



## MANUFACTURED & MODULAR HOME ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

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Dear Chair Nelson and Members of the Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Manufactured & Modular Home Association of Minnesota regarding HF3093.

The MMHA is the only statewide trade association that speaks on behalf of the nearly 1,000 privately owned manufactured home communities located throughout Minnesota, with approximately 50,000 homesites and over 100,000 residents. The MMHA also represents Minnesota's factory-home builders who construct approximately 2,000 new manufactured and modular homes annually.

While the MMHA was not contacted by the bill's proponents prior to introduction, we do support the bill in transferring the invoicing and administration of the Minnesota Manufactured Home Relocation Trust Fund from the Commissioner of Management and Budget, (MMB), to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, (MHFA). The MHFA has witnessed an expanded role in administering the Fund since its establishment in 2007, and today it has a dedicated team solely focused on implementing a variety of manufactured housing programs.

For background purposes, the MMHA was involved in the drafting of the original Relocation Trust Fund bill and has been the intermediary between the MMB and manufactured home community owners in providing collection information, instructions on compliance, and helping to resolve annual invoicing and payment issues. We have appreciated MMB's willingness to seek input from the MMHA annually on the drafting of the collection cover letter and invoice, and meeting with us whenever necessary.

The only question and suggestion we have regarding the bill;

1. Is there an agreement between the MMB and MFHA on a mutually acceptable effective date to allow for the transfer of MMB's current data and functions to the MHFA, in consideration of the statutory notice and invoicing deadlines, or any current COVID related workforce disruptions?
2. We believe it would be helpful to allow for flexibility during the first collection cycle under the new law, so that payments inadvertently made by check to the MMB, would be accepted for deposit, rather than returned, potentially causing a shortfall in the Fund's balance and resident homeowners not having their participation documented.

I would be glad to provide any clarifications to our comments and look forward to working with the Committee as the bill advances. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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