



DFL Senior Caucus Testimony H.F. 2725

Date: 4/2/2025

To: Representative Ginny Klevorn and Representative Jim Nash

From: Kay C Hendrikson, PhD,
Chair of the statewide DFL Senior Caucus

RE: Input on HF 2725

Dear Representative Ginny Klevorn and Representative Jim Nash,
Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into HF 2725

The DFL Senior Caucus

The DFL Senior Caucus is a statewide volunteer organization that supports senior citizens and their families. We are 1,300 members strong across the state of MN, including rural, urban, and suburban individuals. We have 10 local chapters that interact with a grassroots level of individual people daily.

Nonpartisan Issue

The DFL Senior Caucus is a Community Caucus of the Minnesota DFL Party. However, the issues that the DFL Senior Caucus is, and has been, advocating for are nonpartisan issues that cross party lines. This is a nonpartisan issue. Our advocacy is on behalf of Minnesota senior citizens. The gaps and problems H.F. 2725 seeks to solve are statewide nonpartisan public health issues that affect senior citizens across the state of Minnesota.

Support for the Legislative Task Force on Aging

Fall 2024, the DFL Senior Caucus supported the Legislative Task Force on Aging to study aging to support:

- Services and access to services for seniors should be adequately resourced and with the power of enforcement.
- Collaboration across state and local departments.
- An entity in Minnesota that has authority to advocate for and oversee a comprehensive statewide, cross agency picture of aging needs and services in MN.
- Making our complex web of health care more understandable to our consumers.

Aging as a Priority

The DFL Senior Caucus recognizes that aging needs to be a priority in Minnesota. Given our aging demographic shift, the state of Minnesota needs to reprioritize services and systems to serve the needs of the senior population; especially given that half of our seniors live in rural areas of the state.

Summary

The DFL Senior Caucus supports the concept of H.F. 2725 to create an empowered independent agency on aging in Minnesota state government; specifically a bill that supports:

1. A broad based state plan.
2. Creates a Citizen Engagement Council for public engagement.
3. Measureable outcomes for service delivery processes.
4. A comprehensive plan across rural, urban, and suburban Minnesota.

We believe HF 2725 is a good start that can be built on.

Thank you Representative Ginny Klevorn and Representative Jim Nash and all of the entities trying to improve the lives of MN senior citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay C Hendrikson, PhD
Chair statewide Minnesota DFL Senior Caucus
dfl.sr.caucus.chair@gmail.com