



House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota House of Representatives
Saint Paul, Minnesota

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Re: Comments on HF 3413

Dear Chair Moller, Chair Novotny, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Association of Minnesota Counties, I am writing to provide comments on HF3413. We appreciate the opportunity to share feedback as the Committee reviews this legislation.

HF3413 would prohibit the state and units of local government from entering into immigration enforcement agreements with the federal government and would require the termination of any such agreements currently in effect. The bill defines immigration enforcement agreements broadly to include contracts, intergovernmental service agreements, or memoranda of understanding that authorize a government entity or its agents to enforce civil immigration law.

We recognize that this proposal reflects important policy considerations regarding the appropriate role of state and local governments in federal immigration enforcement. At the same time, the bill raises broader questions about local authority and discretion. Counties operate under a county-administered framework in many areas of public safety and routinely make operational decisions based on local conditions, resource capacity, and community priorities. Establishing a statewide prohibition on any category of agreements represents a shift in how local decision-making authority is structured in this area.

Additionally, requiring termination of existing agreements may present administrative and contractual considerations for local units of government, particularly where agreements contain specific termination provisions or financial components. Clear guidance regarding implementation and timelines would be beneficial to avoid unintended operational impacts.

We appreciate the Committee's thoughtful consideration and appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on HF3413 as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

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