

POCI CAUCUS- 2017 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

ENHANCE MINNESOTA LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE

EDUCATION ACCESS

Enhance Minnesota includes strong investments in programs that are proven to help students from diverse backgrounds that we know work. The package includes bills to help us understand how we can better help students from low-income and immigrant communities, to actually support the hiring of more teachers of color that look like students in the classrooms, and get more girls and young women of all backgrounds exposed to a higher education experience and into successful careers in STEM and other fields.

Bills include: HF 2258, HF 577, HF 2331, HF 1661, HF 2521, HF 2524, HF 2519, HF 2129, HF 1575, HF 2531, HF 2109

HEALTHY FAMILIES

The Enhance Minnesota effort is focused on changing laws to give families the tools they need to further their own futures. We need to make sure state government is not stopping families from reaching their highest potential by failing to invest in the programs that are proven to help. Enhance Minnesota makes meaningful investments in improving access to childcare for families, helping families that want to stop the opioid epidemic, and increasing the cultural competency of healthcare providers.

Bills include: HF 219, HF 932, HF 1898, HF 2523, HF 2520, HF 1700, HF 2190, HF 1737, HF 1713, HF 1407, HF 1063, HF 2394, HF 2257, HF 2551, HF 2395, HF 1629, HF 2206, HF 2023, HF 491

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Enhance Minnesota will make smarter investments in the economic power of Minnesota communities throughout the state by investing in quality of life for its people, instead of using our \$1.65 billion surplus to give \$1.3 billion in tax breaks to the wealthy. Enhance Minnesota includes a variety of grants and targeted programs for job creation, training, and placement for all Minnesotans, including American Indian, immigrant and communities of color.

Bills include: HF 797, HF 1591, HF 2110, HF 1461, HF 1645, HF 1834, HF 2333, HF 1361, HF 620, HF 1965, HF 2423, HF 2517, HF 2522

CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL

The POCI Caucus has come together to protect civil rights for all Minnesotans and is committed will help stop the future economic and societal harm of policies that put more people behind bars. The Enhance Minnesota package empowers people to retake control of their own lives. The POCI Caucus supports the Senate-passed REAL ID bill, and POCI Caucus strongly opposes anti-protester legislation that would disproportionately harm Minnesota communities of color and infringe on the First Amendment rights of all Minnesotans.

Bills include: HF 951, HF 2515, HF 142, HF 1813, HF 1678, HF 2518, HF 1576, HF 767