

Subject Council on Disability appropriation

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Summary

This bill appropriates \$1,191,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the Council on Disability. Specifies this appropriation is in addition to appropriations for the Council on Disability that were enacted in 2021. Specifies the base appropriations for the Council on Disability for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

The Council on Disability is made up of 17 members appointed by the governor. A majority of council members are persons with a disability or parents or guardians of persons with a disability. The council has the following duties:

- 1) to advise and otherwise aid the governor, appropriate state agencies, and the public on matters pertaining to public policy and the administration of programs, services, and facilities for persons who have a disability in Minnesota;
- 2) to encourage and assist in the development of coordinated, interdepartmental goals and objectives and the coordination of programs, services, and facilities among all state departments and private providers of service as they relate to persons with a disability;
- 3) to serve as a source of information to the public regarding all services, programs, and legislation pertaining to persons with a disability;
- 4) to review and make comment to the governor, state agencies, the legislature, and the public concerning adequacy of state programs, plans, and budgets for services to persons with a disability, and for funding under the various federal grant programs;
- 5) to research, formulate, and advocate plans, programs, and policies which will serve the needs of persons who are disabled;
- 6) to advise the Departments of Labor and Industry and Employment and Economic Development on the administration and improvement of the workers' compensation law as it relates to programs, facilities, and personnel providing assistance to workers who are injured and disabled;
- 7) to advise the Workers' Compensation Division of the Department of Labor and Industry and the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals as to the necessity and extent of any alteration or remodeling of an existing residence or the building or purchase of a new or different residence which is proposed by a licensed architect;

- 8) to initiate or seek to intervene as a party in any administrative proceeding and judicial review thereof to protect and advance the right of all persons who are disabled to an accessible physical environment; and
- 9) to initiate or seek to intervene as a party in any administrative or judicial proceeding which concerns programs or services provided by public or private agencies or organizations and which directly affects the legal rights of persons with a disability.



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