth recreation program employees properly – we ask this Committee support HF 4312.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Kushner".

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