



Chair Kiffmeyer and Members of the Senate State Government Finance and Policy and Elections Committee

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RE: SF 1570 – Employee Recruitment and Retention of Employees with Disabilities

Greeting,

We urge this committee to reconsider its exclusion of [SF1570](#) into the State Government and Elections Omnibus bill. This is a **bipartisan, low cost, significant upgrade, and investment into our state’s workforce** on behalf of, and in support of, employment for people with disabilities in the Minnesota state enterprise. Our current language is outdated, our human resource requirements and standards are antiquated, and employees with disabilities leave the state with alarming turnover.

This bill made it into the House State Gov Omnibus bill already. This would be a significant, low-cost, investment into the state enterprise to recruit, train, promote, and hire state employees with disabilities.

Economic opportunity leads to independence and self-directed lives for people with disabilities. This is a good-government bill and the right thing to do. **We urge the Chair and members of the committee to include SF1570’s provisions into the omnibus bill.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'E. David Dively'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E'.

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