

Dear Members of the State Government Finance and Elections Committee,

My name is Rahhel Haile and I'm the Executive Director of Minnesota Youth Collective, and we have worked closely with the Minnesota Youth Council in the past couple of years. The Youth Reps do such great work to share the experiences of young people across the state of MN.

Young people are under-represented in all levels of government and leadership, and they are absolutely essential to making sure that Minnesota is prepared for the future, and is centering youth voices in decision making spaces. Passing HF 3853 would advance this mission greatly, and further institutionalize youth voices in an innovative way.

HF3853 gives young people an opportunity to become engaged in their government in a sustainable long term way, and paves the way for other states in the nation to follow our lead. I hope you will pass this bill to show the young people of Minnesota that they have a voice too.

Sincerely,
Minnesota Youth Collective