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To: Representative Michael Nelson, Chair, State Government Finance and Elections and committee members, State Government Finance and Elections

Re: H.F. 1577 (Koznick): Department of Labor and Industry required to study disabled or injured police officer benefit adequacy

Dear Chair Nelson and members of the Committee:

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association (MPPOA) represents Minnesota's 10,000+ public safety officials who hold active law enforcement licenses in the state of Minnesota. Members include police officers, correctional officers, dispatchers, and firefighters. The MPPOA is the largest association representing public safety professionals in the State of Minnesota.

The MPPOA supports House File 1577 (Koznick) which requires the Department of Labor and Industry to study disabled or injured officers benefit adequacy. As we are seeing when an officer is injured on duty and can't return to work they are falling behind in their pay and benefits. This bill is commonsense and a study is warranted.

Sincerely,

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