

March 21, 2025

The Honorable Jeff Backer and Robert Bierman
Co-Chairs, House Health Finance and Policy Committee
Centennial Office Building

RE: HF2147, Free the Hot Tubs

Co-Chairs and members of the committee,

As an owner of five short-term rentals in the Crow Wing County area, I strongly support HF2147, which would allow hot tubs at private single-unit rentals across Minnesota.

After adding a hot tub to one of our properties, we immediately saw an increase in bookings—every weekend in the off-season filled up which was not the case prior. Hot tubs are one of the most sought-after amenities, and guests specifically filter for them when booking. Like many responsible operators, we carefully inspect, clean, sanitize, and balance chemicals after every stay and before the next check-in to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

The current Public Pool requirements make it nearly impossible for short-term rental owners to legally offer this amenity, despite over 1,000 current Airbnb and VRBO rentals across Minnesota doing so without issue. HF2147 establishes reasonable testing requirements that align with industry best practices. I urge you to support this bill and allow responsible rental operators to add or to continue providing this highly desired feature for our guests.

Sincerely,
Jake Zoesch